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Nepal: Floods and Landslides

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Floods and landslides caused by heavy monsoon rains since the last week of May 2013 hit 29 districts of Nepal. To date, a total of 59 people have died, 29 people injured and 2,079 families (approximately 12,474 people) are displaced due to the disaster.



A village in Bardiya district inundated by water. **Photo:** Nepal Red Cross Society.

Following the disaster, Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) district chapters and sub-chapters in the affected area are involved in the rapid assessment; light search and rescue and first aid service; and distribution of non-food relief items (NFR) to the needy families in all the affected districts. In addition, NRCS distributed water purifying agent, soap and rehydration solution to the families affected by floods in Kachanpur, Bardiya and Kailali districts, and hygiene kit and water storing buckets in Bardiya and Kailali districts.

The situation

Intermittent heavy downpours starting from the last week of May has caused floods and landslides in 29 districts of Nepal. So far, the disasters have left 59 people dead, injured 29 people and displaced 2,079 families (approximately 12, 474 people) (district-wise, the situation is summarized in table 1) and destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property.

Recently, the intense rain on 9-11 July caused heavy flooding in ten districts in the southern plains of Nepal. Of the ten, Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, Saptari and Rautahat are highly affected. Ten people have died while over 719 families (over 4,314 people) are displaced due to the recent floods. Floods have affected 14 village development committees (VDCs) and two municipalities of Jhapa district. Altogether 295 families have been displaced due to water logging problem surrounding their locality in the district. The displaced families are living at schools, safe areas (higher land) and with their relatives and neighbours who are living away from the flooded areas.

The water level in the Koshi river has exceeded by 0.09 metres than the warning level (5.60 metres) (source: Department of Hydrology and Meteorology). The river has bordered Sunsari and Saptari districts. Likewise, the floods from Triyuga river caused inundation in several VDCs and municipal areas in Udayapur district and breach on the embankment of Lalbakaia river caused heavy inundation in Gaur municipality of Rautahat district. The security forces have immediately mobilized in protecting the further damages in the embankment which is now under control. The water level has started to recede in the flooded area.

Similarly, Dudaura Bridge on the East-West Highway located in Bara district has been damaged and transport has completely disturbed. All the vehicles are moving through temporary diversion.

Additionally, there were massive floods and landslides in 17 districts throughout the country due to intermittent early monsoon since the last week of May to the end of June. A total of 49 people were reported dead, 23 people injured, and more than 4,511 families (27,066 people) were affected, of which 1,360 families (8,160 people) were displaced from their original locations, especially in the far and mid-western regions of the country. In terms of losses, Darchula, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Bardiya, Baitadi and Kalikot districts are highly affected. The situation is being normalized in these places. Detailed assessments are on-going in the affected district. The Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee (CNDRC) meeting led by the Ministry of Home Affairs held on 16 June 2013 has decided to provide NPR 5,000,000 (approximately CHF 46,121) to each of Darchula and Kanchapur district for response operation.

The intense rainfall on 9 July 2013 resulted in huge devastation of physical infrastructure as well as human loss in the central and eastern regions of the country. The CNDRC meetings held on 10 and 11 July 2013 decided to deploy two task forces with representation from concerned line ministries and NRCS. The purpose of forming the task forces was to carry out a monitoring visit to the flood affected areas for assessing devastation and role being played by District Disaster Response Team (DDRT) in responding to the situation and recommend actions to be taken by concerned line ministries.

Table: Summary of situation covering 25 May to 18 July 2013

| S N | Districts | People | | | No. of Displaced Families | No. of Affected Families | No. of Houses destroyed | | Relief distribution by NRCS | | | Remarks |
|-----|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | | Dead | Missing | Injured | | | Fully | Partially | NF RI Full set | Tarpaulin and Blankets only | Tarpaulin only | |
| 1 | Rautahat | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | 29 | 2 | 27 | - | - | - | Flood on 9- 10 July |
| 2 | Jhapa | 3 | - | - | 347 | 489 | 214 | 193 | 65 | - | 39 | |
| 3 | Morang | 1 | - | 1 | 224 | 2,030 | 51 | 1,979 | 5 | - | 30 | |
| 4 | Sunsari | - | - | - | 42 | 42 | 42 | - | 42 | - | - | |
| 5 | Saptari | - | - | - | 95 | 240 | 95 | 145 | - | - | - | |
| 6 | Rolpa | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | Landslide on 9 July |
| 7 | Udayapur | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Flood on 9 July |

