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*Appeal No. 01.27/2002*

*Appeal Target : Revised Appeal budget CHF 1,549,344 (USD 1.032m/ EUR 1.06m)*

*(from CHF 1,681,005)*

*Programme Update No. 2 Period covered: 1 July - 25 September 2002*

### "At a Glance"

*Appeal coverage: 35.4%*

*Related Appeals: 01.24/2002/South Asia regional programmes*

*Outstanding needs: CHF 1,001,095 (USD 666,000/EUR 682,000)*

*Update: The programme plan and budget have been slightly revised to reflect new operational realities in Nepal after months of serious unrest in the country. The Nepal Red Cross continues to perform outstandingly in the face of serious difficulties, including the tragic death of some of its volunteers killed while offering humanitarian assistance. There has been strong bilateral engagement in Nepal; National Societies have contributed CHF 2.5 million in various programmes. However, donors are urged to step up their support of this indigenous, community-based organisation, particularly in the area of humanitarian values and information.*

### **Operational Developments:**

The Nepal Red Cross has continued its programmes during the reporting period characterized by political instability and deteriorating security situation in the country. After expiry of the *State of Emergency* in August 2002, two serious incidents, one in the Sindhuli district and another in the Arghakhanchi district, have taken place claiming more than 100 lives. These incidents are most likely to have had a significant influence on the government's decision to re-impose the *State of Emergency* in the country. A curfew continues to be imposed in many district headquarters. Bomb explosions have been reported in various parts of the country almost daily.



According to the information reported in the national media, there is a severe food shortage in the districts affected by the conflict, in particular in the mid-western development region. Migration of the youth from these districts, either to urban areas or to neighboring India, is expected to have a negative impact on agricultural production. Economic development has been also adversely affected. The tourism industry, which has been one of the major sources of revenue, has suffered a serious setback. The performance of the industrial sector has also been poor, seriously affecting the GDP. In the national budget the expenditure for development activities was reduced. All these factors have aggravated the suffering of the most vulnerable and have continued to increase the vulnerability of the population throughout the country.

Heavy monsoon rains from 21-24 July were the highest recorded in the past three decades causing floods and series of landslides that resulted in more than 500 casualties and approx. 301,000 people being affected in 49 of the country's 75 districts. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) responded immediately to the humanitarian needs providing search and rescue services, basic first aid assistance including provision of medicines and treatment of sick and injured, evacuation of affected people and establishment of temporary shelters. In addition, NRCS dispatched their own disaster preparedness stocks from four central and regional warehouses and mobilized local fund raising. Within two days, approximately 1,000 NRCS volunteers reached the most affected areas and completed the first distribution of emergency relief. The total of 47,095 beneficiaries (9,419 families) have received NRCS relief assistance (food items and family kits) in 44 districts in eastern, central-eastern and western regions.

An Operational Project Agreement was concluded on 3 August between the Nepal Red Cross Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) - Nepal delegation - and the Federation's Regional Delegation in Delhi regarding the implementation of disaster flood assistance in districts which are affected by conflict. By the terms of the agreement, the ICRC has a "lead-agency" status in Nepal while the Federation plays a leading role in supporting the NRCS in emergency relief operations and is responsible for the launch of the Emergency Appeal.

Following the floods and landslides, a joint team consisting of representatives from the ICRC, the Federation and Nepal Red Cross carried out an assessment of the damage caused by this year's floods and landslides. The results showed that the situation was widespread and serious. On 12 August, an Emergency Appeal (23/02 for CHF 2,472,000) was launched for the provision of emergency relief for the most vulnerable families affected by floods and landslides and replenishment of the NRCS's disaster preparedness stocks. Using the remaining stocks of family kits, the NRCS continued distribution throughout August while the procurement procedures were put in place at the national headquarters' level for purchase of additional relief supplies.

Despite the conflict situation in the country, ongoing relief operation and low level of funding, the Nepal Red Cross continued to carry out its development activities. Logistics difficulties caused delays with implementation in some areas. The tragic loss of life of volunteers and the exceptionally heavy monsoon have also hampered implementation.

