

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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This appeal seeks **CHF 4,572,543** (USD 4.09 million or EUR 2.77 million) to fund the planned programmes to be implemented in 2008-2009. The overall budget is **CHF 5,058,665** (USD 4.53 million or EUR 3.07 million). [Click here for budget summary.](#)

This appeal document sets out briefly the main outcomes the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years. More detailed information is provided in the [2008-2009 Programme Support Plan](#) and [Summary Matrix](#).

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



A NRCS volunteer assessing a village in flood-affected Saptari district. © International Federation.

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Current context

Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world, with approximately 30% of its inhabitants living below the poverty line. The internal conflict that started in the mid-nineties¹ caused the death of about 12,000 people and left thousands displaced, creating new humanitarian needs in the politically unstable country. Nepal's topographical and climatic conditions also expose it to multiple natural hazards, especially floods, landslides and storms that lead to loss of life and property. The country faces a number of other serious threats like epidemics, high maternal and child mortality rates, high HIV prevalence, gender inequality, and discrimination based on ethnicity and socio-economic disparity.

The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) aims to address these issues through its core programmes and services, targeting approximately 929,161 beneficiaries, including men and women of all ages. As the largest humanitarian organisation in the country, the NRCS needs to expand and strengthen its organisational capacity for the effective delivery of services to the vulnerable populations. The national society's initiatives are technically supported by the Federation team in the country.

Programme summary

The 2008-2009 plan covers four programmes, each with a purpose aligned with the four goals of the International Federation's Global Agenda.

¹ The internal conflict officially ended by a peace agreement in November 2006

Global Agenda Goal 1: Disaster Management

The overall purpose of the disaster management (DM) programme is to enhance the DM capacities of vulnerable communities and provide effective response to disasters, through the strengthening of the preparedness and response systems of the NRCS. The programme aims to achieve this through the following three components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. NRCS disaster preparedness (DP) capacity strengthening	The NRCS capacity in disaster management is strengthened.
2. Community-based disaster management (CBDM)	The disaster management capacity of local communities is further strengthened.
3. Community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR)	Effective response services are rendered and disaster risk is reduced

The programme has been designed to enhance the NRCS's disaster management capacity at all levels, to reduce the risk for those living in disaster prone areas and promote an effective response for those who will be affected by disasters. The CBDM and CBDRR components focus on preparedness, risk reduction and response at the community and organisational levels, aiming to enhance the coping capacity of beneficiaries over the next two years. Guiding documents and policies, developed by the NRCS, will be updated. Disaster-prone communities and economically-vulnerable groups will receive income generation support through vocational training. Those affected by disasters will receive relief materials. The programme will be implemented in 17 districts of the country, covering approximately 220,000 beneficiaries (male: 49%; female: 51%) with a focus on the most vulnerable sections of the population, for example, orphans, widows and the economically vulnerable.

Global Agenda Goal 2: Health and care

The overall purpose of the health and care programme is to improve the health status of targeted communities and reduce their vulnerability through community based health and care systems. It aims to achieve this through six components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. Community-based first aid	Capacities of communities are built to manage injuries and illness during normal times and during disasters.
2. Drinking water and sanitation	Incidences of water borne diseases are reduced
3. Maternal and child health care	Contribution to the reduction of maternal and child morbidity and mortality in targeted areas.
4. HIV/AIDS	Contribution to the reduction of new cases of HIV according to the Global Alliance Framework
5. Public health in emergencies	Capacity of NRCS is enhanced to provide emergency health services to the people affected by disaster and conflict
6. Health sector capacity building	Institutional and programme capacity of the NRCS health services is enhanced

The components can be organized into three broad focus areas, namely: community health, HIV/AIDS and public health in emergencies. The first focus area will cover improvements in community health, including the provision of first aid services in targeted communities, reducing water borne diseases (through the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation), and increasing communities' understanding of diseases prevention and health issues, including maternal and child health. As part of the Global Alliance on HIV, existing HIV/AIDS interventions will be scaled-up, under the second focus area, to reach a higher number of beneficiaries with an improved quality of services. The third and new focus area for NRCS will stress on building institutional capacity for the timely provision of health services during emergencies. The programme will target approximately 72,000 vulnerable people (male: 46%; female: 54%), without discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, gender, age and health status (eg. PLHIV).