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|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 | Dang | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 9 | Pyuthan | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | landslide on 9 July |
| 10 | Nawalparasi | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Flood on 11 July |
| Sub total | | 10 | 1 | 6 | 719 | 2,839 | 413 | 2,344 | 117 | - | 69 | |
| 11 | Mustang | 1 | - | - | 13 | 13 | 13 | - | - | - | - | Flood and landslide in June |
| 12 | Bajhang | 2 | 1 | - | 32 | 35 | 32 | 3 | 12 | - | 20 | |
| 13 | Doti | 2 | - | - | 9 | 9 | 9 | - | 9 | - | - | |
| 14 | Kailali | - | - | - | 143 | 1,910 | 137 | 825 | 226 | - | 90 | |
| 15 | Bardia | - | - | - | 96 | 879 | 96 | 783 | 141 | - | 9 | |
| 16 | Dailekh | 7 | - | - | 102 | 110 | 35 | 75 | 52 | - | - | |
| 17 | Kalikot | 6 | 11 | 5 | 28 | 328 | 28 | - | 37 | 20 | - | |
| 18 | Achham | 2 | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | |
| 19 | Dadheldhura | - | 1 | 1 | 53 | 72 | 53 | 19 | 52 | - | 5 | |
| 20 | Baitadi | 5 | - | 4 | 150 | 263 | 166 | 97 | 54 | - | - | |
| 21 | Darchula | 3 | - | 2 | 467 | 489 | 155 | 174 | 61 | 228 | 46 | |
| 22 | Kanchanpur | 3 | - | 3 | 232 | 332 | 100 | 200 | 154 | - | - | |
| 23 | Humla | 4 | - | - | 17 | 38 | 22 | 16 | 10 | - | - | |
| 24 | Okhaldhunga | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 25 | Sindhuli | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 0 | - | - | |
| 26 | Taplejung | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | | | |
| 27 | Dhankuta | 2 | - | - | 9 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 4 | - | 1 | |
| 28 | Kathmandu | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | | | Landslide in May ^a |
| 29 | Solukhumbu | - | - | - | 2 | 9 | 2 | - | - | | | |
| Sub total | | 49 | 16 | 23 | 1,360 | 4,511 | 862 | 2,200 | 814 | 248 | 171 | |
| Total | | 59 | 17 | 29 | 2,079 | 7,350 | 1,275 | 4,544 | 931 | 248 | 240 | |

Source: NRCS district chapters.

^aNRCS engaged with search and rescue. In Solukhumbu, further risk of landslide, local government has been seeking land for relocation.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The NRCS chapters (district branches) in the affected districts have been taking proactive roles in responding the situation. The district chapters have organized emergency meeting for staff and volunteers, and mobilized around 400 volunteers including DDRC, community action for disaster response team and first aid team to the affected areas. These responders have closely coordinated and with the government/district disaster relief committee in conducting rapid assessments and relief distribution. Besides, they have worked together with security forces in searching, rescuing and evacuating people from the affected and vulnerable areas.



A Nepal Red Cross Society staff member distributing non-food relief item kits to the families displaced by floods in Jhapa district. **Photo:** Nepal Red Cross Society.

So far, the National Society has provided non-food relief item (NFRI) kits to 931 families; tarpaulins and blankets to an additional 248 families; and tarpaulins to 240 additional families displaced by floods/landslides in the affected districts. Morang district has also distributed 156 mattresses. Additionally, some district chapters and sub-chapters have distributed ready-to-eat-food particularly beaten rice, biscuits and noodles to the displaced families.

Likewise, the NRCS headquarters activated its emergency operation centre to coordinate response operation being carried out at district level. The national headquarters organized an emergency meeting for staff working in disaster and crisis management and immediately took the necessary actions to coordinate the response operation in accordance with the National Society's monsoon preparedness plan prepared in May 2013. The disaster management department has suspended its headquarters level development work for some period and assigned programme staff in collecting information from the field, preparing consolidated situation report and sharing with national as well as international level stakeholders on daily basis, coordinating with respective district chapters, and supplying non-food relief items to the district chapters. The national headquarters has been preparing situation reports and sharing with all concerned stakeholders on a daily basis.

In addition, the national headquarters has been coordinating with Ministry of Home Affairs and taking part in CNDRC meeting regularly. NRCS sent 20 NFRI sets, 400 blankets, and 400 tarpaulins to Darchula by helicopter managed by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Likewise, NRCS has sent 20 NFRI sets to Kalikot by helicopter. In addition, the national headquarters, through regional warehouse in Kathmandu, has been providing NFRI sets to the district chapters as per their need.

Similarly, with the support of UNICEF, NRCS headquarters has provided 1,000 sets of hygiene kits with the same number of buckets (10 and 20 litres) and mugs (1 and 2 litres) in Bardiya district and 500 pieces of each material to Kailali district. NRCS headquarters has also supported 10,000 bottles of water guard (120 ml Chlorine solution/bottle), 20,000 pieces of soap and 10,000 pieces of oral rehydration solution for distribution in Bardiy, Kathmandu and Kailali districts with the support of Belgian Red Cross – Flanders.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) country office has been monitoring the situation closely and participating in the different coordination meetings organized by NRCS. NRCS/IFRC country office has also been actively sharing/updating information through the emergency shelter cluster with the government lead and humanitarian agencies involved in the disaster.