The NRCS has completed the process of finalizing its fourth development plan which is consequently expected to lead to development of the Co-operation Agreement Strategy (CAS) through a participatory process with all stakeholders.

In view of the need of the ongoing relief operation in favour of the flood and landslide affected population in Nepal, the Federation has recruited a relief delegate with additional capacity building and liaison responsibilities, based in Kathmandu. The delegate arrived in Kathmandu at the beginning of September. The relief delegate, along with the Head of South Asia regional delegation, sub-regional reporting delegate and disaster response delegate, who have visited the national society several times during the reporting period, have been working closely with the NRCS providing support in development and relief activities and with the ICRC on the current tripartite operation. The Federation and the NRCS have also been keeping the UN agencies and other institutions informed of ongoing Federation assisted programmes in Nepal and have promoted the public awareness of the NRCS activities among the international community in the country.

## ***Disaster Response***

**Objective 1:** *To conduct a hazard and vulnerability assessment in one district and the pilot installation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) at national headquarters to prepare vulnerability maps.*

- Jhapa District Chapter was identified for hazard and vulnerability assessment.
- Environmental and Public health Organization (ENPHO) has conducted survey for vulnerability mapping of Jhapa and Chitwan Districts and provided all data for the GIS.

**Objective 2:** *To continue the CBDP programme in nine district (Banke, Bardiya, Syanja, Nawalparasi, Sunsari, Morang, Bhojpur, Sankhuwarsabha and Khotang) and expand the programme to one new district by the end of 2002.*

- The DFID-supported CBDP programme has been extended till December 2002 and the budget has been revised accordingly covering 5 districts (Nawalparasi, Synja, Bhojapur, Khotang and Sankhuwasava).
- Orientation at community level in the 5 districts of: Nawalparasi, Synja, Bhojapur, Khotang and Sankhuwasava (each district 5 communities) has been conducted during the reporting period.
- One refresher training with 29 participants from Banke district was conducted in August.
- Implementation of small mitigation/DP activities (construction of dyke, revetment, dry wall, plantation) have been completed in 10 additional communities.
- Revolving fund has been established in additional 17 communities.
- Monitoring activities have been carried out throughout the reporting period.

**Objective 3:** *To improve the disaster response capacity of NRCS at national and district level.*

There has been additional funding of the Disaster Response objectives in the Nepal Annual Appeal since the Programme Update no.1 was issued. The ongoing relief operation for the Nepal Floods and Landslides Appeal has received generous donor support and is fully covered.

**Objective 4:** *To advocate for earthquake preparedness in Katmandu Valley and share NRCS knowledge and experience in disaster management within and outside Nepal.*

- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material (500 copies of the Earthquake pictorial manual, 1,000 flip charts) published, disseminated and distributed to various communities.

**Objective 5:** *To coordinate and advocate initiatives for the Bhutanese refugees in co-ordination with other humanitarian agencies.*

To date, a total of 101,847 refugees have been registered in seven camps. The agencies working in the camps have developed excellent co-ordination among themselves with clear roles and responsibilities in order to avoid duplication and maximise the impact of aid provided among refugees. The NRCS, with financial support of UNHCR and WFP, has continued to carry out its responsibilities as the agency in-charge of the entire distribution activities in all refugee camps. In addition, the NRCS has continued to provide assistance for fire prevention and fire fighting programmes, daily operation of (limited) ambulance services for medical emergency, and home gardening & nutrition education programme in the camps. There are 101 NRCS staff members and 56 refugees incentive staff (working in all seven Bhutanese Refugee camps; and 12 officers/staff coordinating the relief operation from the national headquarters).

After receiving different requests from concerned groups and organizations, the Nepal Red Cross Society carried out an assessment in the camps, in order to identify the most pressing needs of the refugee population. The outcome of the assessment clearly indicated that the refugees, who have been wearing at least four years old clothing (the last NRCS distribution of clothing was in 1998), were in urgent need of clothing sets. Over the period of last four years, on a few occasions, children under the age of five and school going children have received some new clothing whenever UNHCR was able to raise funds for this purpose. The rest of the refugee population has not been that fortunate. In late September/beginning of October, with generous contribution of UNHCR, approx. 210,000 EUR - covering approx. 70% of clothing needs for the entire refugee population, the NRCS would be able to provide much needed basic clothing items for limited number of refugee population.

