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Spot report : Devastation from floods and landslides in western Japan

Background



The rainfall has battered Japan since last week in western Japan, 8 provinces have got serious affected, flooding and landslides have already killed hundreds, 56 people are missing. Three million people were requested to move from their home to safer locations. Many people died because they were unable to flee. There are 6 patients in critical conditions. The rainfall between Friday and Saturday in western and central Japan had broken a record for a 48-hour period dating back 50 years.

The Japanese Meteorological Agency reported that the situation was extreme danger. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe set up an emergency task force to deal with the worsening situation. The 54,000 rescue forces are working for relief operations. The assessment of casualties was difficult because of the widespread area affected by the rainfall, flooding and landslides. Authorities warned that landslides could strike after rain subsides as the calamity shaped up to be potentially the worst in decades.

Actions Taken

Airlifted operations were used to rescue patients and staff members from the hospital where located near a riverbank that was wiped out by the flooding. Japan's Self-Defense Forces deployed teams in boats to save those in danger. Emergency workers reached previously cut-off places where authorities fear they could find more bodies in the wreckage of homes devastated by rivers of mud and debris.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS -

Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
Devastation from floods and landslides in western Japan	G	The relief operations is handled by the government. The assessment of this situation is green.	AMS is monitoring situation.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

NA: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

According to the monsoon season, the ACMM is monitoring the situation for providing medical information update to member countries.

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