

DREF operation



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Nepal: Flood and Landslide

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 307,240 (USD 302,858 or EUR 202,870) has been allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Nepal Red Cross Society to deliver immediate assistance to some 4,000 families with non-food relief items as well as to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Summary: The tail end of the monsoon in October has triggered flood and landslides in Nepal which affected a total of 14 districts in the mid and far-west regions, of which Kailali, Bardiya, Banke, Dadeldhura, Accham and Kanchapur district are most affected. The affected areas are geographically scattered and remote, and are therefore difficult to access. So far, the flood and landslides have claimed 62 lives, affecting more than 152,000 individuals from 27,000 families. More than 4,000 families are displaced and are taking shelter in schools, open space and forest areas with no protection from the external elements. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has so far completed an initial assessment and is planning for a more detailed assessment. The NRCS has assisted with search and rescue and evacuation operations as well as initiated relief distribution together with other local stakeholders in the district, mainly with the district disaster relief committee (DDRC) of the government, other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

So far, NRCS has provided ready to eat food in terms of beaten rice, salt, oil, sugar, instant noodles, biscuits, rice and pulses to more than 5,000 families and non-food relief items to more than 1,000 families. The NRCS is continuing food and non-food relief item distribution to the rest of the affected families. There is a need to assist more with shelter, food and early recovery initiatives with the continuation of assessments.

This operation is expected to be implemented over three months, and will therefore be completed by 19 January 2010; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 18 April 2010).



Women from a flooded village in Banke saving their belongings from the deluge. Photo: Nepal Red Cross Society.

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The situation

Torrential rains from the tail end of the monsoon in October caused floods and landslides in the mid- and far-western regions, affecting a total of 14 districts. Assessments by the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) district chapters indicated that 27,563 families (approximately 152,554 people) have been affected. The latest information received from the NRCS district chapters indicated that 62 people were killed and 27 injured as a result of flood and landslides. A total of 4,027 families were displaced due to the destruction of more than 4,000 houses (3,000 completely and 1,000 partially destroyed) by the floods and landslides. The reports received from the district chapters indicated there are still more than 1,000 families (approximately 5,600 people) taking shelter in the school and the nearby forest areas. Geographically, the affected areas are very much scattered and due to remoteness the access is very difficult in the mid and far-western region. The road network is very limited in the affected areas, however, the communication system is functional. Now the flood water is gradually receding and people, whose houses were not affected, started to return back to their homes.

In the worst hit districts of Kailali, Banke, Bardiya and Kanchanpur; large areas of paddy fields along with food supplies stocked by the people were washed away. The farmers of these districts, who traditionally harvest during this period, now face food shortages. In addition, numerous families have lost their livestock, impacting economically as they work towards recovering from the floods. The reports also indicate that several villages are still submerged in water and may present secondary health hazards with vector and waterborne diseases.

During the first few days, assessments, rescue and relief operations were hampered in several of the affected areas due to the partial or complete breakdown in communication systems and transportation networks. Some areas were inaccessible due to the continuing heavy rainfall; however, the situation has improved as floodwater levels receded in most of the affected areas. The NRCS is undertaking its response actions as part of a national and district level coordination approach through the pre-established mechanism mandated by government policy.

The NRCS district chapters immediately responded to the situation, deployed trained volunteers and staff in the field to conduct assessment as well as distribute relief items. Likewise, the government of Nepal, particularly the district disaster relief committee (DDRC) has been coordinating the relief operation. Despite other international and local non-governmental organizations getting involved in the relief operation, however, there is still a need to cover all areas in order to fulfill the relief needs of the affected population.

On the basis of the assessment report, the NRCS district chapters analyzed the needs to be fulfilled. The assessment report has indicated the need of non-food relief items to be distributed to the affected families in order to sustain their livelihood. So far, 1,351 families (approximately 8,106 individuals) are assisted with non-food relief items but there is still a need to distribute non-food relief items to the remaining 3,287 families (approximately 19,722 individuals).

