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GROUND REPORT

***WE ARE THERE..
NEED YOU TOO!***

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From April through the third week of September 2025, we reached communities across **20 states** and **54 districts** affected by cloudbursts, fires, floods, landslides, and conflict. Working with local team members, grassroots volunteers, and partners, we channelised over **34,000 immediate relief kits** and essential materials to **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.**

Need-Based Material Intervention

Each region faces unique challenges. Our relief efforts go beyond one-size-fits-all solutions, adopting a diversified approach that assists communities not just survive, but bring them back to their livelihoods with dignity and moving toward self-reliance.

Apart from need-based comprehensive relief kits, specific material includes sleeping bags for the cold areas in Jammu and Kashmir; stationery, books, and toys for the camps in Manipur; and tarpaulins, mattresses, and trunks in Delhi.

The Goonj Way: Building a Resilient Response

Relief must go beyond survival. We reach out to affected people with immediate relief but also stay with the community even when media attention wanes, enabling communities throughout the process of rehabilitation, mitigation, and building long-term resilience.



Strengthening Community Access with people-

NC Letua village, Lakhimpur, Assam: Under Goonj's Cloth For Work initiative, the community built a bamboo bridge. Annual floods previously cut them off from markets, neighboring villages, and paddy fields. Using shared time, local bamboo, and binding wire, villagers created more than infrastructure — they built hope and a lifeline for their community.



Kulhachada village, Baleswar, Odisha: Located on the Subarnarekha River banks near the sea, this farming and fishing community faced daily flooding when sea tides overflowed into clogged canals. Through collective effort mobilized by Goonj, they cleared the canal. Now, tidal water drains and nearby villages inspired by them are adopting similar initiatives.



The Way Forward

With Goonj's **Societal Alliance for Resilience and Response to Disasters (SARRD)** framework, we aim to bring together diverse stakeholders, center rehabilitation around community decision making and action to build a sustainable, dignified societal response to climate emergencies. With Alliance, Goonj is also nudging for proactive resource commitment, enabling structured, rapid responses instead of fragmented, reactionary intervention.



Situation on ground



Himachal Pradesh (20-09-2025)

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Urgently needed:

- Dry ration and ready-to-eat food
- Clothing (all age groups including new undergarments)
- Tarpaulins and mosquito nets
- Sanitary pads and general medicines
- Utensils, slippers, umbrellas, blankets and school material
- Raincoats, Toiletries
- Solar lights, torches and batteries



1. Drop off material surplus at [Goonj Offices](#) & [Community Dropping Centres](#)
2. Monetary contributions are vital for transport and essential supplies

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Expand Your Impact

- [Organise](#) a collection camp in your community, office, or school
- [Contribute](#) through your organisation

Initiate Payroll Giving in your organisation for employees to stand with affected communities. To start a micro-site, write to us at mail@goonj.org or [contribute here](#)

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