As there is still an outstanding need for basic clothing for the remaining 30% of the refugee population (approx. 36,500 people) which have not been covered under UNHCR funds, a proposal has been made and presented to

the Netherlands RC for possible further funding (approx. 70,000 EUR). If funds are made available, this arrangement will provide much needed traditional clothing items for the remaining Bhutanese refugees. This proposal is being incorporated in the revised plan of action and budgeted accordingly.

## ***Humanitarian Values and information***

**Objective 1:** *To develop knowledge on best practice in promoting the Fundamental Principles and combating discrimination.*

Activities linked to this objective have been postponed due to the lack of funding.

**Objective 2:** *To develop the methodology and tools to promote the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values amongst internal and external stakeholders.*

- Dissemination of humanitarian values and principles has been carried out incorporated in all programmes of the NRCS.
- In August, with financial support of the ICRC, two workshops on “Red Cross/Red Crescent” were organized in west Nepal; one in Nepalgunj and the other in Mahendranagar. The objective of the workshops was to disseminate messages about the present context of Nepal and the role the Red Cross has to play to the district level volunteers and staff members of 20 districts of the region who have participated in the workshops. The Red Cross Movement, the International Humanitarian Law, the Red Cross emblem, emergency disaster preparedness and the tracing service were the major focus of the workshops. ICRC Co-operation Delegate and Communication Delegate in Nepal, NRCS Communication Officer and In-Charge of Information and Dissemination Section of Nepal Red Cross facilitated the programmes.

**Objective 3:** *To develop strategic links with the national media to increase visibility of NRCS and the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.*

- Ten journalists of the Nepalese media, participated in a two-day journalists’ field visit programme on 4-5 July 2002 organized with a view of giving information to journalists/media about the field activities of the Nepal Red Cross Society and through them reaching to the wider public making them aware about the Society and its work. Regional correspondents of the national print media like Kantipur, Space Time, Samacharpatra, weekly papers, the national TV, representative of Rastriya Samachar Patra (National News Agency) and representative of The Rising Nepal visited three different programmes of Nepal Red Cross in Jhapa district. The journalists visited the Refugee Assistance Programme (RAP), drinking water and sanitation programmes in Dangibari and Ghailadubba Village Development Committees (VDCs) and first aid programme in Duwagadhi VDC. The NRCS organized for the journalists to meet the office bearers of the programmes and interact with them regarding the activities carried out by NRCS. They took interest in the micro saving programme and the involvement of women in all the programmes. The NRCS information department has made a plan to organize another visit with the journalists to the field with primary focus on the impact of the NRCS relief operation during and after the recent disaster.
- News and articles on Red Cross activities like refugee assistance activities, drinking water and sanitation in Jhapa district, were published in national dailies following the visit.
- Regular press releases in cases of important events like, appeal launch, disaster situation, assistance provided by external donors in support of victims of disaster, first aid day etc. have been published.
- There has been a visible increase of reports on the activities of Red Cross in the national media like Kantipur, Samachar Patra, The Kathmandu Post. They have brought out news and stories on RC activities. In addition, a number of national media web sites have been carrying articles/news items on NRCS work.

## ***Health and Care***

**Objective 1:** *To develop a national strategy for HIV/AIDS prevention, enhance care and support services and develop a planning, monitoring, evaluation and transference (PMET) system.*

## **HIV/AIDS strategy Planning Meeting and Development of Monitoring and Evaluation Tools**

- A workshop was organized to develop a Strategy Plan of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Reproductive Health Programme of the Nepal Red Cross Society (already covered in the update 1). The workshop suggested strategic directions, indicators to monitor progress and discussed how to manage the information.
- A half-day follow up meeting was organized to finalize the Strategy Plan. An independent expert was hired to provide necessary technical support in this process.
- Another follow up meeting further assigned responsibility to the project team to work on development of monitoring indicators, reporting formats, report collection tables and finalization of the Strategy Plan.