Coordination and partnerships

The Government of Nepal has developed a plan to set up an emergency response mechanism and allocated NPR 150 million (CHF 2,019,211 or USD 2,002,670) for staple food distribution, water and sanitation and early recovery activities. Several national level meetings are being organized by the ministry of home affairs in the chairmanship of prime minister and other line ministries in order to discuss and make action plans for the response. The NRCS is also part of the same meeting and has been coordinating its actions with the government authorities.

The NRCS national headquarters is in communication with central level government, the International Federation, Danish Red Cross and other national level stakeholders to secure prompt response and fill the gaps observed at the district level. The Nepal government has asked the NRCS to manage emergency shelter assistance through the provision of tarpaulins and non-food relief item kits. Similarly, the NRCS district chapters are in coordination with DDRC, the UN field office, World Vision International, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children.

Since the NRCS is an ex-officio member in the Relief Committees headed by the government and the DDRC is coordinating the relief operation in the districts, coordination with the government as well as UN agencies, other international and local non-governmental organizations is effective. Coordination meetings are being held at district level.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since the onset of the disaster event, all NRCS district chapters in the affected areas immediately mobilized their staff and volunteer teams to distribute relief supplies, both food and non-food items, such as non-food relief item kit and tarpaulins. To date district chapters have mobilized more than 200 volunteers and some trained staff for the emergency situation assessment and to secure prompt relief distributions.

The NRCS national headquarters has set up administration and response units within the disaster management department. In addition, the NRCS headquarters also provided financial support to each of the district chapters in the most affected areas to allow them to mobilize their volunteers, coordinate relief activities, distribute relief goods and maintain communications.

To date, the NRCS chapters have distributed the following items in support of 5,000 families, involving around 200 volunteers:

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Beaten rice	63,092 kg
Rice	141,336 kg
Sugar	5,144 kg
Salt	3,017 kg
Oil	8,334 litre
Pulses	17,014 kg
Potatoes	200 kg
Instant noodles	62,566 packets
Biscuits	8,217 packets

Similarly, the district chapters have distributed 1,351 non-food relief items; in addition 1,121 tarpaulins were also addressed in the emergency shelter needs of the affected families having a larger family size. The reports from the chapter and their initial assessment showed that more than 5,000 families are still in need of emergency shelter and basic family items including clothing and cooking means.

In support of the ongoing actions being undertaken by the NRCS, this DREF request will also provide assistance to NRCS in order to fill the gaps and also prepare for anticipated future disasters this year and next through stock replenishment.

The needs

As the NRCS district chapters are closely monitoring the flood situation and as assessments are also ongoing in most of the districts, the actual needs will be identified once the assessments are completed. However, the initial situation of the flooding clearly revealed that affected families might need ready to eat food, provisional (emergency) shelter and basic food along with other basic family needs.

There is still a demand from the affected districts to supply non-food relief items to assist the remaining families. The assessment report shows that there is an immediate need of non-food relief items to be distributed to 4,638 families (27,828 individuals). The NRCS has so far distributed non-food relief items to 1,351 (8,106 individuals) families. Hence, there is still a need of 3,287 non-food relief item sets to be distributed to the remaining 3,287 families (19,722 individuals).

Besides this, no additional needs are noticed in the affected areas up to now. The NRCS utilized the non-food relief items from its warehouses but considering the demand from the affected areas, the national society is in need of replenishing its stock. As per the beneficiary selection criteria set by the NRCS, district chapters have identified the total number of beneficiaries as mentioned above. First priority for the relief operations will be given to fully displaced families whose houses were damaged by floods and landslides.

If the situation deteriorates further, there may be a need to assist more with shelter, food and early recovery initiatives with the continuation of assessments.

The proposed operation

Through this DREF, the NRCS will provide assistance to 4,000 families with the provision of non-food relief items, emergency shelter and basic family needs, clothing and cooking means; it will mobilize volunteers and staff into the field; and will replenish some relief stock that has already been distributed to the affected population (including tarpaulins for temporary shelter).

