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## NEPAL: FLOODS & LANDSLIDES

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### In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. It follows Information Bulletin no. 01/2007 released on 30 July 2007.

CHF 250,000 has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to replenish disaster preparedness stocks distributed to the affected population by the Nepal Red Cross Society. The operation is expected to be implemented over five months and will be completed by 31 December 2007. A Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

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### Background and current situation



Floods in Nepalganj, Banke District. Federation

Torrential monsoon rains from 10 July 2007 caused landslides in the hilly parts of Nepal as well as severe flooding in the southern plains of the country. Preliminary assessments by Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) district chapters indicate that 48,000 families or approximately 266,000 people in 32 districts are affected by the disaster. ([Click here for attached map of the disaster areas and more details.](#))

So far, 83 people have died, 48 have been injured and one person is missing as a result of the landslides and floods. More than 9,700 families were displaced and approximately 18,500 houses were either damaged or destroyed by the floods. Many of those affected are seeking shelter in public buildings, on open streets or in the

homes of relatives. The most severely hit districts are: Kalilali (Far Western Region), Banke and Bardiya (Mid Western Region), Dhanusa, Mahottari Parsa, Siraha and Saptari (Central Terai Districts).

In the Central Terai districts, the floods affected approximately 151,000 people from 244 villages. Thirteen people have died and 6 were injured. More than 15,000 houses have been damaged while a number were completely destroyed. Food stocks and livelihoods were also lost. With more than 64,500 people affected, the district of Dhanusa is the worst hit.

In the Far and Mid Western Districts of Kalilal, Banke and Bardiya, 81,000 people are affected by floods. Eight people died while five were injured and one person is missing. The Banke district capital of Nepalgunj has been under water for several days. Several hundred affected people have been moved to safe places like schools or public buildings. However, communities located along the Rapti River remain at high risk and some of them are inaccessible.

Assessment, relief and rescue operations have been hampered in several of the affected areas as communication systems are down and transportation networks have been affected or destroyed. Some areas remain inaccessible due to ongoing and heavy rainfalls. The Nepal Army and UNMIN (United Nations Mission in Nepal) are using helicopters to assess the situation, rescue affected people and transport ready-to-eat food items.

Due to the problem of water-logging, outbreaks of diarrhoea and viral infections have arisen in some districts, like Rautahat and Ramechhap. Several outbreaks of cholera and pneumonia have also been reported. The WHO has suggested however, that these outbreaks are not necessarily caused by the floods and could be a result of the rainy season in general. Whatever the case, the situation will be closely monitored.

While heavy rains have mostly stopped in the Far and Mid Western regions, and flood water level continues to recede, rainfall has continued in the Central Terai Districts, hampering detailed assessments of the situation. According to the Meteorological Forecasting Division (MFD), rainfall so far this monsoon season was significantly higher compared to the same period last year. In Nepalgunj, rainfall in July 2006 was 420.8 mm, while it was 572.8 mm this July. More rain is expected to fall in the coming weeks as July marks only the beginning of the rainy season in Nepal, which is expected to last until mid-September.

[Click here for the attached Situation Monitoring Report and more details.](#)

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The national Central Disaster & Relief Committee at the Home Ministry and District Disaster Relief Committees are coordinating all relief activities. The NRCS is represented in all these committees and have been actively coordinating with local government authorities and other stakeholders to manage the relief operation in an efficient and effective way. The Government of Nepal has also appointed the NRCS as main interlocutor for the relief operation.

All NRCS networks for rescue and relief operations have been activated and all affected district chapters immediately mobilized their staff and volunteer teams to distribute food and non-food relief items (NFRI), such as clothes or plastic sheets, at the onset of the disaster. At present, approximately 1,000 NRCS volunteers are actively carrying out rescue and relief work in all 32 affected districts. Twelve technical disaster management staff from the NRCS headquarters have been deployed to carry out in-depth assessments and to support relief distributions in coordination with other local stakeholders. However, in districts like Dhanusa, this is being hampered due to ongoing heavy rainfalls, damaged infrastructure and the unstable security situation in the region.



