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In Brief

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Floods and landslides caused by heavy rains have adversely affected 16 districts of western Nepal over the past week. The floods/landslides have claimed 45 lives, displaced 973 families and affected about 68,992 people. Many parts of the flood-affected districts of Banke, Bardiya, Nawalparasi and Kailali continue to be inundated. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), in coordination with the government, UN and local and international NGOs, has been involved in preliminary assessment of the situation, along with rescue and relief operations.

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The Situation

Heavy monsoon rains leading to floods and landslides, over the past week, have adversely affected 16 districts in western Nepal, causing loss of lives and destruction of property. To date 45 people have died, 66 people are missing and 973 families have been displaced. It is difficult to assess the exact number of missing, as certain areas are still inaccessible. In total, about 68,992 people have been affected.

Many parts of the flood-affected districts of Banke, Bardiya, Nawalparasi and Kailali are still submerged under water, which has been a constraint to response work, with helicopters being the only means of accessing these areas. The situation in other districts has settled down.

Banke

According to the latest assessment report, the floods have left 5 people dead, 63 people missing and 406 families displaced. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has estimated that about 33,725 people have been affected in the district. There has also been a huge loss of property and 67 houses have been completely destroyed. There is a need for safe drinking water and medicines in the affected areas.

Bardiya

The floods have affected almost a half the district. It is reported that so far 4 people have died, 3 people are missing and 554 families have been displaced. About 29,743 people have been affected. Water borne diseases such as diarrhoea and dysentery have also emerged in some of affected areas.

Achham

The number of deaths due to landslides in the district has increased to 6 and the number of people injured to 8. A total of 150 families have been displaced. About 800 people are in need of safe drinking water, food, shelter and medicine.

Nawalparasi

The floods have killed 3 people and displaced 25 families in the district. A total of about 1,566 people have been affected and 47 houses have been fully destroyed. According to the assessment report received from the NRCS district chapter, there is a need for non-food relief items as well as emergency medicine in the affected areas.

Kailali

The flood has affected 2,674 people in the district, completely destroyed 213 houses and inundated 1,400 hectares of cultivated land. A detailed need assessment is being carried out in the affected areas.

District level coordination meetings among concerned stakeholders are ongoing to assess the situation and the resources needed to address the needs of the affected population. An assessment of the needs and a mapping of capacity and resources have been done for Banke and Bardiya districts. Efforts are underway to ensure coordination in terms of coordinated relief operation and non-duplication of resources. Resources are being managed locally to respond to the needs.

DFID (Community Support Programme) and NGOs like Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN), Save the Children Federation (United States) and CARE Nepal have pledged a total of Rs.2,773,000 for the procurement of food items for Banke and Bardiya districts. Similarly, UNICEF has pledged support of approximately Rs.4,100,000 for non-food items, sanitary kits and hygiene kits for about 600 families.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

NRCS, in coordination with the government, UN and local and international NGOs, has been involved in preliminary assessment of the situation, along with rescue and relief operations. These activities are being carried out through NRCS's district sub-chapters (18 sub-chapters in Banke district and 15 sub-chapters in Bardiya district).

The national society, with the support of the Federation and the International Committee of the Red Cross, has been assigned the lead role by the government's district disaster relief committee, for field level coordination in the affected districts. This includes coordinating the initial rapid needs assessments, with participation of the district development committee, and carrying out relief distributions of non-food items, dry food, food items (in conjunction with World Food Programme), water purification tablets and sanitation packs (in conjunction with UNICEF).

NRCS has deployed one of its national disaster response team (NDRT) members and four regional disaster response team (RDRT) members to further assess the situation in the most affected areas and provide support to the district chapters in responding to the situation.

In Banke, the district chapter has been regularly coordinating with other agencies like the UN, the government, chamber of commerce, RRN, Save the Children Fund and the regional Disaster Preparedness Network Nepal. NRCS has given food and non-food items to all the displaced people living in temporary shelters. At the Bardiya district chapter, a joint meeting of the government, local and international NGOs and NRCS was held to discuss the response situation in the district. All the participating agencies committed to provided support to NRCS, in cash and in kind, in order to address the immediate needs of the affected population. In Achham, NRCS has coordinated the procurement and supply of non-food items for the affected communities. The district chapter in Kailali is planning its relief operation.

NRCS has so far distributed the following food and non-food relief items in the affected districts:

Table: Relief items distributed in the most affected districts

District	Items distributed	Quantity
Banke	Beaten rice	23,060 kilos
	Crude sugar	8,766 kilos
	Instant noodles	435 packets
	Water	600 litres
	Plastic tarpaulin	200 pieces
	Blankets	40 pieces
Bardiya	Beaten rice	1,700 kilos
	Pulses	To 489 families in the evacuation centres
	Puffed rice	
	Family kits (non-food items)	400
	Water purification liquids (for Banke and Bardiya)	300 bottles
Achham	Rice	2,010 kilos
	Pulses	300 kilos
	Salt	108 kilos
	Edible oil	54 litres
	Non-food items	To 50 families
	Tarpaulin	100 pieces
Nawalparasi	Non-food items	10

