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Koshi Disaster update

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1. General Overview

As per the situation report received from the Sunsari district chapter, some 54,000 people have been displaced from different villages due to the big flood from highly flooded Koshi River with its broken dam in its eastern belt. As per the report received from the NRCS Sunsari district chapter; at least eight VDCs- Kusaha, Laukahi, Ghuski, Sreepur, Haripur, Narshimha, Madhuban and Basantapur have been badly affected. A section of eastern highway at Laukahi has been damaged due to the flood. The displaced people are taking shelter in 27 different shelters in Inaruwa Municipality and Laukahi VDC located in schools, colleges and public buildings. Likewise, some 20,000 displaced people from western part of Sunsari; mostly from Shreepur, Haripur and Paschim Kusaha VDCs are reported taking shelter at Bhardah area in Saptari district. Some have also taken shelter in relatives in both the districts. The SAR, recovering and evacuation operation is continued by Nepal army, police and local people. Some hundred people are reported still stranded in different areas.



In August 21, a dead body of women has been recovered from the Paschim Kusaha VDC. The reports claimed that more than 22 dead bodies are recovered in the vicinity of the Indian bordering villages.

2. Situation Assessment

The situation assessment including Damage and emergency need assessment (ENA) is continued at the district level. A joint team of NRCS and DDRC has been formed at local level and around 200 NRCS volunteers and trained staff along with DDRC team have been mobilized for the damage and need assessment. It is expected to complete the assessment within this week.



According to the information received from NRCS Sunsari District Chapter, a total of 27 temporary shelter camps have been established at the various location of Sunsari district and all have been utilized for the shelters at present. The report stated that, a total of 17,135 affected people of 2524 families have been taking shelters in 27 camps. In this connection, around 8,698

male and 8,437 female including 6,867 child of under the age of 14 are taking shelter in these camps. The detail information is expected to receive by this week. Likewise, a total of 22,751 affected people of 3365 families have been displaced from the western part of Sunsari and taking shelter at Bhardah area in Saptari district.

So far, a total of 23,861 people of 3216 families have been registered in 27 camps. The total number of population is based on the registration report prepared by the Government, which is mentioned below.

S.N	Camp	No of people taking shelter	Remarks
1	Sunsari Multiple Campus	704	
2	Bhagwati Ma. Vi	1546	
3	Gyanoday Sec. School	557	
4	Devkota Primary School	312	
5	Sarada H.S. School	2680	
6	Rajagi Ramgi Sec. School	915	
7	Balmandir	873	
8	Janata Sec. School	3331	
9	Saraswati Sec. School	1508	
10	Jameya Islameya Masjid	1614	
11	Mithila Public School	694	
12	Narayani Petrol Pump	444	
13	Paschim Kusaha Dam side	2613	
14	Sishu Niketan	181	
15	Khairatole Madarsa Jhokraha	150	
16	Amar Santi Primary School	175	
17	Sree Primary School	443	
18	Sree Pra. Vi	443	
19	Jalapapur Madarsa	434	
20	Dhanjit Primary School	210	
21	Rastreya Primary School, Laukahi	1148	
22	Inaruwa Madarsa	337	
23	Janata Pra. Vi Bakhraha	414	
24	Janata Chowk Madarsa	704	
25	Krishi Sewa Kendra Laukahi	1037	
26	Tabali Gul	197	
27	Prithvi Ni. Ma. Vi	197	
Total		23,861	

3. Need Assessment.

NRCS trained volunteers and staff(200 individuals) have been mobilized for the Damage and Emergency Need Assessment. As per the report received from the NRCS Sunsari District chapter, a total of 34,000 people have been displaced from the Southern parts of Sunsari and a total of 22,751 people have been displaced from the western parts of the Sunsari District. The emerging humanitarian needs are felt mostly in the areas of shelters, drinking water and sanitation, health and

regular food. The preliminary assessment report has stated that around 6,000 packages of NFRI are in need. It is being difficult to establish the temporary shelter camps in the western parts of the Sunsari as the land has been overwhelmed by the Koshi flood. So to address this problem, there is immediate need of shelter, tube-well for clean drinking water and ambulance services.

