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Nepal: Monsoon Floods and Landslides

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Operation start date: N/A	Expected timeframe: until October 2020
Category of disaster: Yellow	
Host National Society: Nepal Red Cross Society	
Number of people affected: 15,307 families (76,535 people)	Number of people to be assisted: 25,000
N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation: N/A	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: N/A	

This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), will seek funding through Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) activation to provide support to the affected population.

The situation

The monsoon rain that started from last week of June has triggered flooding and landslides in many parts of the country. However, the rainfall became more intense in the second week of July 2020. Although the rainfall was diluted in the third week of July, it has now intensified with reported incidents of floods and landslides in many parts of the country. As a result, many rivers have crossed the warning level and are expected to cross the danger level with high chances of inundation. The incessant rainfall from 28 July in Kailali district caused inundation which has affected hundreds of households. As of 29 July 2020, 141 people have lost their lives, mostly due to landslide in hilly districts, with at least another 57 missing¹. According to NRCS's situation report as of 30 July 2020, 15,307 families



One of the communities in Kailali district inundated due to continuous rainfall since 28 July 2020. (Photo: NRCS Baliya Sub Chapter, Kailali).

(76,535 people) have been affected in various districts and 7,106 families (35,530 people) have been displaced. There are crucial needs for shelter items, food items and WASH services in the affected districts. In addition, in case of inundation in the terai region due to the excessive rainfall, there is a high risk of waterborne disease outbreaks.

NRCS has deployed at least 85 Red Cross Red Crescent trained volunteers on the ground to provide various immediate response like initial assessment, search and rescue, first aid, evacuation and immediate relief as needed. NRCS volunteers are also mobilized by all affected NRCS district chapters and are working continuously together with

¹ [Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal](#) (in Nepali)

local authorities to conduct an initial rapid assessment (IRA) and relief distribution as well as support communities to be safe and prepared for the worsening floods.

NRCS is also working together with the government, Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners and other organizations in COVID-19 preparedness and response operation. This changing context also increases the risks of COVID-19 spread. The floods and landslides are currently in pocket areas and are localized in the districts. Considering the scale of the disaster and its effects, NRCS in coordination with the IFRC seeks to activate the DREF to provide support to the affected population. NRCS will implement the activities supported through DREF in close coordination with the local authorities.

The floods and landslides have damaged infrastructures such as roads connecting district headquarters to the affected municipalities and local markets as well as to livestock, agricultural land and crops, and daily consumables.

According to the weather forecast by the Government of Nepal's [Department of Hydrology and Meteorology](#), the heavy rainfall starting from 28 July may cause increased water levels in most of major rivers in the country, possibly having high flow reaching to warning level or even crossing the warning level in Province 1, 2, 5, Gandaki and Sudur Paschim. In addition, the department has issued warning of chances of flash flood in small rivers in the said provinces.

Following the floods and landslides, NRCS district chapters volunteers are assisting the local authorities to conduct rapid assessments and provide relief services to the affected people. The government's security personnel (Nepali Army, Armed Police Force and Nepal Police) are in high alert to evacuate affected families from high-risk areas to shelters in the schools and public places in case of need. In addition, NRCS sub-chapters' volunteers are actively involved in disseminating the flood and landslide alert, which will help communities to evacuate on time in affected districts.

The Government of Nepal has mobilized security forces including Nepali Army, Nepal Police and Armed Police Force for search and rescue efforts as well as to evacuate people from high-risk areas as and when needed. The local government is providing the relief assistance to the affected families together with other humanitarian agencies in the affected districts. The Nepal National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) has been issuing daily disaster reports including the monsoon-induced data and information on a daily basis. In addition, the Ministry of Home Affairs has started to provide daily updates on monsoon-induced disaster via its [Nepal Disaster Risk Reduction Portal](#).

Disaster situation (as of 30 July 2020) ¹	
No. of affected districts	27
No. of dead people	141
No. of missing people	57
No. of injured people	126
No. of affected families	15,307
No. of displaced families	7,106
No. of houses completely destroyed	3,222
No. of houses partially damaged	4,932
27 affected districts ² : Parbat, Lamjung, Gorkha, Kalikot, Syangaja, Gulmi, Bajhang, Darchula, Bajura, Sindhupalchok, Kaski, Dailekh, Myagdi, Jajarkot, Rukum Paschim, Dhading, Shankhuwashaba, Jhapa, Tanahun, Baglung, Saptari, Lalitpur, Nawalparasi Purba, Chitwan, Dang, Surkhet and Kailali	



NRCS Sindhupalchok District Chapter distributing relief materials in one of the floods-affected areas in the district. (Photo: Sindhupalchok District Chapter)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

NRCS's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has been functional since February 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 situation. Currently, the NRCS team is also working collectively in the EOC for coordinating all relief efforts for floods and monsoon response. In the meantime, NRCS is regularly participating in emergency meetings of the Ministry of

² NRCS daily sitrep as of 30 July 2020

Home Affairs in the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) as well as in the Shelter Cluster once it will be activated for monsoon floods and landslides relief and response.

NRCS's district chapters have deployed response teams to conduct an IRA and distribution of relief items to the affected families. NRCS in coordination with District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), has conducted an IRA and received reports of the assessment from affected districts within 24 hours and continued relief items distribution to the affected families in all affected areas. NRCS national headquarters (NHQ)'s response team is preparing daily situation update based on the IRA reports received from affected district chapters and sharing the updates to all national and international partners every day. Similarly, NRCS is deploying the District Disaster Response Team (DDRT), Community Action for Disaster Response (CADRE) and first aid teams in case the situation further deteriorates. As of 30 July 2020, NRCS has distributed 358 sets of essential household items to the affected families together with 1,805 tarpaulins and 906 blankets. NRCS NHQ has provided hygiene kits to Sindhupalchok and Dhading districts for distribution, and is in the process to dispatch hygiene kits to other districts as well. In addition, NRCS warehouses located in different strategic areas have dispatched essential household items to affected district chapters for distribution.

The landslides that occurred since June 2020 have swept away many houses in specific pocket areas of several districts and many affected families are staying with their relatives, with many others staying in nearby schools and other temporary shelters. As a result, shelter item remains one of the top-priority needs in affected areas. Likewise, displaced families have lost their water points and sanitation facilities which may aggravate additional risk of health as well as water-borne diseases. Health services, clean drinking water, sanitation facilities, livelihood promotion, protection along with health and hygiene promotion support are needed in the landslide-affected areas.

The heavy rainfall that started on 29 July inundated three municipalities of Kailali district, displacing 2,617 families (13,085 people) who are living in other safe areas outside their villages until water recedes. The government and NRCS along with other agencies are engaged in relief services by providing shelter items, hygiene items, and health-related activities. However, there is a huge need for integrated response services focusing on shelter, health, WASH and protection in order to meet immediate humanitarian needs of the affected population in the area.

NRCS NHQ is keeping additional National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members on standby for deployment as needed. Respective NRCS's district chapters have been participating in the District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) meetings for coordinated response.

The IFRC Nepal country office, in close coordination with NRCS, in-country Movement partners and IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur, is monitoring the situation regularly. A joint team comprising staff from NRCS, IFRC and Danish Red Cross has been established to coordinate the assessment, reporting, data management and relief management. The team has been working together to develop a pro-forma emergency plan of action (EPOA) and budget in preparation for the DREF activation to assist more affected people. The Danish Red Cross team is closely working together with NRCS to collect the IRA report, consolidate reports and prepare daily situation reports and IFRC is supporting NRCS to disseminate information to Movement partners. The IFRC Nepal country office is participating in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meetings.



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