Global Agenda Goal 3: Capacity development

The overall purpose of the capacity development programme is to reduce the socio-economic vulnerability of communities, strengthen the capacity of the NRCS at all levels and increase self-reliance to better address needs in the communities. It aims to do this through seven components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. Community development	The basic health and livelihoods conditions of the most vulnerable communities are improved and the capacity of community

	organizations and NRCS at all levels is strengthened
2. Volunteering promotion and development	The network of volunteers is systemized and improved at national and district levels
3. Junior/Youth Red Cross organization development and service	The capacity of Junior/Youth members is strengthened to effectively deliver humanitarian services of the movement.
4. Resource mobilization	Dependable and regular financial resources are generated for sustainable service delivery
5. Institutional communication system development	The communication work of the NRCS is strengthened
6. Planning, monitoring and reporting system development	NRCS capacity on planning, monitoring and reporting is improved
7. Gender and women development	Participation of women at all levels of the national society is increased

The programme plans to enhance the capacity and self-reliance of local communities (in an effort to reduce their vulnerability) through its community development component. This will cover aspects like health and hygiene awareness, along with livelihood and institutional development. The programme also seeks to enhance the capacity of the NRCS to provide more effective services to vulnerable populations, by increasing and diversifying physical and human resources. In this regard, it aims at developing the national society's network of volunteers including women, junior and youth volunteers. It also plans to strengthen NRCS's resource mobilization, capacity for planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, and its communication system. Targeted beneficiaries are approximately 58,000 (male: 49%; female: 51%), including members of targeted communities, NRCS staff, volunteers, junior/youth members, and women development committees.

Global Agenda Goal 4: Humanitarian values

The overall purpose of the humanitarian values (HV) programme is to increase awareness and understanding of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and humanitarian values, to promote respect for diversity and human dignity through service to vulnerable people. It aims to do this through the following component:

Programme component	Outcomes
Principles and humanitarian values promotion	Understanding of the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values is improved (through integration in core programmes and community awareness)

The main focus of the HV programme will be to maximize opportunities for the integration of HV as a cross-cutting issue within NRCS's core programmes (health and care and DM), as well as reduce discriminatory practices at the community level (against "untouchables", minorities, women, returnees, children and PLHIV) through promoting an understanding of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and HV among staff, volunteers and the community. The programme targets 134,000 beneficiaries (men: 55%; women: 45%), including 24,000 staff and volunteers of the NRCS and 110,000 people at the community level (in 35 communities).

Needs

A budget summary for each global agenda goal is given below:

Programmes	2008 budget in CHF		2009 budget in CHF		Total budget in CHF	
	Total Budget	Required	Total Budget	Required	Total Budget	Required
Disaster Management	740,626	494,743	706,825	471,586	1,447,451	966,329
Health and Care	1,055,166	1,055,166	991,628	991,628	2,046,794	2,046,794
Capacity Development	772,939	772,939	717,143	717,143	1,490,082	1,490,082
Humanitarian Values	36,853	33,853	37,485	35,485	74,338	69,338
Total	2,605,584	2,356,701	2,453,081	2,215,842	5,058,665	4,572,543

Working in partnership

Movement cooperation

The Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) developed by NRCS has facilitated its strengthened partnerships with the Spanish, Swiss, British, Swedish, Finnish, Netherlands, Belgian, Korean, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australian Red Cross Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as the Federation representative's office in Nepal and its South Asia regional representation. A taskforce of NRCS and partner national societies has been formed and work begun for implementation of the Operational Alliance pilot initiative in Nepal, around the identified community development programme component.