Nepal Red Cross assessing the flood situation in Nepalgunj, Banke District. Federation

The NRCS headquarters also provided NRs 15,000 to each affected district chapter to allow them to mobilize their volunteers, coordinate relief activities, distribute relief goods and maintain communication. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been supporting the NRCS by providing staff and in-kind donations, as well as support in terms of security.

The NRCS are carrying out relief work and distributions with financial and in-kind support from the Government, UN Agencies and other organizations/institutions, and this is expected to continue in the next three months based on the needs of the affected population.

### **Food**

The floods devastated large areas of crops and destroyed essential food supplies for thousands of the affected people who are already living below the poverty line. Thus the distribution of food, focusing on dry food rations because of the absence of cooking facilities, is the main priority. Currently, the NRCS is distributing food for 150,000 people, in the form of beaten rice, noodles, dry food, salt and sugar which are provided by the World Food Programme and the Nepal Government;

### **Drinking Water/Health**

The provision of clean drinking water is essential to avoid outbreaks of water-borne diseases. The NRCS is providing drinking water for 13,000 families for 10 days. Water purification tables and hygiene parcels are provided by UNICEF.

### **Shelter**

The NRCS is also facilitating the provision of shelter in non-affected buildings such as schools. More than 9,700 families have been reportedly displaced. They have either found shelter with relatives or in public building, such as schools. The distribution of tarpaulin and plastic sheets to cover damaged houses and to provide improvised shelter is much needed. However, although there is a high demand for tarpaulins, there is a shortage in the local market. The NRCS is currently distributing tarpaulins from their own stock and has placed a purchase order for 5,000 additional tarpaulins from the local market.

In-depth assessments concerning the number of damaged and destroyed houses will be conducted once the water level has gone down. The Government has also announced a provision of NRs 10,000 to each affected family to help them rebuild their houses.

### **Non-Food Relief Items (NFRI)**

The NRCS has provided 5,000 NFRI kits for 25,000 of the affected population using their own disaster preparedness stocks and with the support of the ICRC, who provided 1,500 kits. Based on current assessments, the NRCS plans to distribute an additional 15,000 NFRI kits to the population in the upcoming three months.

Each NFRI kit includes:

- 1 tarpaulin
- 1 blanket
- 1 saree & 1 male dhoti
- kitchen utensils
- 5m jeans cloth, 6 m cotton cloth, 5 m print poplin

### **Budget**

The NFRI kits being distributed are currently taken from NRCS disaster preparedness stocks. These will need to be replenished to ensure the NRCS maintains its disaster preparedness capacity during the ongoing monsoon season. Each NFRI kit costs Nepali Rupees 3,300. The total costs for replenishment of 18,500 NFRI kits will amount to NRs. 61,050,000 or CHF 1,160,063.

Several partners have already made commitments to support the distribution and replenishment of NFRI kits. These partners include UNOCHA, USAID, Save the Children and others.

The NRCS is requesting CHF 250,000 from DREF for the:

- i) distribution and replenishment of parts of the NRCS's NFRI stock. The procurement of these stocks will follow Federation procedures; and
- ii) management costs for coordination, supervision and monitoring.

