

Update 1: India - Dual Crisis as Cyclone 'Amphan' Makes Landfall in West Bengal and Odisha Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- On May 20, cyclone 'Amphan' caused severe disruption in parts of West Bengal and Odisha
- This comes amid severe COVID-19 crisis faced by the country
- Most affected areas are Kolkata, Howrah, and North and South 24 Parganas
- Approximately, 10 deaths and destruction of three districts reported
- Power outage, waterlogging, damage to infrastructure, and uprooting of trees reported
- Loss of public property worth US\$13 B recorded
- Earlier, more than 500,000 evacuations in West Bengal, and 150,000 in Odisha took place
- No adverse weather is expected over Odisha from May 20
- Gangetic West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, and Meghalaya is expected to witness isolated heavy rain
- Cyclone intensified into a super cyclonic storm on May 18
- Speculations suggest 'Amphan' is one of the most intense cyclones in Bay of Bengal since Odisha supercyclone of 1999
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

India

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures, if any
- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in affected areas are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates

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Medium

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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