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National Headquarters
Disaster Management Department**

Koshi Disaster update

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1. General Overview

As per the situation report received from Nepal Red Cross Sunsari district chapter, some 60,000 people have been displaced from different villages due to the Koshi deluge with the break of Koshi dam in eastern part, some 10 kilometers north from the East West highway. At least eight VDCs- Kusaha, Laukahi, Ghuski, Sreepur, Haripur, Narshimha, Madhuban and Basantapur have been badly affected. The national highway has also been damaged at several places by the flood. Displaced people are taking shelter in 28 different temporary shelter camps located in Inaruwa Municipality, Laukahi VDC and other places. The temporary shelters are made mostly in school and college buildings. Likewise, some 25,000 displaced people from western part of Sunsari; mostly from Shreepur, Haripur and Paschim Kusaha VDCs are taking shelter at Bhardah area in Saptari district. Some have also taken shelter in relatives in both the districts.



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 vicinal villages in India.

2. Situation Assessment

The situation assessment including Damage and Emergency Need Assessment (ENA) is continued at the district level by a joint team of NRCS and DDRC.

According to the information received from NRCS Sunsari District Chapter, a total of 28 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 **26,733** displaced people of **4,630** families (**13,809** male and **13,542** female including **11,871** child of under the age of 14) are taking shelter in these temporary shelters. The information is being updated on regular basis. Likewise, a total of 22,751 affected people of 3,365 families have been displaced from the western part of Sunsari and taking shelter at Bhardah area in Saptari district. Beneficiary Cards are being issued to the displaced people in the camps for relief material distribution.

The total number of population registered and Wat/San situation in different 28 camps is as follow:

Source: *DDRC*

S.N	Camp	No of H.H	No of people			Total	Vulnerable groups	Wat/San situation
			Male	Female	Under 14			
1	Bhagwati Ma.Vi, Inaruwa	246	789	781	791	1570	20- pregnant 8- post partum	6- Tub well 4- Toilet with 2 B.R
2	Sunsari Multiple Campus	124	427	410	387	837	16- pregnant 5- post partum 3- people with disability 32- elders	3- Tub well 9- Toilet with 2 bathroom
3	Balmandir, Inaruwa-7	274	701	726	524	1427	3- post partum 1- people with disability 62- elders	2- Tub well 1- Toilet & bathroom
4	Rajagi Ramgi Sec. School, Inaruwa-8	198	469	473	514	942	25- pregnant 1- post partum 3- people with disability 62- elders	5- Tub well 4- Toilet
5	Sarada H.S. School, Inaruwa-9	124	340	340	267	680	8- pregnant 2- post partum 1- people with disability	5- Tub well 4- Toilet with 3 bathrooms
6	Saraswati Sec. School, Babeya	238	851	820	797	1671	13- pregnant 8- post partum 4- people with disability 13- elders	2- Tub well 6- Toilet with 2 bathroom
7	Mithila Public School, Laukahi	422	1283	1195	981	2478	4- pregnant 4- people with disability 50- elders	-
8	Devkota Primary School, Inaruwa-5	53	170	174	156	344	8- pregnant 2- post partum 2- people with disability 9- elders	2- Tub well 2- Toilet with 1 bathroom
9	Rastreya Primary School, Laukahi	350	1057	1002	953	2059	12- pregnant 8- post partum 3- people with disability 355- elders	1- Tub well
10	Sishu Niketan , Babeya VDC	47	80	101	98	181	1- post partum 2- people with disability 6- Elders	1- Tub well 3- Toilet

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							2- pregnant	
11	Paschim Kusaha, Dam side	445	1422	1328	990	2750	1- people with disability 25- elders	-
12	Narayani Petrol Pump, Inaruwa	96	361	338	345	699	8- pregnant 9- post partum 3- people with disability 3- elders	4- Tub well
13	Janata Sec. School, Madhuban	94	245	237	190	482	13- post partum l 1- people with disability 30- Elders	5- Tub well 2- Toilet
14	Dhanjit Primary School, Madhuban	41	133	128	116	261	4- pregnant 3- people with disability 7- elders	1- Tub well 2- Toilet
15	Sree Primary School, Bhokhaha	131	267	272	245	539	7- post partum 4- Pregnant 2- Elders 2- people with disability	1- Tub well 1- Toilet
16	Jameya Islameya Masjid, Bhokhaha-9	450	1350	1256	1185	2602	113- pregnant 101- post partum 31- people with disability 46- elders	10- Tub well 14- Toilet with 4 bathrooms
17	Gyanoday Sec. School, Inaruwa-6	109	312	302	260	614	10- pregnant 2- post partum 3- people with disability 5- elders	2- Tub well 4- Toilet
18	Koshi Ma. Vi, Paschim Kusaha	261	727	719	576	1446	10- pregnant 4- post partum 2- people with disability 20- elders	-
19	Amar Santi Primary School, Inaruwa-1	34	98	112	105	210	1- post natal 12- pregnant	4- Tub well 2- Toilet & bathroom
20	Janata Pra. Vi, Bhokhaha	98	247	299	242	573	4- pregnant 1- post partum 1- people with disability 18- elders	1- Tub well 2- Toilet