## **2. Counseling services**

- The NRCS has submitted a proposal to the Family Health International (FHI) and the Global Fund on AIDS and Malaria (GFAM) focussing on counseling in terms of care and support for the infected and affected.
- The programme has specified NRCS strategic priorities and different applications/proposals have been developed in this line.
- Activities linked to counselling services to the people in need are postponed due to funding constraints. According to its national strategy policy the NRCS has recently initiated the behavior change intervention with the Swiss Red Cross in five districts of Kaski, Dhankuta, Mahottari, Sindhuli and Tanahun.
- A proposal has been submitted to an external partner through the Federation and the Family Health International for introducing VCT and Care/Support services.
- The department has also worked on the development of its input for the 2003/04 Appeal with increased emphasis on voluntary counseling services.

**Objective 2:** *To increase people's level of awareness on health issues and to build sustainable awareness levels of health promotion at the community level.*

**Objective 3:** *To build the capacity of ten district chapters per year to promote health education and awareness activities.*

**Objective 4:** *To promote positive health behavior for health care in the community and collaborate with Government and other health care institutions to maximize such campaigns.*

To date, no funds have been provided in support of Objectives 2, 3 and 4.

**Objective 5:** *To strengthen communities' ability to deal with health problems, including day-to-day injuries and preparing for disaster, by expanding the CBFA training at district levels.*

Under the Community Based First Aid (CBFA) programme supported through this appeal, a first aid kit is given to each trained CBFA volunteer of programme district for first time only. Each kit is consisted of basic items such as: triangular bandages, roller-bandages, hand towel, notebook, scissors and a soap in the kit.

Under the emergency first aid program supported by ICRC, a first aid kit is given to each group of six trained first aid volunteers to establish the emergency first aid posts in the armed conflict areas.

### **• Orientation Workshop on RC and CBFA program:**

To introduce the concept, policy and procedure of CBFA program a one day district level CBFA orientation workshop was organized in each of five newly selected districts (Taplejung, Panchthar, Ilam, Mahottari, Rautahat). The workshops were attended by 146 participants from: district chapter executive members, police personnel, army, district health officer, line agencies, local development officer, chief district officer and others. According to the report received from the districts, the participants of the workshop have given the commitment to promote, support and provided all levels of coordination to the program and NRCS activities.

As a result of the late release of funds which resulted in a revised Plan of Action, the following activities have been planned for the remaining three months of this year:

- Organizing one day CBFA orientation workshop for community representatives;
- Carrying out community survey by using PRA process;
- Forming CBFA Ward Unit;
- Developing community action plan;
- Forming RC sub Branch/ Sahayog Samiti (Local Red Cross Unit):

- **CBFA trainers training to prepare CBFA trainers at district level**

In the Banepa district, from 5-12 September 2002, eight days CBFA Training of Trainers (TOT) was completed. 25 persons from Taplejung, Panchther, Ilam, Mahottari, Rautahat participated. As a result, each of the 5 districts district has 5 trainers to conduct CBFA training in their respective district and at community levels. The training was facilitated by CBFA unit staff including unit in-charge and trainers from NRCS Human Resource Development Section (HRDS). The participants were: five newly recruited CBFA staff members, three district chapter executive member, and 17 teachers.

- **CBFA Volunteers Elementary Training**

Between 5 August and 25 September, a 5-day CBFA volunteers elementary training of sub-branch executive members, on first aid knowledge and skills has been completed in the three districts of: Kanchnpur, Dadeldhura and Saptari. A total of 80 persons participated in the training. After this training it is expected that a CBFA volunteer can be monitored by sub-branch. Currently there are 30 more trained first aid manpower renders of first aid service in the community. The training was facilitated by district level CBFA trainers and staff.