## 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 Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation's activities are aligned with under a 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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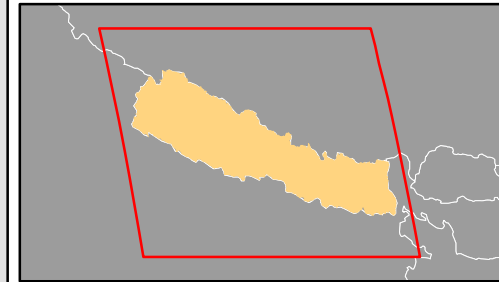
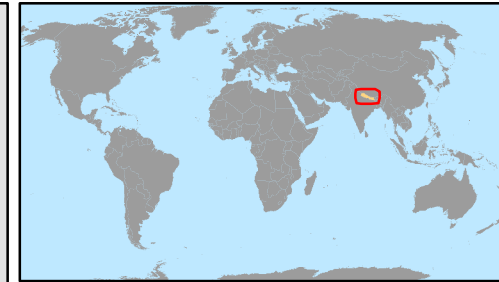
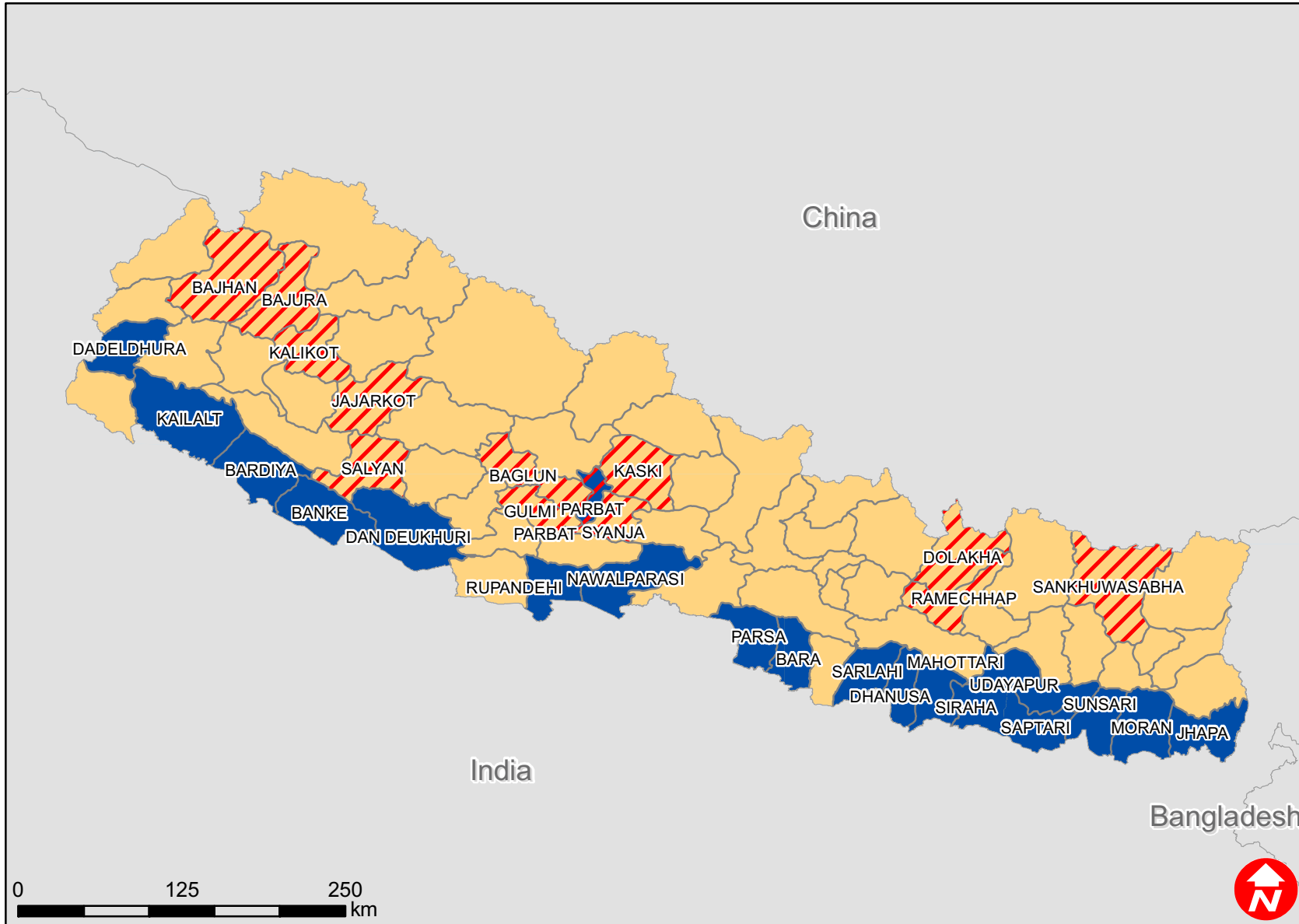
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## Situation Monitoring Report, Covering period :10th July-1 August, 2007

