

Operations update



Nepal: Floods & Landslides

Emergency appeal n° MDRNP001
GLIDE n° FF-2007-000117-NPL
Operations update n° 07
27 March 2008

Period covered by this Ops Update: 1 to 29 February 2008.

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:

- A preliminary appeal was launched 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.
- The 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 for one year.



A woman in Mahottari district uses a tube-well renovated with Nepal Red Cross support.

Summary:

As part of its early recovery activities, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has completed the distribution of seeds to more than 9,000 of the planned 15,000 affected families in 12 districts of the country. The distribution of agricultural tools to the same number of families continues but is slightly behind schedule due to delays in the supply of tools by the vendor. So far 5,000 families have received the tools. The distribution under livelihood support has enabled families to restart their agricultural activities. Under shelter support, NRCS' district branches continue to prepare and send detailed estimates to NRCS headquarters for their support. Activities planned under the Danish Red Cross / European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) support, within the appeal framework, have been completed, supporting the distribution of seeds and tools to 5,000 families (of the total 15,000 families) and material support for the cleaning/renovation of 114 community water resources. Work has also been completed on mitigation and risk reduction in two districts.

The NRCS/Federation have revised the appeal to reflect the needs in the field and the incoming funds. The revised appeal will be shared within a few days.

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 almost 107,627 families were affected, out of which more than 25,000 families were displaced. More than 75,000 houses, public infrastructure and thousands of hectares of farmland were damaged or destroyed due to the disaster.

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, which meant rescue and relief work was difficult during the initial period. Moreover, there were cases of re-flooding which caused hindrances to the otherwise efficient and timely response. The Nepal government gave the NRCS primary responsibility for relief distributions 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 tarpaulins and ready to-eat food, which were collected or procured locally with the support of the government. For the first four months, NRCS has provided 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 with the support of the Federation, Movement partners like International Committee of the Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Belgian Red Cross and Hong Kong Red Cross, as well as non-Movement partners.

The security situation in the programme districts remained unfavourable during the month of February. Almost all the programme districts are in the terai region where political tension due to strikes and other agitations continued during this month. Although, in general, the NRCS had no restriction on movement, it was difficult to transport goods due to a complete closure/strike for more than two weeks. This also affected the regular monitoring of the operation.

Coordination and partnerships

The emergency appeal is a joint initiative of Movement partners in Nepal and is being implemented accordingly, with the NRCS taking the lead. Cooperation and coordination meetings, which have already proven to be an effective mechanism for Movement coordination in Nepal, will continue on a regular basis. The Danish Red Cross, with a delegation in Nepal, applied for ECHO funds and closely coordinated with the Federation during the course of the application. During this reporting period, the Movement has been represented in 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. Coordination with all stakeholders is taking place on a regular basis either through coordination meetings or through bilateral discussions with partners. 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 the Movement partners for non-food relief items.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

Recovery work in the selected 13 districts of the country continues. The NRCS' district branches in the programme districts mostly concentrated on the distribution of seeds and tools and have provided detailed estimates and plans for shelter support to NRCS headquarters.

Of the planned activities under recovery support, distribution of seeds and tools to the families which have lost all means of livelihood has taken place. So far, more than 9,000 families have received this support. The 5,000 families planned to be provided with livelihood support under the Danish Red Cross/ECHO support have received both seeds and tools. Tools for the rest of the families are being purchased and will be distributed as soon as they are supplied to the NRCS by the supplier.

The NRCS headquarters has committed NRS 38 million (CHF 588,875 or USD 591,900 or EUR 374,859) to non-food relief item kits' suppliers who have started the process of supplying kits for the replenishment and positioning of stocks. Similarly, out of NRS 49 million (CHF 758,283 or USD 763,240 or EUR 482,783) allocated for the recovery programme, the national society has transferred NRS 24.5 million (CHF 379,014 or USD 381,620 or EUR 241,250) to its district branches.

