

## ***NEPAL: FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES***

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*The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), with support from the Federation, has distributed basic relief items available in existing disaster preparedness stocks and has started the procurement process for further relief distributions. Donor support is required to replenish supplies and to continue the planned activities including focusing on strengthening the capacity of the NRCS.*

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### ***The context***

More than 50,000 people have been affected by floods and landslides in almost all parts of Nepal since the beginning of the monsoon season in May. Floods and landslides are common in the country during every monsoon season between June and September. However, this year the situation became critical when flash floods occurred as a result of heavy rains in the Himalayas, altering the routes of rivers, causing landslides and destroying village settlements. The death toll in Nepal has been estimated at 144 people. A further 250 people have died of encephalitis as a result of contaminated and stagnant water caused by the floods. Over 2,000 of the affected families have lost their land and homes, and according to official figures, loss of property has been estimated at a value of CHF 12 million. The Federation and NRCS launched an emergency appeal on 20 October 2000 seeking CHF 658,180 to deliver critical assistance to the victims of the floods and landslides.

### ***Latest events***

According to ongoing assessments in the affected regions of Nepal, flood waters are receding and most rivers are now flowing at normal levels. Road and rail links which were either inundated by the floods or blocked by landslides have been freed and rehabilitated. With the overall improvement of the situation, thousands of victims made temporarily homeless by the disasters are now returning to their homes. However, many of those whose houses were permanently damaged are still sheltered in tents or under tarpaulins. Meanwhile, health authorities and the NRCS are particularly concerned about cases of diarrhoea and encephalitis reported recently from several of the disaster-stricken districts.

## ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

In October, an NRCS and Federation team undertook an assessment mission in three districts in the eastern and central regions which were badly affected by the floods. Further assessments were carried out in another four districts severely affected by landslides. From 1st Nov. to 12th Nov., 2000, after the launching of the Appeal, the Federation relief co-ordinator visited Nepal, in order to provide assistance in the planning and coordination of the operation.

During the emergency phase, the NRCS distributed packages of basic relief goods and dry food items to a total of 3,508 affected families. With the initial funds from the appeal the Red Cross actions then focussed mainly on the purchase of essential relief materials, including tents and tarpaulins, house utensils, garments and blankets which were immediately distributed. The focus is now on replenishment of stocks from remaining funds. The tables below provide details on the procurement process.

Items procured (during the reporting period)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Tarpaulins	2,500 pieces
House utensils	2,000 pieces
Clothing & textiles	49,000 Meters
Woollen blankets	2,500 pieces

Items being procured

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Tarpaulins	3,000 pieces
House utensils	2,500 pieces
Clothing & textiles	72,500 Meters
Woollen blankets	2,500 pieces

### **Distribution of relief materials in affected areas:**

The NRCS Disaster Management Department mobilised its volunteers and staff to collect updated information of the flood/landslide victims. On the basis of the survey report received from its district chapters, the NRCS mobilised its internal resources as well as assistance from the Federation. Relief materials were dispatched to the regional and zonal warehouses and from there to the affected districts. Each district chapter mobilised their volunteers and staff to distribute the relief materials. In total, 1,920 families in 29 districts received a full family package of relief materials.

Distribution was carried out during the period of 15 October to 30 November for 1,900 of the worst-affected families in the remote areas as follows:

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Type of Disaster</b>	<b>Relief Material Distribution</b>
1	Argakhachi	Landslide	64 Families(Full package of relief materials)
2	Lalitpur	Landslide	54 Families(Full package of relief materials)
3	Morang	Flood/landslide	10 Families(Full package of relief materials)
4	Baitadi	Landslide	100 Families (Full package of relief materials)
5	Bhojpur	Landslide	13 Families(Full package of relief materials)
6	Gorkha	Flood/landslide	41 Families(Full package of relief materials)
7	Baglung	Flood/landslide	100 Families(Full package of relief materials)
8	Makawanpur	Flood/landslide	14 Families(Full package of relief materials)
9	Dailekh	Flood/landslide	100 Families(Full package of relief materials)
10	Ilam	Landslide	9 Families(Full package of relief materials)
11	Lamjung	Flood/landslide	16 Families(Full package of relief materials)
12	Sarlahi	Flood/landslide	13 Families(Full package of relief materials)
13	Parsa	Flood	36 Families(Full package of relief materials)

14	Jhapa	Flood/landslide	154 Families(Full package of relief materials)
15	Panchthar	Landslide	25 Families(Full package of relief materials)
16	Sunsari	Flood/landslide	31 Families(Full package of relief materials)
17	Terahthum	Landslide	5 Families(Full package of relief materials)
18	Dolakha	Landslide	114 Families(Full package of relief materials)
19	Kailali	Flood/landslide	379 Families(Full package of relief materials)
20	Taplejung	Flood/landslide	8 Families(Full package of relief materials)
21	Tanahu	Landslide	10 Families(Full package of relief materials)
22	Salyan	Landslide	14 Families(Full package of relief materials)
23	Kaski	Flood/landslide	80 Families(Full package of relief materials)
24	Siraha	Flood	80 Families(Full package of relief materials)
25	Saptari	Flood	50 Families(Full package of relief materials)
26	Rautahat	Flood	45 Families(Full package of relief materials)
27	Dhading	Flood/landslide	50 Families(Full package of relief materials)
28	Darchula	Flood/landslide	75 Families(Full package of relief materials)
29	Banke	Flood	85 Families(Full package of relief materials))
	Total		1920 Families
	Total Expenditure	Nrs.2,275/package	Nrs. 4,368,000.00

The full package of relief materials consists of: 1 set of utensils, 1 blanket, 1 set of clothes, 1 saree and one tarpaulin.

Contributions to the appeal have been received only recently, and with these funds transferred to the NRCS to speed up the procurement process there is a resulting need to extend the operation until 20 February.

## ***Outstanding needs***

The NRCS immediately distributed relief supplies from its disaster preparedness buffer stocks in order to meet the urgent needs of the affected population in an effective and timely manner. A total of 7,600 family packages containing assorted relief items were distributed, and these need to be replenished so that the NRCS can carry out its traditional relief activities when disasters strike again.

## ***External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media***

The NRCS is working in close co-ordination with local authorities, governmental and non-governmental agencies currently carrying out disaster response activities in the worst-affected regions.

## ***Contributions***

See Annex 1 for details.

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Nepal - floods and landslide						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 30/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				12/22/00
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>658,180</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 45.0%</b>
BRITISH - RC		30,000	GBP	75,900	01.12.00	NON-FOOD ITEMS, UTENSILS & TOOLS
DANISH - RC		277,500	DKK	56,777	02.11.00	
FINNISH - RC		33,022	EUR	50,451	28.09.00	
ICELANDIC - RC		200,000	ISK	4,235	26.10.00	
JAPANESE - RC				33,000	09.11.00	
SWEDISH - GOVT		400,000	SEK	72,800	23.10.00	
WHO - PRIVATE (STAFF)				2,000	21.11.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				295,163	CHF	44.8%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
FINNISH - RC		615	EUR	940	28.09.00	DELEGATE ASSESSMENT MISSION
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				940	CHF	0.1%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
<b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b>						
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