


Operations update

 International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Nepal: Floods & Landslides

Emergency appeal n° MDRNP001
GLIDE n° FF-2007-000117-NPL
Operations update n° 05
31 January 2008

Period covered by this Ops Update: 14 November to 31 December 2007.

Appeal target (current): CHF 2,006,481 (USD 1,667,898 or EUR 1,220,487).

Appeal coverage: 117%

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Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 8 August 2007 for CHF 2.32 million (USD 1.93 million or EUR 1.4 million) for six months to assist more than 20,000 families affected by landslides and extensive flooding in different parts of Nepal.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): CHF 250,000 was initially allocated on 2 August 2007, from the Federation's DREF, to replenish the national society's disaster response stock.
- A revised emergency appeal was launched on 29 August 2007 for CHF 2.06 million (USD 1.6 million or EUR 1.2 million) to assist more than 25,000 flood and landslide affected families.



NRCS volunteers distributing relief material to flood affected families

Summary:

Five months after heavy flooding and landslides affected large parts of Nepal, life is coming back to normal in most of the affected districts. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has so far supported approximately 22,723 families with non-food family packages and 34,854 families with staple food. The NRCS has also distributed 34,194 tarpaulins to be used as covers for leaking roofs and makeshift shelters. With the distribution of relief support, the NRCS has completed the first phase of disaster response.

As the emergency relief phase ends, the national society has speeded up its early recovery activities in 13 of the most affected districts of the country. The selected district branches of the NRCS completed their assessment for support required and sent the recovery assessment reports to the NRCS national headquarters. The headquarters and district branches continue to work to reach the targeted groups at the earliest with this support.

The NRCS has felt the need to revise the existing appeal to address the changing situation in the field and the completion of activities planned under phase one. The NRCS/Federation are working on it and the objectives, list of activities and all other details will be revised through a revised appeal.

The situation

Torrential monsoon rainfall beginning from 10 July 2007 caused heavy floods in the southern plains of Nepal and landslides in the hilly regions. As the heavy rainfall continued for over three weeks in the southern plains, the number of affected and displaced families increased dramatically. A total of 214 people were reported to have

died and approximately 107,627 families were affected, out of which more than 25,000 families were displaced. About 75,000 houses, public infrastructure and thousands of hectares of farmland were damaged or destroyed.

Water logging was a major problem in the southern parts of the country. The scale of the disaster was quite unprecedented, sustained and on large scale, making rescue and relief work difficult during the initial period. Moreover, there were cases of re-flooding that caused hindrances to the otherwise efficient and timely response. The Nepal government gave the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) primary responsibility for relief distribution and appealed to international organizations and individuals at the national level to support the relief operation. Several UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations provided support to the NRCS in the form of cash or in-kind donations.

As soon as the disaster began, the country wide NRCS network started its operation, distributing non-food relief items, such as tarpaulin, and ready to-eat food, which were collected or procured locally with the support of the government. Since then and on a continuous basis, NRCS has been providing food rations with the support of the World Food Programme (WFP), drinking water purification tablets with the support of UNICEF and non-food items in the form of family kits and tarpaulins with the support of the Federation and Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, viz. the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Danish Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross and Hong Kong Red Cross, as well as non-Movement partners.

Coordination and partnerships

The emergency appeal is a joint initiative of the Red Cross Movement partners in Nepal and is being implemented accordingly. The cooperation and coordination mechanism is in place in Nepal with the Cooperation Management Meetings and Movement Coordination Platform. The Movement is being represented and presenting updates at UN Disaster Management Team meetings.

The coordination mechanism is described in detail in the emergency appeal document. The Central Disaster Relief Committee at the Home Ministry and District Disaster Relief Committees are coordinating all relief activities. Major partners of the NRCS for the distribution of relief items are the WFP for food items, UNICEF for drinking water and hygiene articles and Movement partners for non-food relief items.