- **First Aid Day**

The first national "First Aid Day" of NRCS was inaugurated by the State Minister for Health of Nepal on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2002. The main slogan of the Day was "First Aid , Concern of All." Main activities were as follows: Training, Press Meet, FM Radio discussion, Rally, Simulated First Aid Competition, First Aid Materials Exhibition and practical demonstration. The NRCS central executive members, JRCs, Federation delegate, Kathmandu Metropolitan, first aid trainer/volunteers, other NGOs/IOs and staff of NRCS NHQs participated in the Day's program. The First Aid day was celebrated in other district chapters throughout the country and generated a valuable publicity for NRCS's first aid training/service.

### **Community Development Project**

Nepal Red Cross Society has been implementing Community Development Projects in nine districts namely; Okhaldhunga, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading, Gorkha, Myagdi, Dang, Baitadi and Achham with the support of Swedish Red Cross (funded through Federation and bilateral), and bilaterally funded by Danish Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross-Flanders and Norwegian Red Cross. The following are the main achievements made during the reporting period against each objectives mentioned below.

**Objective 1:** *To improve the health conditions of vulnerable communities and so reduce mortality and morbidity rates.*

- Total of 57 health volunteers were trained in Myagdi and Rasuwa districts. Some 392 persons were assisted by the volunteers.
- 86 Traditional Healers (TH) trained in Achham, Dhading, Rasuwa and Myagdi districts. Some 810 persons have been assisted by the THs.
- 74 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) in Achham, Dhading, Rasuwa and Myagdi districts. Since, 583 persons have been assisted by TBAs.
- 64 Community Based First Aid (CBFA) volunteers trained in Rasuwa and Achham districts. Since, 975 persons have been assisted.
- 151 toilets constructed in Myagdi, Rasuwa, Baitadi, Dhading and Gorkha districts assisting 962 beneficiaries.
- 171 Improved Cooking Stoves constructed in Dhading, Gorkha, Myagdi and Baitadi districts assisting 1,071 beneficiaries.
- 148 washing platforms constructed in Dhading, Gorkha, Myagdi, Rasuwa and Baitadi districts assisting 949 beneficiaries.
- 131 persons immunized and 62 kitchen gardens established.

A committee of the drinking Water (DW) users' has been formed in Myagdi district and three DW users' committee workshops have been conducted in Baitadi, Rasuwa and Gorkha districts with total of 62 participants.

**Objective 2:** *To raise awareness of health situation within communities, focusing on women.*

- One Regenerated Ferian Literacy Through Empowering Community Technique (REFLECT) facilitator training was conducted in order to continue the REFLECT classes in Myagdi district with 12 participants.
- Six adult literacy classes started with a total of 92 participants in Rasuwa, Myagdi and Baitadi districts.
- Six post-literacy classes are currently ongoing with a total of 97 participants in Sindhupalchowk, Gorkha and Myagdi.
- Four child literacy classes have been conducted in Rasuwa and Baitadi with a total of 70 participants.

**Objective 3:** *To promote self-help groups and community organizations for mutual welfare and Empowerment.*

- One self-help education training conducted in Baitadi district for 17 persons.
- Five skill development training such as: account keeping, animal husbandry, carpet weaving, sewing and cutting and tailoring trainings has been conducted in Myagdi, Baitadi and Rasuwa for 68 female participants.
- During the reporting period, 23 self-help groups have saved Rs. 43,810 (approx. CHF 843) and invested Rs. 341,233 (approx. CHF 6,563) in the Baitadi, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Myagdi, Sindhupalchok and Dhading districts.

**Objective 4:** *To strengthen the capacity of the Red Cross at all levels.*

- One ward committee workshop, one District Chapter/Sub-chapter workshop, four RC orientation, one General TOT, one institutional development and resource mobilisation training, one review and planning workshop and one gender sensitization trainings have been conducted with a total of 322 participants in Gorkha, Myagdi, Rasuwa, Okhaldhunga and Achham districts.
- During the reporting period, a total of Rs.165,222 (approx. CHF 2,600) was generated through income generating activities, and deposited in the bank of Baitadi, Rasuwa, Gorkha and Myagdi districts. As envisaged, the NRCS has not been able to carry out all planned activities due to the prevailing situation in the country. Most of the construction works could not be completed. It is still difficult to organize any sizable gatherings, meetings and workshops in project area. However, in many cases, with prior permission from the district administration, it has been possible to carry out planned activities. Accordingly, the plan of action and the budget have been revised reflecting the realities that need to be confronted during the remaining months of this year and availability of funding. Considering the country's situation and projects' capacity to accomplish the target and utilize available funds, in average, 10.47% of the total CDP budget has been reduced from its original budget. Bilateral donor national societies (Danish RC, Norwegian RC and Belgian RC) and the Federation (Swedish RC) have been informed accordingly.