External collaboration

The NRCS has close ties with government ministries/offices (like those for health, housing and physical planning, local development and women development), United Nations agencies (United Nations Development Programme, UNICEF and the World Food Programme), and community based organizations (like Save the Children, World Vision, CARE International, Safe Motherhood Network and Positive Network). During 2008-09, the national society will capitalize the learning and strength of these collaborations for programme implementation.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

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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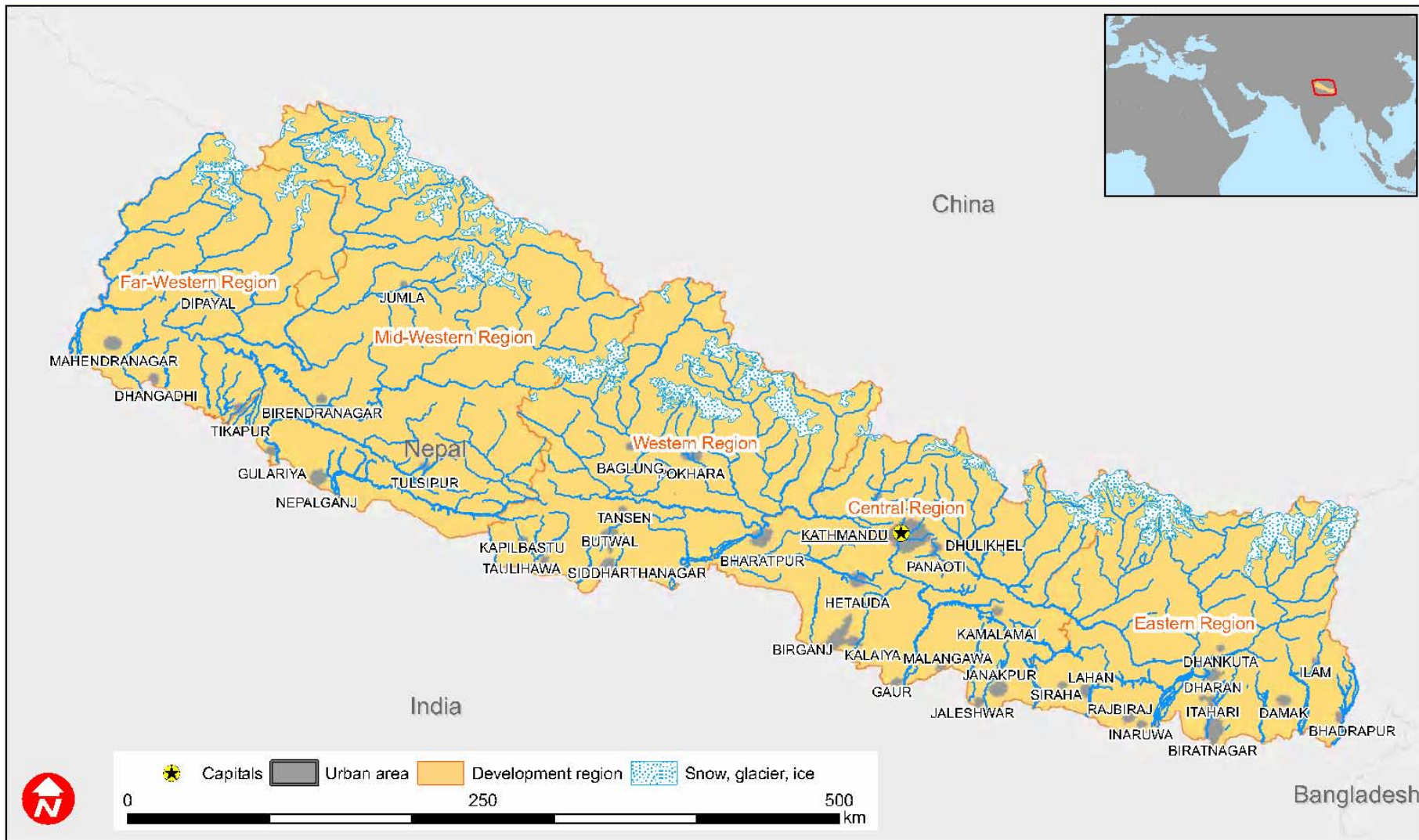
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