

FURTHER NEWS FROM THE SUNDERBANS

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Global Tiger Patrol has received this update from Mrinal Chatterjee of Project Lifeline Sunderbans:

“The situation at Sunderbans still remains very bad. In most of the areas re-construction of earthen embankments has not yet been completed. Village sweet water ponds could not be disinfected as yet since there is no rain. The islanders are still surviving on relief. “

“In the meantime, as was apprehended, cholera outbreak is there all around Sunderbans. The State Health Department has made our campus as a base hospital for Lahiripur area in particular with a group of doctors round the clock. Our boat is roaming around with the doctors and medical supplies in various villages. Presently we are having 15 indoor beds at our camp which is running always full, mainly with cholera cases. As a result, our staff members are having a very tough time since they are also to arrange for supply of drinking water (by the motor launch) and cooked food for the islanders on regular basis. It is most unfortunate that the government is looking after the treatment part only and nothing is being done for prevention of cholera in that area.”

Thank you to those of you who have sent us funds as a result of our Sunderbans 2009 Appeal. We have just sent out a second tranche of money to Project Lifeline Sunderbans to help with their relief efforts.