## ***Organizational Development***

**Objective 1:** *To strengthen and improve the governance system and the management potential of the society so as to maximize its human resource mobilisation and management capacities.*

### **Review Meeting of Central Executive Committee (CEC):**

- Human resource development program (HRDP) conducted a 2-day review meeting on 1-2 August 2002, in the NRCS central office in Kathmandu. The main purpose of the meeting was organized to make a review of every activity of the NRCS against the progress achieved. The meeting discussion tackled various aspects of NRCS programs and activities. The review meeting also amended and finalized the NRCS election procedure on the basis of its recently amended constitution. A total of a 30 Central Executive Committee (CEC) members actively participated. Currently, the amendment of the election procedure is under publication.
- Human Resource Development Section (HRDS) has recently prepared Human Resource Development Policy which comprises of Volunteer and Staff Development Policy and NRCS Training Policy. At present, HRD Policy is under publication after being approved by the CEC members in the meeting organized on 3 August 2002.

**Objective 2:** *To strengthen and expand the JRC/RCY and develop their leadership skills. To motivate and involve young people in the humanitarian services of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.*

During the reporting period the following activities were conducted:

- The selected host district chapter of Siraha for the Youth leadership development has been working on its detailed training plans including the venue and proposed dates.
- Reforestation and environmental activities in the youth circles of the districts have been successfully completed in the Districts of: Bhaktapur, Kaski, Panchjhar, Rupendehi and Salyn).
- Host districts chapters of Bhaktapur, Dhanusa, Doti, Gorkha, Siraha and Svanjha, selected for the national and regional Junior/Youth camps, have submitted their proposed dates and venue to the national headquarters for its consideration.
- 20 JRC circles for establishment of book banks for poor students have also finalized their proposal. The activity is expected to be completed very shortly in the districts of: Banke, Bardia, Chitwan, Dailakh, Doti, Nuwakot, Sankhuwasabha, Sunsari and Tanhin.
- To date, a total of 10 district have conducted district level seminars. The seminars will continue during the next three months.
- Implementing district chapter (Banke, Darchula, Kavre, Panchtar and Sankhuwasabha) selected for the First Aid training has submitted its proposal to the national headquarters for the consideration and final approval.
- Host districts of Myagdi and Tehrethum, selected for the national competition in creative arts, have finalized their decision concerning the venue for the competition.
- Under the volunteer exchange visit program, at national level, a volunteer has been selected and sent for a month to Siraha districts.
- Evaluation and monitoring tools development for JRC/RCY program have been completed.
- Construction work on “Youth Resource Center and income generation building” is almost completed according to the plan and structure of the building. The seminar/workshop on “National Junior/Youth Policy”, held in Nagarkot from June 30 - July 2, has been successfully completed. More than 30 districts were represented in this seminar/workshop.
- Child literacy classes are scheduled to be introduced in Tanhun district at the end of this year.
- Planning and review seminars are scheduled for December.
- 3,000 brochures for disseminating JRC/YRC activities have been published and distributed during the reporting period.

**Objective 3:** *To strengthen the foundation, capacity and resources of the remote and developing chapters of NRCS.*

***The Remote District Chapter Development (RD CD) Programme***

In spite of difficulties that NRCS has been facing, with accessing the remote district chapters, the following activities have been carried out during the reporting period :

*Increase the managerial capacity of the chapter*

- Eight district chapters' offices have been operating on regular basis.
- In eight districts the liability of the chapters has been accessed and fulfilled.

*Membership drive and organizational development*

- 20 ordinary members and 5 life members were enrolled during the reporting period.
- 5 JRC circles have been formed.
- 3 subchapters have been formed.

