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NEPAL: FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

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The Situation

The annual monsoon rains hit Nepal from the middle of June onwards and have caused floods and landslides in many areas of the country.

At least 99 people have been killed. Another 41 are missing and 163 houses have been destroyed. Overall, 1,519 families have been affected.

The details of affected districts are as follows:

Region	Districts	Zone (Anchal)	Type of disaster	Affected		Dead
				Families	Population	
Eastern						
	Sankhuwasabha	Koshi	Landslide	97	486	15
	Okhaldhunga	Sagarmatha	Flood, Landslide			3+17 missing
Central						
	Sindhuli	Janakpur	Flood & landslide			9
	Dhading	Bagmati	Landslide/ earthquake	200	980	33
	Rasuwa	Bagmati	Flood & landslide	50	261	
	Chitwan	Narayani	Flood	147	735	
Western						
	Nawalparasi	Lumbini	Flood	302	1845	

	Districts	Zone (Anchal)	Types of disaster	Affected		Dead
				Families	Pop-n	
	Rupandehi	Lumbini	Flood	100	603	
	Myagdi	Dhaulagiri	Landslide	300	1785	30
	Baglung	Dhaulagiri	Landslide	50	225	7
	Gorkha	Gandaki	Earthquake	223	784	
FarWestern						
	Darchula	Mahakali	Flood	50	245	
	Doti	Seti	Flood			2
Total				1,519	7,949	99

Red Cross/Red Crescent Action

The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is conducting relief activities on the basis of reports received from district chapters. The NRCS and its district chapters have been working with the government. Volunteers and staff were mobilised for rescue and relief operations. Members of the NRCS disaster committess (DC) visited disaster-affected areas, in coordination with relevant bodies, and prepared detailed baseline survey reports. To date the NRCS has distributed 826 family packages of relief materials. One family package consists of one tarpaulin, one blanket, one set of utensils, one woman's saree, 16 metres of material for clothing.

The Myagdi district chapter distributed 101 packages of relief materials. Upon the request of the chapter, Baglung warehouse supplied 30 family packages of relief materials to the Myagdi district chapter. District level volunteers and staff collected readymade clothes, food and nonfood items locally as well as NRs 60,000 in donations (CHF 1,400). From this amount, the chapter bought relief materials. Upon the request of the district administration office and the NRCS DCs, the government provided a helicopter for rescue operations and the transport of relief materials. Distribution is still in process.

The NRCS Nawalparasi district chapter, coordinating with local organisations, collected food items, such as, rice and salt and distributed to 50 families. The chapter also provided other relief to some families and rehabilitated 69 families to safe places.

The distribution of relief materials is in process and detailed reports from other district chapters are still being received.

Government Action

The government has increased its response to the monsoon. The Ministry of Home Affairs has provided cash assistance to flood victims in most districts. It has also mobilised army and police personnel for rescue work. NRCS volunteers and staff have joined army and police personnel in rescue activities.

In Myagdi district, the flood-affected areas were isolated because of damage to three bridges. As a result, the Ministry of Home Affairs provided helicopters for rescue teams. Army and police, district administration office personnel and Red Cross volunteers and staff were involved in helicopter rescue operations.

Present situation of the NRCS

The NRCS has nine warehouses and 18 local depots supplying relief to district chapters. Some district chapters have distributed relief from their own stocks and some have received materials from warehouses. Disaster-affected districts have requested NHQS and warehouses to provide relief and the demand is increasing.

The NRCS currently has sufficient supplies to provide basic materials to 6,000 families. Specifically, it has 6,500 tarpaulins, 6,050 blankets, 6,000 kitchen utensils, 5,700 women's sarees and 92,800 metres of clothing materials.

Relief materials have been distributed to meet urgent needs. If the disaster continues to worsen, the NRCS will need an additional 7,000 family packages of relief materials.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see www.ifrc.org

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