National Society Capacity Building

The NRCS has functioning branches in all 75 districts of Nepal and more than 2,000 NRCS volunteers were involved in the relief operation in 65 districts. Some of them have been mobilized for recovery activities. In addition, NRCS has 25 trained staff for Regional Disaster Response Teams, 56 trained staff for National Disaster Response Teams, 700 trained staff and volunteers for District Disaster Response Teams and one trained FACT member.

The national society has a network of warehouses as well as transportation capabilities throughout the country. To boost its capacity, one relief coordinator has been recruited at the national headquarters to support the disaster management (DM) director for overall relief and recovery operations. Two relief officers have already been deployed in the central and the eastern districts for relief and recovery operations. Focal persons for relief and recovery in the affected districts have been nominated, and their roles clearly defined. In order to ensure financial reports from districts, NRCS has recruited a finance field officer who visits districts and ensures financial management as per NRCS's rules and regulations.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

NRCS, with support from the Movement and other partners, has completed the first phase of relief support to the affected people. During the operation period of five months, the NRCS has distributed non-food family packages (cooking utensils, blankets, and clothing) to 22,723 families and staple food to 34,854 families. The national society has also distributed 34,194 tarpaulins as temporary shelter support. The distributed number of tarpaulins is approximately 14,000 more than proposed in the appeal. The excess number of tarpaulins was distributed to the affected people based on the assessment by district branches and other stakeholders at the field level. The NRCS distributed the relief items in close coordination with the government, UN and other humanitarian actors.

During the reporting period, a team from the Hong Kong Red Cross carried out a monitoring visit to Dhanusa, Sarlahi and Kailali districts and was satisfied with the operation. Regular monitoring activities by the NRCS' DM department are ongoing. The national society's chairman and executive director also visited Bankey district and observed ongoing recovery activities there.

As the emergency relief phase ends, NRCS has speeded up its early recovery activities in 13 of the most affected districts of the country. The selected district branches of the NRCS have already completed their assessment for

support and sent the recovery assessment reports to the national headquarters. The headquarters and NRCS district branches continue to work to reach the targeted groups at the earliest.

Technical and financial support from Movement partners has facilitated the operation, with good coordination between NRCS, ICRC and the Federation. The incoming funds have so far been used for distribution costs, including storage, transportation, volunteer mobilization and communication.

The NRCS/Federation are working to revise/modify some of the objectives and activities set in the appeal to address the real situation in the field. All the details will be finalized soon and revised through a revised appeal.

Despite some irregularities caused by the unfavourable situation in the Terai region, which was affected by community violence, general strikes and road blockades, the relief distribution has been successfully carried out and the assessment for the recovery phase has been completed.

Progress towards objectives

Phase 1 – Emergency relief

Objective 1a: For the coming three months, 25,000 families are supported through the provision non-food relief items (NFRI) in the form of family packages and tarpaulins, and 20,000 families are supported through the provision of food, clean water and hygiene articles.

Non-food items (NFI)

- During the reporting period, NRCS distributed non-food family packages (comprising cooking utensils, blankets and clothing) to 782 families. The total number of families receiving the support during the operation has reached 22,723.
- All NFI packages were distributed from existing NRCS stock and with the support of the Federation, ICRC, Danish Red Cross / ECHO and other humanitarian agencies. With the distribution of water purifying chemicals to 31,149 families and hygiene kits to 2,590 families, the distribution of water purifying chemicals and hygiene kits in all the districts has been completed.
- The supplier of 15,000 NFRI has already started to supply the goods for replenishment of NRCS stock. In the meantime, the tender process is in progress to procure additional 11,000 NFRI for replenishment and the supplier will soon be identified.



A woman beneficiary receives relief material from NRCS volunteers

Dry staple food

The distribution of food provided by the WFP was completed in the targeted districts of Siraha, Saptari, Mahottari, Banke, Bardiya, Kailai, Rautahat, Dhanusa, Parsa, Bardiya and Sarlahi. Sarlahi district completed the distribution only in some areas recently because of local problems. A total of 237,243 people received food support.