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21	Jalapur Madarsha	77	303	314	324	617	7- pregnant 4- post partum 4- people with disability 4- elders	2- Tub well 11- Toilet
22	Janata Chowk Madarsha, Narshimha-1	125	429	427	391	856	10- pregnant 4- post partum 1- people with disability 17- elders	1- Tub well 1- Toilet
23	Prithvi Ni. Ma. Vi, Sirauli	81	246	249	268	495	9- post partum 3- people with disability 2- Elders 7- pregnant	1- Tub well 1- Toilet
24	Khairatole Madarsa, Bhokhraha	46	126	137	126	263	3- pregnant 10- post partum 4- people with disability 13- elders	6- Tub well 7- Toilet
25	Inaruwa Madarsa, Inaruwa-7	44	186	155	113	341	6- pregnant 2- post partum 8- elders	3- Tub well 4- Toilet with 6 bathroom
26	Tabali Gul Madarsa, Thapabeli Sunsari	61	254	239	226	497	1- pregnant 10- post partum 24- elders	2- Tub well 3- Toilet with 1 barroom
27	Krishi Sewa Kendra, Laukahi	163	487	550	332	1037	2- pregnant 3- people with disability 3- elders	1- Tub well 1- Toilet
28	Laukahi Paschim Jamuwa Chowk	198	449	458	369	907	2- pregnant 1- post partum 1- people with disability 25- elders	2 -Tub well 2- Toilet
Total		4,630	13809	13,542	11,871	27,378	330 - pregnant 198 - post partum 84 - people with disability 411 - elders	53 - Tub well 96 - Toilet

(Note: Out of 26,875 people registered in the camps, a total of 2,911 peoples belong to Indian site)

3. Need Assessment

NRCS trained volunteers and staff 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 at least 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 because of the unavailability of appropriate land. Immediate need of shelter, tube-well for clean drinking water and ambulance services are felt of primary needs.

4. Red Cross family in action

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) Sunsari meeting of 23rd August, one representative from NRCS has been deployed for the monitoring and supervision of the camps and another one deployed for the



collection and distribution of the relief materials together with the DDRC team. NRCS has established its desk at all camps at the moment. Local organizations are also involved in providing relief; mostly the distribution of dry food items. The relief is being provided in a coordinated way so that there will be no duplication. Entire collected relief materials are received at DDRC central warehouse located at Inaruwa and distributed location wise. NRCS is also supporting for the warehouse management.

NRCS NHQs in coordination with its Siraha, Dhanusha, Parsa, Mahottari and Saptari district chapters have provided dry food: beaten rice, noodles, biscuits etc and NFRI as well. The total figure is mentioned in the table below. 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 tarpaulin, 1000 blankets and 1000 sets of utensil from its mid-western regional warehouse Birgunj; and a total of 1080 tarpaulin, 600 blankets, 306 miter plain cloths 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. On the other hand, Care Nepal has provided a total of 500 NFRI kits to the NRCS and distribution is going on. The Disaster Management Centre at NRCS National headquarters is operated throughout the week/7 days.

As per the report received from the Sunsari and Saptari District Chapters following quantity of relief materials in the different camps located in Sunsari and the Bhardaha site of Saptari have been distributed so far.