*Fund raising programs:*

- All District Chapters have been implementing various income generation programs such as: Medi-bank, sale of RC materials, house rent and vegetable farming.

*Support to the chapters for service activities:*

- Disaster relief material support was provided to the flood victim's benefiting a total of 300 families. Some materials have been mobilized locally and others supplemented by the national warehouse.
- Stretcher services in support to first aid and relief programs have been provided to remote communities without road access or vehicle services.

*Review by review questionnaires*

- 2 District Chapters (Bhojpur and Darchula) sent filled up review questionnaires to the central office. The impact of the Remote District Chapter Development (RDCD) program was very successful. The conclusion of the review formats; RDCD program has proved to be very effective for the remote chapters.
- Khotang and Bhajang's review report is expected to be received within the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. The communication system remains quite problematic due to the current situation in the country and in particular in these districts.

*Publication:*

- The final draft of the District Chapter and Sub Chapter Manual have been completed. These 2,000 copies manual's printing works will be finished within the month of October.
- The election procedure manual printing work is going on. 500 copies will be printed by the end of September. After the completion of RDCD program; Bajhang District Chapter has been implementing HIV/ AIDS prevention program with the support of CARE-Nepal in 17 Village Development Committee (VDC). The total fund provided by CARE-Nepal for a year is Rs. 1,300,000 (approx. CHF 25,000). Similarly, three more district chapters have been trying to implement the community development program. They have been applying for funding of the same project proposal to various other organization. Four new District Chapters are hoping to obtain financial support from the Federation for two years, as already mentioned in the appeal document.

**Objective 4:** *To increase women's membership and encourage women to increase participation in NRCS organization, management and activities.*

**Red Cross Gender Sensitization Workshop:**

The Nepal Red Cross Society, Women Development Section, organized two Gender Sensitization Workshops at regional level in July 2002. A first 5-day Gender Sensitization Workshop was organized at Sunsari Dharan from June 30 to 4 July 2002 representing the eastern region. Altogether 27 persons from 12 districts participated. NRCS Training Officers and a lawyer had facilitated the workshop. During the workshop, participants from 12 districts prepared a short plan of action for their own women development activities concerning the gender sensitization.

Similarly, women development section organized another 5-day gender sensitization workshop at Nawalparasi representing the western region. A total of 40 persons participated. NRCS NHQ officers facilitated the workshop. Both workshops had undergone intensive discussion and sharing experiences on the women conditions in the country, women' representation in Nepal Red Cross Society and proposed further actions to be taken for the improvement of the enhancement of women participation in within the NRCS.

**Objective 5:** *To further strengthen the NRCS financial management system.*

The Nepal Red Cross Society, with the assistance of the Federation South Asia Regional Delegation organized a financial management development programme for officials of Finance Department of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of South Asia consisting of: Bangladesh, India, Nepal Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The three day program was designed to share knowledge and experiences with the finance staff and provide training on different aspects of financial management.

The course was coordinated and facilitated by the Managing Partner of "BRS Neupane & Co", Chartered Accountants. "BRS Neupane" also engaged a team of experts-economists, management specialists, bankers and senior chartered accountants as resource persons for each of the above topics.

Total of a 25 finance staff from five Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of South Asia, out of which 19 from the NRCS, two from SLRCS, two from IRCS and one each from Bangladesh and Pakistan participated in the training-cum workshop program.

**Objective 6:** *To enhance the resource development capacities of NRCS headquarters and enhance skills and knowledge of the NRCS's volunteers and staff members.*

The following activities have been achieved:

- *Formation of Task Force and Field Visit* - NRCS has formed a 3-member Task Force. The Task Force members have visited Rupandehi, Kaski and Parsa district chapters.
- *Evaluation and Policy finalization Workshops* - Initially, the NRCS had scheduled this programme in May 2002, but due to a delay in organizing the donor-coordination meeting (19 June) it was not possible to conduct this workshops in time. Consequently, this programme was completed in the last week of

July 2002. At this workshop the policy has been finalized and submitted to the central executive committee for their consideration.

