

ODISHA FLOODS PROJECT



BACKGROUND

The geo-climatic conditions of Odisha make the state most vulnerable to various natural disasters. Odisha is prone to multiple natural and human-made disasters. The state is prone to tropical cyclones, storm surges, flood, drought, landslide, and tsunamis.

A severe cyclonic storm named as Phailin with wind speed of more than 220 kms per hour hit Odisha at about 9 PM on 12th October 2013 which affected 1,36,86,368 population belonging to 10,053 villages, 1960 GPs and 42 urban local bodies (ULBs) of 143 blocks of 16 districts of the state due to cyclone as well aftermath flood as per OSDMA report. The cyclone was so severe that it necessitated evacuation of 10,41,394 populations from the cyclone affected areas and were placed in the cyclone shelters. The cyclonic storm Phailin and the subsequent floods caused immense damage to the boats of fishermen in coastal areas of Ganjam. The fishing communities of this area faced huge losses and lost their only source of livelihood by losing their boats and nets due to the cyclone.

The proposed project will be implemented in 15 villages covering 5 Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Ganjam Block and Polasara Block of Ganjam District, which were affected by cyclone Phailin and the subsequent flood. The project will be implemented by Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Odisha Floods Project are:

- To work for the restoration of livelihood and income augmentation of affected fishing communities through fishing
- To help build the capacities of the vulnerable fishing communities with information on various technological advances and government schemes

OUTCOMES

- 250 families of the fishermen community improve their livelihood options
- Fishing communities build their knowledge and capacities