The present operation will mainly focus on relief assistance, mainly distribution and or replenishment of 4,000 non-food relief item sets including volunteer mobilization and logistical support to carry out the relief operation successfully. In addition, the operation will also focus on replenishing the non-food relief items that were used by the NRCS. The NRCS plans to accomplish this operation within three months, i.e. by 15 January 2010.

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective 1: To assist 4,000 families (approximately 24,000 people) affected by floods and landslides with provision of 4,000 non-food relief item sets to secure their immediate needs and livelihood.

Activities planned:

Affected district chapters are actively involved in the relief operation mobilizing district disaster response team (DDRT) members, volunteers and staff who are in the field to carry out the operation. Field assessment is already completed and now district chapters are distributing non-food relief item sets. Close coordination with the NRCS logistic systems as well as other stakeholders are being maintained in the relief operation. Major activities planned in this operation are:

- Develop beneficiary list targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance.
- Procurement of 4,000 non-food relief item sets.
- Distribute non-food relief item sets to identified 4,000 families and or replenish non-food relief item sets used so far.
- Control supply movements from point of dispatch to end user.
- Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions.
- Organize lessons learned workshop and also develop an exit strategy.

Logistics

Objective 2: To facilitate overall relief operation through provision of effective logistical support such as transportation, volunteer mobilization and other administrative arrangements.

Activities planned:

Based on the existing logistic mechanism extended from central to district level, the NRCS has been carrying out the relief operations in the affected areas. For this operation, the NRCS has planned to supply non-food relief item sets from the central warehouse to regional warehouses and regional warehouses to concerned district chapters, as and when needed. In order to facilitate overall operations and also to ensure prompt action, the following activities are planned:

- Transportation of non-food relief item sets.
- Management of distribution points.
- Management of warehouses.
- Mobilization of volunteers in assessments and relief distributions.
- Maintain communication mechanism from affected area to national headquarters.
- Other general and administrative arrangements.

Proposed timeline

S.N	Activities	Timeline (in month)			Remarks
		1	2	3	
Objective 1: To assist 4,000 families (approximately 24,000 people) affected by floods and landslides with provision of 4,000 non-food relief item sets to secure their immediate needs and livelihood.					
1.1	Beneficiary identification and registration.				
1.2	Procurement of 4,000 non-food relief item sets.				
1.2	Distribution and or replenishment of non-food relief item sets				
1.3	Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.				
1.4	Develop an exit strategy.				
Objective 2: To facilitate overall relief operation through provision of effective logistical support such as transportation, volunteer mobilization and other administrative arrangements.					
1.1	Transportation of non-food relief item sets.				
1.2	Management of distribution points.				
1.3	Management of warehouses				
1.4	Volunteer management and mobilization.				
1.5	Maintain communication mechanism.				
1.6	Other general and administrative arrangements.				