Having completed the detailed assessment for the shelter renovation support, district branches, together with beneficiaries, are now preparing detailed estimates for this support based on individual needs. Some of the districts have already sent the detailed estimates to NRCS headquarters. The NRCS branches are also continuing to support the cleaning and renovation of water sources. The district chapters have followed the recovery guidelines in the entire process of beneficiary selection and identification of materials for support.

The activities supported by ECHO/ Danish Red Cross, to compliment the NRCS/Federation efforts, have been completed supporting the distribution of seeds and tools to 5,000 families in five districts , viz. Udaypur, Siraha, Banke, Bardiya, and Kailali. Similarly, 114 community water sources have been supported under this funding. Communities in two districts, Udaypur and Bardiya, have been supported in mitigation and this work has already been completed.

The strikes called by different agitating groups in the programme districts affected the transportation of goods during the month of February. This resulted in a slow delivery of goods to the district branches and the communities. Some of the programme districts like Rautahat, Parsa, Siraha and Mahottari mobilised first aid teams during the agitations in the districts, which provided first aid services to more than 200 wounded people during the demonstrations. However, with the strikes by major political parties called off in the programme districts, it is expected that the planned activities will be implemented at a faster pace by the district branches.

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.

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

Emergency relief distribution ended in December 2007. Please click here for the detailed list of beneficiaries and distributed items ([Annex 1](#)).

Phase 2 – Early Recovery Activities

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

Progress:

Seeds packages have been distributed to 5,000 new families during the reporting period, making a total of 9,000 families which have received the support. Similarly 5,000 families have already received the tools support. Of the 9,000 families, 5,000 families have been provided the support under the ECHO/Danish Red Cross support within the appeal framework. NRCS district branches are distributing seeds packages to the rest of the identified families. This distribution is expected to be completed within the month of March. However, tools distribution to 10,000 families will start only after the goods are supplied to the NRCS , within the next few weeks. The families that have received the support have started cultivating kitchen gardens, which they hope will start giving a produce within a month to meet their vegetable needs.

Challenges:

Despite the plan to distribute agricultural tools to the selected communities earlier, 10,000 families have yet to receive the support. The NRCS has not been able to manage the distribution since the procurement procedure took longer than expected. However, with the situation now returning to normal and the supplier already identified, it is expected that the tools will be distributed soon.

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.

Progress:

Having identified the beneficiaries and sent their list to NRCS headquarters, the selected district branches are now preparing the detailed estimate of requirements within the given budget of NRS 15,000 per family (CHF 233 or USD 234 or EUR 149). Seven of the planned 13 districts, viz. Parsa, Siraha, Kaski, Banke, Udaypur, Rautahat and Taplejung, have already sent the estimate to NRCS headquarters. In most of the 13 planned districts preparatory work is going on, while in districts like Banke and Mahottari the construction of cement poles is continuing to support the renovation/construction of houses.

In Banke district, where the NRCS is participating in the relocation support to a community, the NRCS' Banke chapter has started distributing cement poles, constructed at the same site, to the beneficiaries and supporting them for the construction of houses. A total of 144 families are receiving the cement pillars and beams along with technical support from the NRCS for the construction of houses in the relocated village of Hejarat.

Challenges:

Some district branches were involved more in the distribution of seeds and tools during the reporting period. Due to the given timeframe to complete activities under the ECHO/Danish Red Cross support, some of the districts had to prioritize other activities. Some districts even mobilized first aid teams during this reporting period. However, with the activities almost completed, the district chapters are now involved more in shelter support preparation.

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.

Progress:

The NRCS has finalised the list of beneficiary communities and families to be supported with water source renovation. A total of 350 water sources will be cleaned/renovated, mostly in the five affected districts of Siraha, Mahottari, Kaski, Sarlahi, and Kailali. Of the water sources, material and other supports have already been provided to clean/renovate 114 water sources in Sarlahi, Mahottari and Kailali districts under ECHO/Danish Red Cross support. In addition to this, 221 water sources are being supported for cleaning and renovation under the appeal. Another 10 water sources in Mahottari are supported by Water Aid, and five sources in different districts by UNFPA. So far, 10 water sources in Mahottari and 29 in Sarlahi have been completed. Support to the rest of the sources continues. The district branches are planning and purchasing goods and distributing these to the communities.

