The NDRF and the Defense forces have done a remarkable job rescuing more than 20,000 people stranded in flood affected areas. With the waters receding and rescue operations almost complete, thousands will now need humanitarian assistance—both in urban and rural affected districts of Tamil Nadu.

**Current Situation**

- Death toll estimated to be around 500, burial of dead huge challenge
- Over 3 million people have been affected by the disaster
- Many villages in Kanchipuram and Cuddalore district cut-off, need immediate relief supplies
- 199 relief centers have been set up accommodating 57,672 people
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene remains top priority to prevent outbreak of diseases
- Inter Agency Group (IAG)-TN coordinating efforts of all NGOs, the Govt. and NDRF

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