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

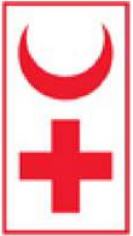
Global Agenda Goals:

- *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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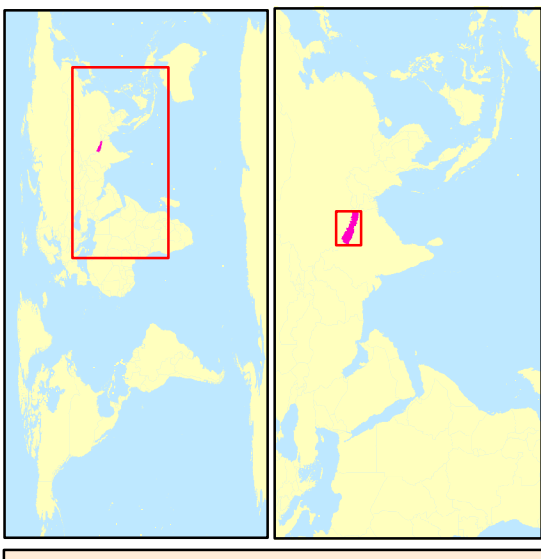
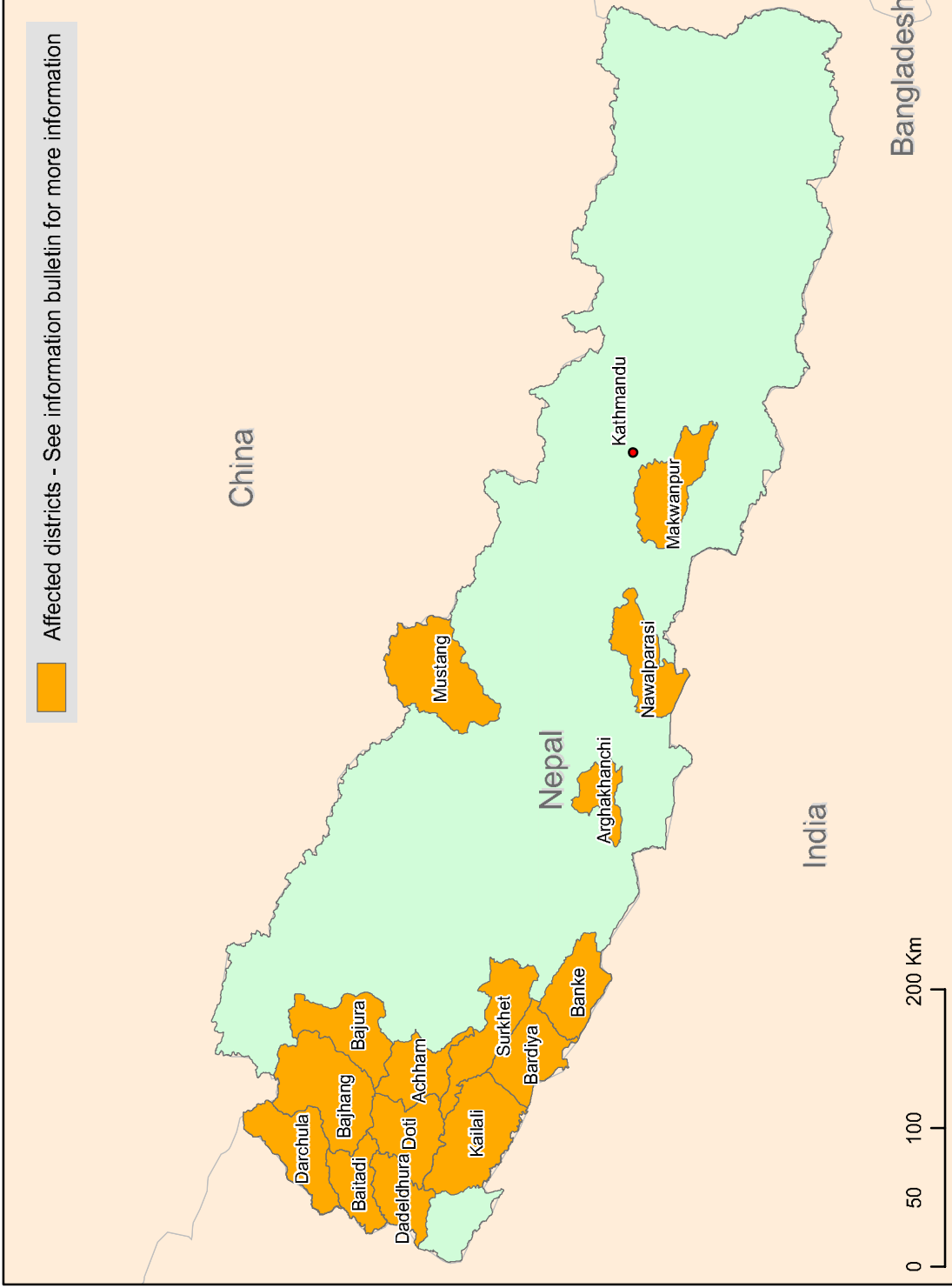
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