Challenges:

There are no challenges at the implementation level. However, due to the restriction of free movement, as mentioned above, in most of the programme districts during this period, the delivery of goods was affected. With the situation now improving, things are expected to continue smoothly.

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.

Progress:

As already reported in the previous update, nine districts have already organized district disaster response team (DDRT) trainings, covering 249 people. These skilled people have been added to the pool of earlier DDRT trained 700 people. The NRCS has transferred NRS 2.3 million (CHF 35,674 or USD 35,881 or EUR 22,721) to nine different locations for warehouse strengthening, which reflects another activity under this emergency appeal. In addition to this, seven communities in Udayapur and Bardiya have been supported in mitigation under the ECHO/Danish Red Cross support.

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 communications department of the NRCS has a continued information sharing mechanism through the media, including print, electronic and online media, at national and international level. Photographs, stories and geographical maps have been posted in the NRCS website (see www.nrscs.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	Nawalparasi	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

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
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	Solakhambu	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

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2008/2
Budget Timeframe	2007/1-2008/12
Appeal	MDRNP001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		2,006,481				2,006,481
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Cash contributions						
American Red Cross		60,150				60,150
Australian Red Cross (from Australian Government)		466,222				466,222
British Red Cross		102,850				102,850
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)		170,550				170,550
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)		207,750				207,750
Finnish Red Cross		131,520				131,520
Japanese Red Cross		96,240				96,240
Liechtenstein Red Cross		3,333				3,333
Monaco Red Cross		24,865				24,865
Netherlands Red Cross		65,760				65,760
Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)		430,000				430,000
On Line donations		702				702
Singapore Red Cross		863				863
Singapore Red Cross (from Singapore Government)		23,958				23,958
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)		359,000				359,000
Switzerland - Private Donors		1,806				1,806
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief		2,000				2,000
C1. Cash contributions		2,147,569				2,147,569
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Belgium Red Cross (Flanders)		160,176				160,176
New York Office (from Western Union Foundation)		35,000				35,000
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		195,176				195,176
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		2,342,745				2,342,745
D. Total Funding = B + C		2,342,745				2,342,745
Appeal Coverage		117%				117%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		2,342,745				2,342,745
E. Expenditure		-847,338				-847,338
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		1,495,407				1,495,407

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		2,006,481					2,006,481	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	221,400						221,400	
Construction Materials	619,930						619,930	
Clothing & textiles	328,780						328,780	
Seeds,Plants	138,380						138,380	
Utensils & Tools	142,070						142,070	
Other Supplies & Services	143,540						143,540	
Total Supplies	1,594,100						1,594,100	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	4,430						4,430	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	920						920	
Others Machinery & Equipment	2,950						2,950	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	8,300						8,300	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	3,690						3,690	
Distribution & Monitoring	9,840		23,066			23,066	-13,226	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	73,600		367			367	73,233	
Total Transport & Storage	87,130		23,433			23,433	63,697	
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	30,000						30,000	
National Staff	4,980		280			280	4,700	
National Society Staff	43,920						43,920	
Consultants			1,037			1,037	-1,037	
Total Personnel	78,900		1,316			1,316	77,584	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	13,840						13,840	
Total Workshops & Training	13,840						13,840	
General Expenditure								
Travel	3,690		1,844			1,844	1,846	
Information & Public Relation	12,910		943			943	11,967	
Office Costs	9,470						9,470	
Communications	4,980		579			579	4,401	
Professional Fees	3,690						3,690	
Financial Charges	1,851		19,255			19,255	-17,405	
Other General Expenses	57,200						57,200	
Total General Expenditure	93,790		22,620			22,620	71,170	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			744,892			744,892	-744,892	
Total Contributions & Transfers			744,892			744,892	-744,892	
Programme Support								
Program Support	130,421		55,077			55,077	75,344	
Total Programme Support	130,421		55,077			55,077	75,344	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,006,481		847,338			847,338	1,159,144	
VARIANCE (C - D)			1,159,144			1,159,144		