

FLOOD APPEAL

Help flood-affected families in Bhanjanagar get back on their feet

Bhanjanagar Block, Ganjam District, Odisha • *Heavy rain from the remnant of Cyclone Arnab* • *29 October 2026*

Flooded settlements in Ganjam. Patrapur recorded 546 mm of rain in 24 hours.

On 29 October 2026, rain from the remnant of Cyclone Arnab kept falling long after the storm had passed. In Bhanjanagar block, where Aaina has worked alongside families since 1999, floodwater rose into homes, fields and lanes. *We know these families by name.* Our field team has been with them since the water rose.

This is not a distant disaster. These are villages we have supported for more than two decades. When the water came in, it did not only submerge houses. It swept away the security of people who already live close to the edge.

2,665
Households affected
39% of 6,833 surveyed

28,355
People in 19 villages
Including 172 persons and 60 children with disabilities

8 villages
Hardest hit
1,818 of the affected households

THE DAMAGE

> The damage was not spread evenly. In Baunsalundi, 1,000 of 1,202 households were affected. In Bahadapadar, seven in ten. In eight of the 19 villages, half or more of all households were hit.

Behind these figures are roughly 13,700 women and girls, along with older people and families with children or adults with disabilities. They find it hardest to reach shelter or relief, and have the least to fall back on when a home or harvest is lost.



BHANJANAGAR A resident stands in floodwater near his home



BHANJANAGAR A woman wades through floodwater to reach higher ground

WHAT COMES NEXT

Across Ganjam, paddy close to harvest was among the crops damaged. The water will recede within days. Recovery will take months. Families will need to repair homes, replace what was lost, report their losses and wait for the state's damage assessment. On 29 October these questions were still open, and mobile and power outages were widespread.

The state response has been large, but it cannot reach every lane in every village at once. This is where local, trusted organisations like Aaina can make an immediate difference.

FIELD SURVEY OF 19 VILLAGES

Most affected villages in Bhanjanagar block

VILLAGE	GRAM PANCHAYAT	AFFECTED HH	TOTAL HH	% AFFECTED	POPULATION
Daha	Dumakumpa	145	145	**100%**	354
Kaithapali	Badakodanda	98	98	**100%**	510
Dhudhua	Baunsalundi	125	125	**100%**	548
Baunsalundi	Baunsalundi	1,000	1,202	**83%**	5,221
Bahadapadar	Sanakadanda	200	286	**70%**	1,004
Sanakadanda	Sanakadanda	150	279	**54%**	1,250
Gombharigochha	Sanakadanda	50	95	**53%**	746
Chadhiapali	Sanakadanda	50	96	**52%**	358
11 other villages	7 panchayats	847	4,507	**19%**	18,364
All 19 villages	**9 panchayats**	**2,665**	**6,833**	**39%**	**28,355**

HH = households. Source: Aaina field survey.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

Immediate relief for 1,500 priority households

Aaina is requesting support to reach **1,500 priority households** in the eight hardest-hit villages. Our team knows these villages and these families, and will deliver the support directly. We will give special attention to pregnant and breastfeeding women, single women, elderly people, and people and children with disabilities.

PRIORITY RELIEF ITEMS

- Dry ration (rice, dal, oil, salt, chhatua)
- Safe drinking water and purification
- Tarpaulins and temporary shelter
- Clothing, blankets and sleeping mats
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) kits
- Dignity kits and sanitary napkins
- Essential medicines and ORS
- Mosquito nets

FOR 1,500 FAMILIES

WASH kit	₹2,200
Dignity kit	₹900
Nutrition kit	₹900
Non-food items (NFI) kit	₹1,000

Cost per kit, excluding transport and logistics.

Your gift reaches families directly.

HOW TO DONATE

DOMESTIC DONORS (INDIA)

ACCOUNT NAME	**AAINA**
A/C NO.	**09230101011921**
BANK	**UCO Bank**
IFSC	**UCBA0000923**

Eligible for 80G tax exemption

INTERNATIONAL DONORS

ACCOUNT NAME	**AAINA**
A/C NO.	**40056876348**
BANK	**SBI**
IFSC	**SBIN0000691**
SWIFT	**SBININBB104**

Cheque/DD in favour of AAINA

If you are able to help, we will send you a report within 30 days, with photographs, a list of households supported by village, and copies of all invoices. Funds will be used only for this purpose. Any balance will be returned, or used for a related purpose only with your written consent. We would welcome you to Bhanjanagar to meet the families.



BHANJANAGAR Flooded fields and homes. Recovery will take months.

Please donate.
Please share.
Please stand with the families of Bhanjanagar.

With respect and thanks,
TEAM AAINA