

16 million children in need in South Asia floods – 5th September, 2017

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UNICEF has warned that 16 million children are "in urgent need of life-saving support" after catastrophic flooding that has hit Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Up to a third of Bangladesh is under water. Around 45 million people have been badly affected. UNICEF said the floods have swept away the lives, homes, schools and loved ones of millions of children. It said the worst could still be to come as it rains more and the floods move south.

UNICEF said it was on the ground working with governments. It is increasing its responses to respond to the immediate needs of children and families. It said because of "massive damage to schools," hundreds of thousands of children may miss months of school. UNICEF said children must get back to school to establish, "a sense of stability for children during times of crisis and...a sense of normality when everything else is being turned upside down".

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UNICEF has warned that around 16 million children are "in urgent need of life-saving support" after the monsoon rains and catastrophic flooding that have hit Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Up to a third of Bangladesh is under water. A total of 45 million people have been badly affected in the rains. UNICEF said: "Millions of children have seen their lives swept away by these devastating floods. Children have lost their homes, schools and even friends and loved ones." It added: "There is a danger the worst could still be to come as rains continue and flood waters move south."

UNICEF outlined what it is doing. It said: "[We are] on the ground working in close coordination with...governments...in the South Asian countries to scale up [our] responses and respond to the immediate needs of affected children and their families." It added: "Massive damage to schools...and supplies means hundreds of thousands of children may miss weeks or months of school. Getting children back into school is [very important] in establishing a sense of stability for children during times of crisis and provides a sense of normality when everything else is being turned upside down."

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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has warned that an estimated 16 million children are "in urgent need of life-saving support" following the torrential monsoon rains and catastrophic flooding that have hit Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Up to a third of Bangladesh is currently under water. A total of 45 million people have been badly affected in the rains, which started several weeks ago. UNICEF said: "Millions of children have seen their lives swept away by these devastating floods. Children have lost their homes, schools and even friends and loved ones." It added: "There is a danger the worst could still be to come as rains continue and flood waters move south."

UNICEF said it is putting all its efforts into helping those who need it most. It said: "[We are] on the ground working in close coordination with respective governments and humanitarian partners in the South Asian countries to scale up [our] responses and respond to the immediate needs of affected children and their families." It added: "Massive damage to school infrastructure and supplies mean hundreds of thousands of children may miss weeks or months of school. Getting children back into school is absolutely critical in establishing a sense of stability for children during times of crisis and provides a sense of normality when everything else is being turned upside down."