The needs of the affected people have been largely met and it has helped them move back to some semblance of normal life.

Objective 1b: More than 20,000 households are supported with the provision of tarpaulins to meet their immediate shelter needs.

The NRCS distributed 556 tarpaulins during this reporting period, making the total number distributed to date 34,194 tarpaulins. Although the targeted number of distribution was 20,000, approximately 14,000 more tarpaulins were distributed based on the need of the people in the affected areas. The needs were identified by the NRCS district branches, together with the community people and other stakeholders in the field. The increased need was met through Danish Red Cross / ECHO and other national and local level support.

Therefore, families displaced due to damaged houses were supported in their urgent need for shelter. They received tarpaulins to cover leaking roofs and makeshift shelters. The tarpaulins are now mostly being used to cover damaged roofs and cold floors as a temporary repair measure in their homes destroyed by the flood.

The detailed list of relief distribution, covering the period 1 July - 11 December 2007, is given at [Annex 1](#). The final detailed list will be provided in the next operations update.

Constraints for objective 1a & b

Due to the constraints as mentioned in the previous updates, viz. damaged transportation and communication network, continued political turmoil in the disaster affected regions and instability at national level, with unexpected road blockades and strikes, it was difficult to carry out the planned activities in time. Due to this, the completion of activities of the first phase took longer than the stipulated first three months. However, the job has now been completed successfully and the targeted population has been greatly supported.

Phase 2 – Early Recovery Activities

With the end of the first phase of the relief operation, the NRCS has speeded up its recovery activities. The 13 districts selected for early recovery measures, viz. Udaypur, Siraha, Mahottari, Dhanusa, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Parsa, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kaski, Taplejung, and Bara, have already sent their recovery assessment report and plan to the NRCS national headquarters. On the basis of these assessment reports, the headquarters has prepared a need identification list for reconstruction, seed/seedling provision, mitigation and construction of water resources for the districts selected for the recovery programme. The procurement of construction materials, tools and seed/seedlings is in process. The construction materials will be procured in consultation with identified beneficiaries. Regarding seeds and supplies, the seed supplier has been identified, some supply has already begun and tender for tools has been published. These materials will be sent to the district chapters as soon as the necessary procurement procedures are completed. Apart from this, the districts have themselves initiated the preliminary activities to procure the supplies required.

Objective 2: 15,000 affected families are supported in early recovery with materials and technical advice to re-establish their livelihoods

NRCS has selected nine of the most affected districts, viz. Siraha, Mahottari, Dhanusa, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Bara, Parsa, Taplejung and Kaski, for this support. People affected by the disaster, from 216 village development committees (VDCs) in these districts, will receive seed/saplings and material support to help them re-establish their livelihood.

NRCS has ordered for the required seeds/seedlings to the government agencies as planned. The supply of materials has already begun and expected to be completed very soon. The tender process for simple agricultural equipments has also been started and the supplier will be identified soon. On receiving the materials, the NRCS will provide them to the districts. This process will take about six to seven weeks.

Objective 3: 2,000 of the most affected families will be supported in early recovery with supplementary construction materials and technical advice to repair their damaged homes in a disaster resilient way.

The NRCS has selected 12 districts for this support. The districts are Udaypur, Siraha, Mahottari, Dhanusa, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Parsa, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali, Kaski and Taplejung. The most affected families from 160 VDCs will be provided with this support. Although the original number of proposed families was 2,000, based on a need of the affected people, the NRCS plans to support 2,500 families with construction materials. Details will be published in the form of an appeal revision.

Some of the districts like Banke have initiated preliminary activities to procure supplies required for construction. The other districts are planning to initiate procurement activities too. The budget will be transferred to the district chapters very soon.

