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The CJ team shares its experience of Relief Work in the flood-hit state of Bihar:

In August, due to the collapse of an embankment on Koshi River the state of Bihar witnessed the worst floods in living memory. In this tragedy thousands lost their lives, over two million people were rendered homeless, and vast areas of property were severely damaged. Rescue and relief measures were painfully short. In spite of all the effort made by the state and central governments, the situation is not yet fully under control. The people who lost everything in the devastating floods took shelter in makeshift tents and camps.



In collaboration with the state government Caritas India coordinated flood relief work in the Madhepura district of Bihar. The Indian Missionary Society took on the responsibility of implementing this relief work with Sr. Shilpa CJ as the Assistant Director.



The CJ flood relief team in Bihar.

It was in this relief camp that our team of ten CJ sisters rendered service. Conducting medical camps, preparing and serving food and packing provisions were the responsibilities given to us. From the medical camps thousands of flood victims benefited everyday. We also helped to prepare and serve food for thousands of people daily. Some of us were engaged in packing food provisions such as rice and potatoes which the people took away with them.



Encountering people deprived of everything in life was a very moving and transforming experience for all of us. Everyday at the camp we met with suffering humanity: children who had lost their parents, women crying for their babies, men and women searching desperately for their family members, those suffering from contagious diseases, the hungry and thirsty who cried for something to eat. Their voices are still echoing in our hearts challenging us to be true daughters of Mary Ward.