

Update 2: Hyderabad, India - Continued Heavy Rainfall Impacts Business Operations Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis; Other Affected States Remain on High Rainfall Alert

- On October 14, heavy rains wreaked havoc in the western and southern parts of India
- Approximately, 35 deaths were reported across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka
- Of these, approximately 23 deaths were recorded in Telangana, with 18 casualties in Hyderabad
- Continued heavy rainfall in Hyderabad led to severe waterlogging and travel disruption
- City was disconnected from neighboring states including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
- Several trees and electricity poles were uprooted due to the deluge, causing power outage for 12-24 hours
- This impacted the city's IT sector, which comprise of approximately 1,500 companies, employing nearly 0.6 M people
- Approximately, 20% of the techies lost broadband connections in the absence of power backup at home
- The Telangana government declared a holiday on October 14 and 15 for all private institutions, offices, non-essential services within outer ring road in view of the rains
- In Andhra Pradesh, heavy rains left behind a trail of destruction in coastal districts
- Infrastructural damage and power disruption was recorded at several places
- Heavy rain continued to batter south Odisha for the third consecutive day on October 14
- Water-logging was reported in multiple areas, with Ganjam and Gajapati districts being the worst affected
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) retained yellow warning for heavy rainfall for nine districts in the state
- Maharashtra's capital Mumbai continues to receive rainfall on October 15
- Pune received heavy rainfall on October 14 and is expected to receive more downpour with thunderstorm in the next couple of days
- This havoc comes at a time when the country is battling COVID-19 pandemic
- Despite the improvement in nationwide recovery rate to ~87%, the brunt of heavy rainfall across the most COVID-19 impacted regions could lead to further burden on the country's healthcare system
- To date, India recorded 7,307,097 confirmed COVID-19 infections and 111,311 related deaths (~1.5% of total cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the National Center for Disease Control (<https://ncdc.gov.in/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in India

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

Hyderabad - India - Pune

Category(s):

Infrastructure Risk - Business Risk - Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- 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 the mentioned regions are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- 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)
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' and under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Immediate

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Telangana Government Declares
Holiday Until October 15, 2020 Due to
Heavy Rainfall; Parts of Indian West
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Low

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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.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
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.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.