S. N.	District	Disaster type	Date of occurrence	Affected VDCs & Municipality	People			Displaced Families	Affected families	Affected population	House destroyed	
					Dead	Missing	Injured				Partially	Completely
1	Kailali	Flood	22 July, 2007	22 VDC	3	-	-	429	2,558	15,348	-	20
2	Bardiya	Flood	25 July, 2007	27 VDC	1	-	1	400	4,774	23,640	54	217
3	Banke	Flood	20 July, 2007	23 VDC	4	1	5	3,187	6,311	42,000	110	85
4	Parsa	Flood	22 July, 2007	53 VDC	2	-	-	-	2,000	12,000	16	89
5	Bara	Flood	20 July, 2007	21 VDC	-	-	-	-	201	912	-	130
		Flood	17 July, 2007	26 VDC	1	-	-	-	750	4,500	-	-
		Landslide	27 July, 2007	1 VDC	-	-	-	13	-	-	11	4
7	Siraha	Flood	17 July, 2007	62 VDC	3	-	6	1000	3,000	10,062	-	-
8	Saptari	Flood	25 July, 2007	17 VDC	3	-	-	1,200	6,150	36,900	-	300
9	Mahottari	Flood	22 July, 2007	39 VDC	5	-	-	1,500	4,956	27,238	700	3,200
10	Udyapur	Flood	22 July, 2007	18 VDC	3	-	-	500	1,690	5,940	790	700
11	Dhanusa	Flood	23 July, 2007	73 VDC	-	-	1	-	11,021	64,732	8,364	2,657
12	Nawalparasi	Flood	23 July, 2007	14 VDC	-	-	3	632	2,089	7,200	50	600
		Landslide	12 July, 2007	2 VDC	29	-	15	50	62	404	52	10
13	Baglung	Landslide	21 July, 2007	2 VDC	-	-	-	-	6	36	-	1
14	Jajarkot	Landslide	12 July, 2007	2 VDC	3	-	-	6	10	42	-	1
15	Gulmi	Landslide	28 July, 2007	1 VDC	7	-	-	20	30	180	-	1
16	Rupendehi	Flood	28 July, 2007	26 VDC	-	-	-	700	1,500	9,000	-	-
17	Jhapa	Flood	28 July, 2007	5 VDC	1	-	-	-	229	1,127	203	26
18	Sarlahi	Flood	26 July, 2007	15 VDC	1	-	-	-	25	150	4	11
19	Sunsari	Flood	22 July, 2007	9 VDC	1	-	-	-	584	3,504	-	60
20	Dang	Flood	25 July, 2007	2 VDC	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Morang	Flood	29 July, 2007	1 VDC	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Parbat	Flood/Landslide	25 July, 2007	1 VDC	-	-	-	-	50	324	10	6
23	Ramechhap	Landslide	16 July, 2007	3 VDC	1	-	7	50	35	250	20	15
24	Dolkha	Landslide	19 July, 2007	5 VDC	-	-	-	-	7	42	7	-
25	Kalikot	Landslide			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Kaski	Landslide	20 July, 2007	3 VDC	-	-	-	5	-	30	5	1
27	Bajura	Landslide	12 July, 2007	1 VDC	5	-	5	5	10	35	4	1
28	Syangjha	landslide	19 July, 2007	3 VDC	2	-	5	26	27	162	-	-
29	Shankhuwashaba	Landslide	22 July, 2007	1 VDC	-	-	-	-	30	170	-	-
30	Bajhang	Landslide			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Salyan	Landslide			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Dadeldhura	Flood	23 July, 2007		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>					<b>83</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9,723</b>	<b>48,105</b>	<b>265,928</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>8,135</b>



# Nepal: Floods



Torrential monsoon rains started in Nepal on July 10, 2007, leading to landslides in the hilly region and subsequently to major floods and continued water logging in the Southern plains of Nepal. So far, 83 people have died and approximately 266.000 people in 32 districts are affected.

- Districts affected by landslide
- Districts affected by floods

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