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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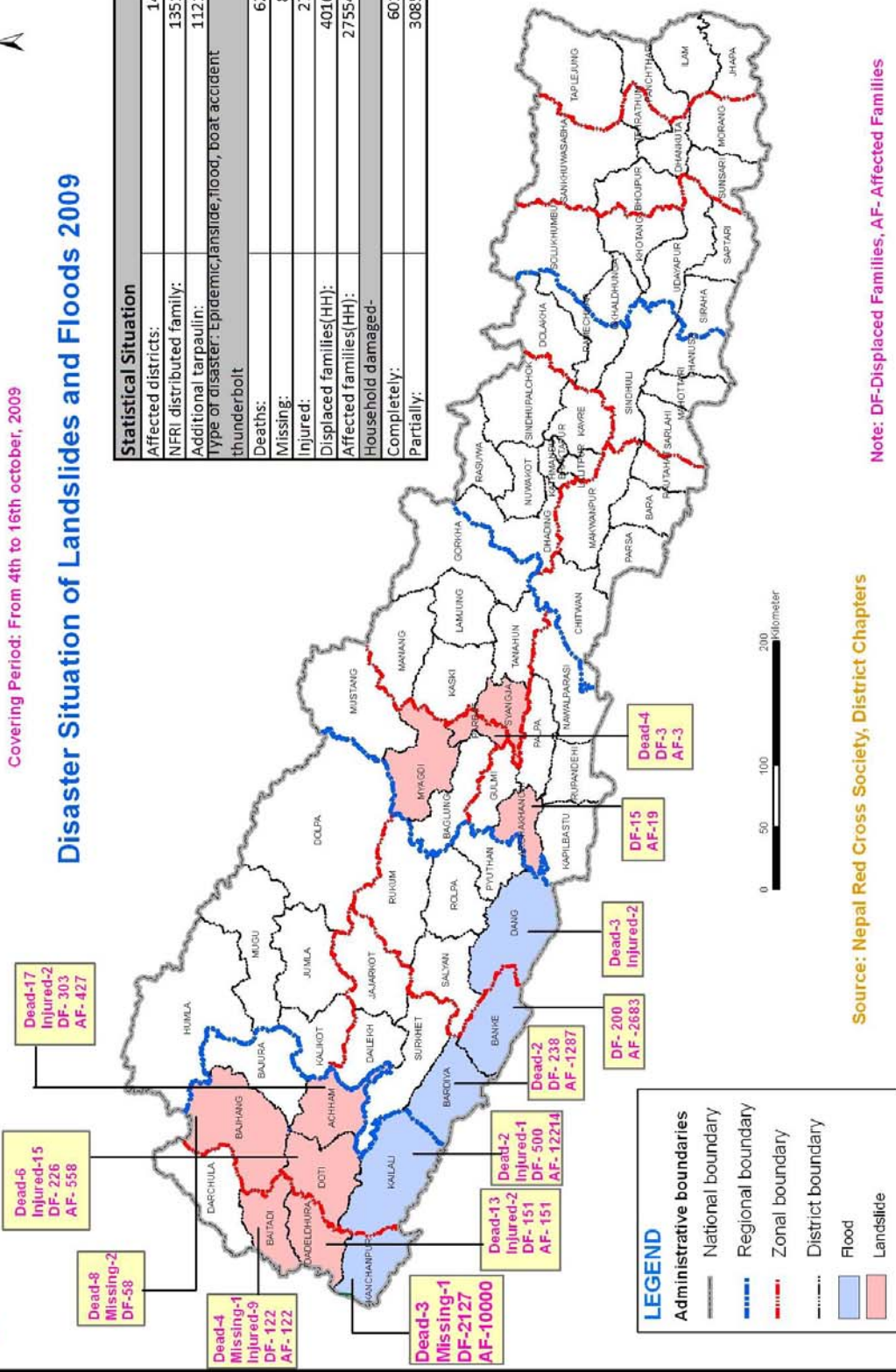


Nepal Red Cross Society

Covering Period: From 4th to 16th October, 2009

Disaster Situation of Landslides and Floods 2009

Statistical Situation	
Affected districts:	14
NFRI distributed family:	1351
Additional tarpaulin:	1121
Type of disaster: Epidemic, landslide, flood, boat accident thunderbolt	
Deaths:	62
Missing:	8
Injured:	27
Displaced families(HH):	4016
Affected families(HH):	27554
Household damaged-	
Completely:	601
Partially:	3085



Source: Nepal Red Cross Society, District Chapters

Note: DF-Displaced Families, AF- Affected Families

DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY

Annex 1

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RELIEF NEEDS

Shelter	76,923
Clothing & Textiles	118,462
Utensils & Tools	30,769
Other Supplies & Services	33,846

Total Relief Needs **260,000**

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & VEHICLES

Distribution & Monitoring	2,154
Transport & Vehicles Costs	3,846

PERSONNEL

National Society Staff	5,385
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WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Workshops & Training	7,500
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Travel	2,154
Information & Public Relations	923
Office running costs	1,154
Communication Costs	1,846
Other General Expenses	2,308

PROGRAMME SUPPORT

Programme Support - PSR (6.5% of total)	19,971
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Total Operational Needs **47,240**

Total Appeal Budget (Cash & Kind) **307,240**

Less Available Resources

Net Request **307,240**



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