4. NRCS and the collective response so far

NRCS trained volunteers and staff have been deployed for the assessment of the situation and to provide assistant to the affected. As per the understanding made in the district disaster management relief committee (DDRC) meeting of dated 23rd August, 2 representatives from NRCS and DDRC will be deployed for the monitoring and supervision of the camps and one representative from the NRCS will be deployed for the collection and distribution of the relief materials in DDRC central warehouse Sunsari. Local organizations and clubs are also involved in providing relief; mostly the distribution of dry food items. The relief is being provided in a coordinated approach and is expected that the service to the affected will be prompt and there will be no duplication. Entire collected relief materials are received at DDRC central warehouse at Sunsari and distributed location wise.

NRCS NHQs in coordination with its Siraha, Dhanusha and Saptari district chapters have provided dry food: beaten rice, noodles, biscuits etc to around 20,000 people taking shelter in Bhardah area in Saptari district. A total of 400 tarpaulins have been distributed for temporary shelters. Likewise 200 pieces of plastic buckets for water storage, 200 male Dhoti, 200 kitchen sets, 200 cartoons instant noodles have also been distributed. 5 tube wells have also been established for the supply of drinking water. The distribution of food and non food items is continued.

NRCS supply of non food relief items are made from its regional warehouses located at Biratnagar and Birgunj. NRCS has provided a total of 1000 of tarpaulin and 1000 sets of utensil from its mid-western regional warehouse Birgunj; and a total of 1030 tarpaulin, 600 blankets and 1000 sets of utensils from eastern regional warehouse Morang to the NRCS Sunsari District Chapter. Likewise, NRCS Mahottari District Chapter provided a total of 300 tarpaulins to the Sunsari District Chapter. The Disaster Management Centre at NRCS National headquarters is operated throughout the week/7 days.

The report received from the NRCS Sunsari district chapters, so far a total of 22,485 kg of beaten rice, 17,050 kg rice, 6,034 kg puffed rice, 698 kg salt, 408 cartons biscuits, 478 cartons instant noodle, 100 packets snacks, 10,550 kg daal, 1280 kg potato, 450 kg onion, 1050 kg gram, 8 packets lito for children, 729 blankets, 245 liter cooking oil, 872 tarpaulin, 509 plastic buckets, 626 plastic jugs, 376 mat, 4792 pcs soap and 116 bottles of phenol have been distributed to the affected people who are taking shelter in different camps in Sunsari district.



To make easy supply of drinking water, a total of 17 tub wells have been established at the different location of temporary camps in Sunsari district.

NRCS trained HR are in ground to support district chapter for assessment as well as emergency response. NRCS/HQs and district chapters are in close coordination with all level civil authorities and other partners.

The emerging humanitarian needs are felt in the areas of water and sanitation, regular food, shelter along with rescue.

First aid services are being provided by Nepal Red Cross volunteers. ICRC has handed over two vehicles to NRCS/DC at Sunsari for effective logistics management and assessment as well as relief distribution.

5. Partners in action:

NRCS has working together with Government of Nepal, ICRC, IFRC, UNOCHA, UNICEF, SCF (US), OXFAM, CARITAS World Vision, Local clubs and others humanitarian organizations.

6. Constraints and Challenges:

The assessment and relief distribution is being hampered by turbulent water flow and water logging. Due to the frequent movement of affected population from the camps it is difficult to carry out the detailed assessment and exploring total emergency needs. Some more constraints are mentioned below:

1. The total number of affected people is still not clear.
2. Communication systems are not working properly as the optical fibers are swept away by the flood.
3. Road transportation is hampered as the main highway is impossible and alternative routes mean a considerable detour (through India).
4. Secondary hazards, mainly health-related problems (infections, diarrhea and pneumonia) are being recorded.
5. Access to the village is difficult due to security concerns in the South of Nepal.

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