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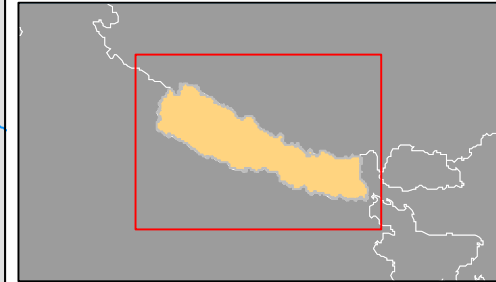
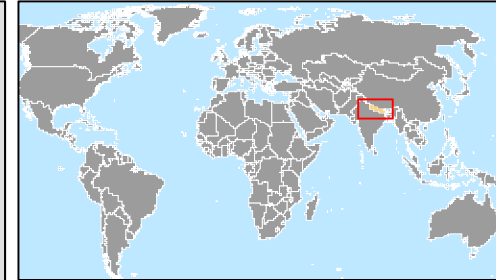
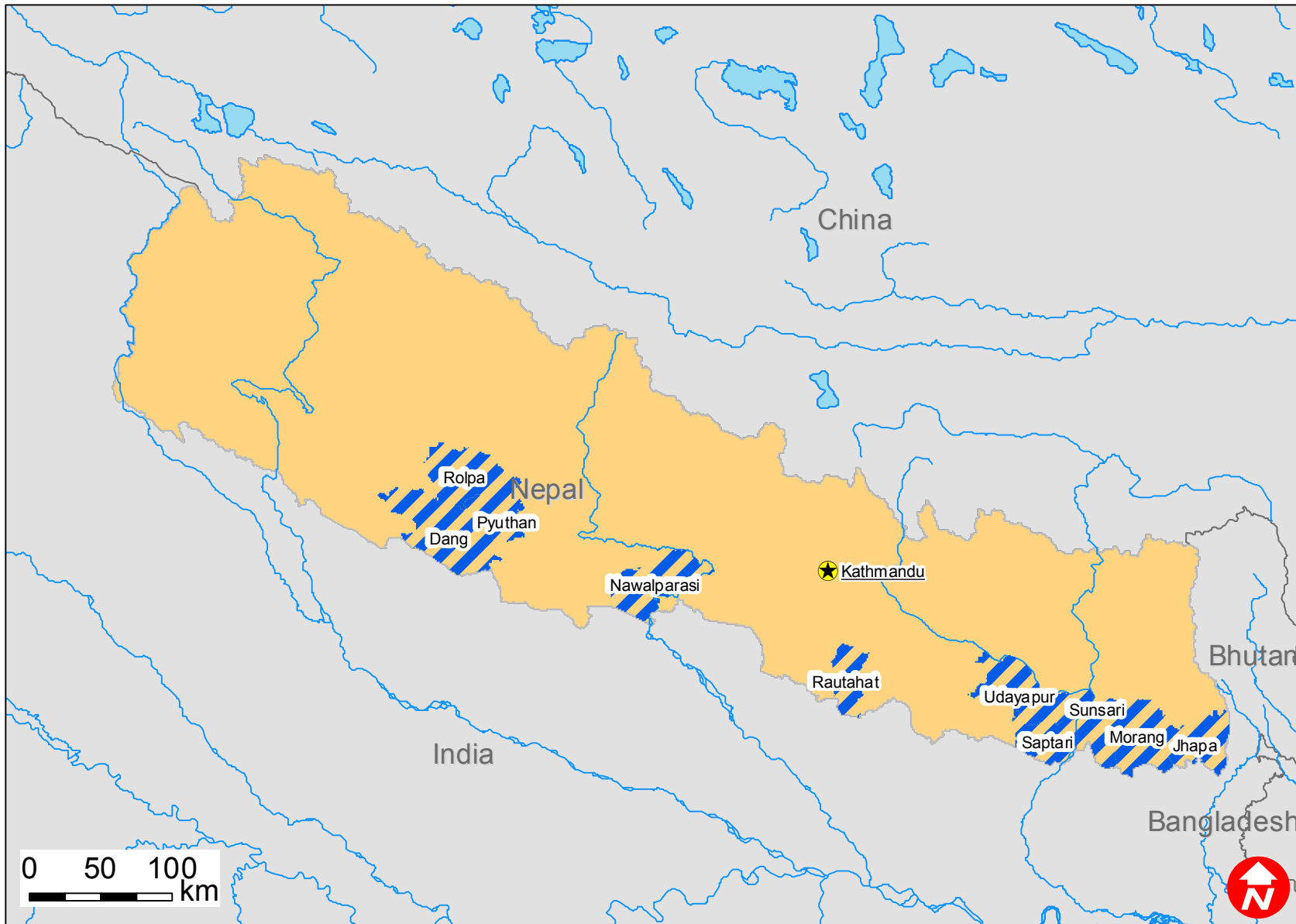



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