Objective 4: A potential outbreak of communicable diseases is prevented through restoration of community water sources and preventive health activities, such as raising awareness about water sanitation and hygiene.

Beneficiaries from only four districts, viz. Mahottari, Dhanusa, Kailali and Kaski, have been selected for this support. Preparation work continues for this support. In the meantime, some affected districts like Kailali, Siraha, Mahottari, Udaypur, Baglung and Rautahat have operated mobile health clinics to provide immediate health services to the people affected by diarrhoea and other water borne diseases.

Objective 5: The communities' exposures to risks of disasters are reduced, and the capacity of the communities and the NRCS to respond to future disasters is enhanced.

NRCS is planning to provide District Disaster Response Team trainings in Taplejung, Rautahat, Bara and Parsa districts, to enhance their capacity to respond to future disasters. Curriculum and teaching materials have already been developed for that. The preliminary activities have been started.

A financial and administrative guideline has been developed by the NRCS headquarters and circulated to all concerned district branches to assist in the proper implementation of recovery activities under objectives 2, 3, 4, and 5. [<click here to go to the full recovery plan>](#)

Objective 6: Families separated by the flood have re-established contact.

No activities have been carried out as the need has not arisen.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The NRCS' communications department has a continued information sharing through the media, including print, electronic and online media, at the national and international level. Photographs, stories and geographical maps have been posted in the NRCS website ([see www.nrsc.org](http://www.nrsc.org)). Similarly, situation and response updates have been regularly shared with stakeholders.

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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Distribution Table

S No	District	Total affected families	NFRI distributed families without tarpaulin	Tarpaulin	Hygiene Kit	No. of people benefited by mobile health clinic	Staple Food (families)	Food (RTEF (families)	Water Purification Chemicals	Remark
1	Kailali	6006	857	857	948	6000	4098	6185	7500	Completed
2	Banke	7033	1450	1570	135	-	5497	15551	1804	Completed
3	Bardiya	8329	2377	1673	1007	-	4314	8492	12912	Completed
4	Rautahat	4598	1555	1855	-	-	1772	1555	-	Completed
5	Siraha	10080	4262	4237	-	1145	2915	3459	1617	Completed
6	Saptari	11846	1350	3645	-	-	3997	2815	-	Completed
7	Mahottari	9609	350	3974	-	200	3970	600	-	Completed
8	Dhanusa	20852	496	3334	100	-	4619	7566	5500	Completed
9	Sunsari	2175	78	553	200	-	-	2175	1000	
10	Dang	150	100	100	-	-	17	-	-	Completed
11	Sarlahi	8980	412	752	-	-	2127	816	816	NFRI & Food distribution ongoing
12	Morang	823	206	206	-	-	-	626	-	Completed
13	Bara	1462	50	1100	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
14	Parbat	86	180	215	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
15	Ramecchap	247	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
16	Jahapa	229	128	125	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
17	Kalikot	137	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
18	Kaski	396	375	375	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
19	Bajura	62	100	39	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
20	Syangja	122	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
21	Udaypur	1372	1300	1300	200	1500	-	200	-	Completed
22	Salyan	94	69	69	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
23	Dadeldhura	128	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	Completed