- *Consultant/Professional Support/Souvenir Product* - Under this activity, NRCS initially planned to hire a specialist for the resource development as per need basis and use the professional staff in resource development activities. Some professional staff, for day-to-day activities, in the resource development programme have been used. Unfortunately, NRCS was not successful in identifying the appropriate specialist to develop the long term and short term strategy. Currently, NRCS is in the process of procuring some souvenir product-order for the same have been placed with suppliers.
- *Study tour* - NRCS NHQ officers have completed the study visit in India and Pakistan. They will submit their study report to the Secretary General, Treasurer and Regional OD Delegate at a later stage.
- *Mapping of district Chapters* - In view of the current situation in the country and time constraints, the NRCS has been able to visit only 2 districts of Kaski and Rupandehi.

**Objective 7:** *To strengthen the capacity, foundation and resources of the subchapters for sustainability.*

To date no funds have been provided in support of this objective.

### ***Outstanding needs / Conclusions***

The low donor response to the Federation appeal may be to some extent compensated and explained by a high level of bilateral donor support over the years. In 2002, some 2,5 million CHF has been contributed bilaterally to thirteen Nepal Red Cross programmes. Despite this positive fact, some key NRCS programmes remain underfunded, including promotion of humanitarian values, the HIV/AIDS programme and health capacity building. A deteriorating political situation in the country and the delayed release of approved funds has necessitated further NRCS program adjustments.

Despite a raft of problems, delays, frustrations and loss of life of volunteers, which would break the back and morale of many lesser national societies, the Nepal Red Cross has persevered with underfunded programmes and successfully responding to an extensive flood and landslide relief operation. This is a national society that has had to shoulder additional programme responsibilities for the most vulnerable, particularly in areas where the government and other organizations are unable to work effectively. This has gone ahead thanks to highly committed and well trained volunteers, often lacking the resources to carry out their work as effectively as they would like,

The Federation hopes to support the Nepal Red Cross to draw up a communications/marketing strategy to promote its work more effectively to current and potential donors. The need for the Nepal Red Cross has not been greater.

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<b>Nepal</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.27/2002</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>			23.10.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>1'549'344</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b> <b>35.4%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				183'690		
SWEDISH - RC		100'000	SEK	16'120	30.04.2002	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
SWEDISH - RC		100'000	SEK	16'120	30.04.2002	ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - RC		100'000	SEK	16'120	30.04.2002	CBFA WITHIN HEALTH & CARE
SWEDISH - GOVT		1'400'000	SEK	221'340	30.05.2002	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		200'000	SEK	31'620	30.05.2002	RC YOUTH/JUNIOR
SWEDISH - GOVT		400'000	SEK	63'240	30.05.2002	CBFA
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>				548'250	CHF	35.4%

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## PLEDGES RECEIVED

25.10.2002

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----				1,549,344		35.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				183,690		
SWEDISH - RC		100,000	SEK	16,120	30.04.2002	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAME
SWEDISH - RC		100,000	SEK	16,120	30.04.2002	ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - RC		100,000	SEK	16,120	30.04.2002	CBFA WITHIN HEALTH & CARE
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,400,000	SEK	221,340	30.05.2002	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				548,250	CHF	35.4%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
BELGIAN - RC				74,700		BILATERAL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BELGIAN - RC				224,000		BILATERAL/COMMUNITY BASE DISASTER
DANISH - RC				43,900		BILATERAL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ENGENDER HEALTH				16,000		YOUTH PEER EDUCATION
JAPANESE - RC				100,000		BILATERAL/SANITATION
JAPANESE - RC				40,000		BILATERAL/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
JAPANESE - RC				132,000		BILATERAL/ DRINKING WATER JUNIOR/ YOUTH
NORWEGIAN - RC				62,320		BILATERAL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NORWEGIAN - RC				31,000		BILATERAL/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION
SWEDISH - RC				16,000		BILATERAL/COMM. DEVELOPMENT TWINING
SWISS - RC				278,500		BILATERAL/EYE CARE
SWISS - DEVELOPMENT AGENCY				68,000		BILATERAL/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION
UNHCR				1,500,000		BILATERAL/REFUGEE ASSISTANCE