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24	Surkhet	63	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
25	Khotang	224	200	200	-	-		-	-	Completed
26	Panchthar	254	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
27	Dhading	132	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
28	Arghakhachi	477	250	240	-	-		-	-	Completed
29	Baitadi	250	200	200	-	-		-	-	Completed
30	Darchula	110	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
31	Mugu	50	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
32	Sindhuli	545	365	265	-	-		-	-	Completed
33	Kavre	375	300	300	-	-		-	-	Completed
34	Chitwan	594	300	300	-	-		150	-	Completed
35	Mustang	15	15	15	-	-		-	-	Completed
36	Bhojpur	225	225	525	-	-		-	-	Completed
37	Accham	62	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
38	Pyuthan	85	64	64	-	-		-	-	Completed
39	Palpa	NA	125	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
40	Parsa	2387	200	799	-	-	1528	-	-	Completed
41	Nawalaparasi	2089	225	379	-	-		15	-	Completed
42	Baglung	68	156	108	-	2000		91	-	Completed
43	Jajarkot	10	125	125	-	-		-	-	Completed
44	Gulmi	43	321	273	-	-		6	-	Completed
45	Rupendehi	1777	450	1420	-	-		2296	-	Completed
46	Kapilvastu	1416	1425	795	-	-		-	-	Completed
47	Doti	70	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
48	Tanahu	50	25	25	-	-		-	-	Completed
49	Lamjung	85	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
50	Nuwakot	203	150	150	-	-		-	-	Completed
51	Lalitpur	150	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
52	Bhaktapur	75	50	75	-	-		-	-	Completed

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53	Sindhupalchowk	77	50	50	-	-		-	-	Completed
54	Rolpa	82	50	50				-	-	Completed
55	Dailekh	52	25	25	-	-		-	-	Completed
56	Dhankutta	147	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
57	Myagdi	133	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
58	Okhaldhunga	129	100	100	-	-		-	-	Completed
59	Rukum	41	41	41						
60	Dolakha	7	7	7						Completed
61	Sankhuwasabha	30	30	30						Completed
62	Makwanpur	17	17	17						Completed
63	Bajang	37	37	37						Completed
64	Dolpa	50	50	50						Completed
65	Solakhumbu	125	100	100						Completed
Distribution during the period 9 Nov-11 Dec		-	782	556	-		-	-		
Distribution during previous period		-	21941	33638	2590	10845	-	-	31149	
Total Distribution:		107627	22723	34194	2590	10845	34854	52598	31149	

NFRI – Non-food relief items
RTEF – Ready to eat food items

Donor response to MDRNP001 - Nepal - Floods

TIMEFRAME: 03 Aug 07 to 08 Aug 08

LOCATION: Nepal

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT:	2,006,481
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	2,518,067
APPEAL COVERAGE TO DATE:	125%

Updated on: 31 Jan 2008

Currency	Amount	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Total
		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
BUDGET			2,006,481				2,006,481

FUNDING
Opening Balance
Income
Cash contributions (received and pledged)

American Red Cross	USD	50,000		60,150			60,150
Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)	AUD	454,720		466,222			466,222
Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)	EUR	100,110		166,483			166,483
British Red Cross	GBP	42,500		102,850			102,850
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	CAD	150,000		170,550			170,550
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	CHF	207,750		207,750			207,750
Finnish Red Cross	EUR	80,000		131,520			131,520
Japanese Red Cross	USD	80,000		96,240			96,240
Liechtenstein Red Cross	CHF	3,333		3,333			3,333
Monaco Red Cross	EUR	15,000		24,865			24,865
Netherlands Red Cross	EUR	40,000		65,760			65,760
New York Office (from Western Union Foundation)	USD	33,333		37,833			37,833
Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)	NOK	2,000,000		430,000			430,000
On Line donations	CHF	702		702			702
Singapore Red Cross	SGD	1,113		863			863
Singapore Red Cross (from Singapore Government)	SGD	30,902		23,958			23,958
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	SEK	2,000,000		359,000			359,000
Switzerland - Private Donors	USD	1,500		1,806			1,806
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	CHF	2,000		2,000			2,000
Total Cash contributions				2,351,885			2,351,885

Inkind Goods & Transport (pledged)

Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)	EUR	100,110		166,183			166,183
Total Inkind Goods & Transport				166,183			166,183



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		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
BUDGET			2,006,481				2,006,481
FUNDING							
<u>Opening Balance</u>							
<u>Income</u>							
<u>Total Income</u>			2,518,067				2,518,067
TOTAL FUNDING		0	2,518,067	0	0	0	2,518,067
COVERAGE			125%				125%