Relief Items	Quantity	Relief Items	Quantity
Sunsari Shelters		NRCS response in Saptari, Bhardaha site	
Rice	39,973 kg	Rice	7,000 kg
Beaten rice	30,465 kg	Beaten rice	10,200 kg
Puffed rice	8,958 kg	Instant noodle	200 cartons
Daal	5,072 kg	Blankets	1,431 Pcs
Biscuits	745 cartons	Male Dhoti	200 pcs
Instant noodle	792 cartons	Kitchen Utensils	1,431 Sets
Snacks	100 packets	Plastic buckets	200 pcs
Salt	1,578 kg	Tarpaulin	1,252 Pcs
Potatoes	6,450 kg		
Onions	515 kg		
Gram	1,050 kg		
Flour for children	8 packets		
Blankets	4,270 pcs		
Cooking oil	1,195 liters		
Tarpaulins	2,072 pcs		
Plastic buckets	2,302 pcs		
Plastic jugs	1,362 pcs		
Soap	9,536 pcs		
Phenol	1,395 bottles		
Mats	809 pcs		

To make easy supply of drinking water, a total of 53 tub wells have been established at the different location of temporary camps in Sunsari district and a total of 5 tub wells is Bhardaha site of Saptari.

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 ICRC sub-delegation in Biratnagar has been providing technical and material/logistic support to the relief operation through NRCS Sunsari district chapter. It has provided 2 vehicles for relief operation. Besides, around 500 NFRI are in stand by position at Biratnagar to be delivered on behalf of ICRC. A total of three Participating National Red Cross Society delegates in country are providing technical support to the NRCS and the IFRC for the smooth relief operation through NRCS National Headquarters.

Upon request of the NRCS, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) launched an appeal for 1.4 million CHF to support the NRCS relief operation with the supply of 5,000 shelter kits, 10,000 tarpaulin, 15,000 blankets and 10,000 jerry cans (10 Liter Capacity) and the replenishment of 10,000 NFRI kits, which are currently distribution from the NRCS warehouse.

5. Restoring family links assistance

To identify the status of the missing people, a tracing officer from the NRCS NHQs provided a tracing orientation to a total of three field staff at Inaruwa. Mainly the orientation classes were focused on how to conduct the tracing need assessment and Red Cross Message (RCM) exchange services; and to take the photographs of dead bodies and unaccompanied minors so that their relatives and the parents could be informed about and also the family reunion would also be possible. A total of 21 persons are reported missing as of August 25th.

Besides that, as information received from UNICEF, a total of 6 children are still missing and 4 are being separated from their families.

6. Partners in action:

NRCS has working together with Government of Nepal, ICRC, IFRC, Care Nepal, UNOCHA, UNICEF, SCF (US), OXFAM, Save the Children, Plan Nepal, AMDA, CARITAS, World Vision, LWF, local clubs and others humanitarian organizations. Every morning, DDRC organizes a coordination meeting with the partners working in the field and daily information is updated. A coordination meeting was held on August 28th focusing on shelters for 3000 families. In this meeting an understanding was made to provide a total of 2400 tarpaulin and 3000 NFRI by Nepal Red Cross.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) has provided the support for the transportation of NFRI kits from Kathmandu to Bhadrapur. Similarly, UNMIN has committed to provide the support for the transportation of NFRI kits from Kathmandu to Biratnagar.

7. Coordination:

The relief operation is currently coordinated by the respective District Disaster Relief Committee of Sunsari and Saptari at district level. The Home Ministry is taking lead in Central level for relief operation as Home Minister is the chairperson of Central Disaster Relief Committee (CDRC). So far total four CDRC meeting has already been conducted. The NRCS is an ex-officio member of the Central and District Disaster Relief Committee.

On the central NRCS, UNOCHA and Government are regularly sharing the information and at district level all humanitarian organizations has been involving for relief operation. Inter Agency coordination meeting is being held every day at DDRC office in Sunsari as well as Saptari. The cluster meetings are taking place at district level in order to carry out the relief operation. The food distribution (Lead by WFP and NRCS), water/sanitation and education and protection (lead by UNICEF and the Government), health and nutrition (lead by WHO and Government). NRCS is also leading the role in shelter. A joint team along with NRCS is conducting DANA. NRCS doesn't envisage an active involvement in health, water and sanitation and protection at this moment but NRCS is planning to distribute the water jerry cane in near future.

8. Security Situation:

General security situation is one of the concerned for all humanitarian workers at field level. NRCS staff and volunteers are working at field level with taking all notes of possible security threats. Few incidents have already recorded in relief operation sites. Security forces have been mobilized at field level.

9. Beneficiaries list

NRCS is participating to register the beneficiaries in both sides of affected areas (Saptari and Sunsari) along with government.

10. 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. The encroachments of local and Indian people have also created some difficulty in the assessment work. Some more constraints are mentioned below:

- The total number of affected people is still not clear.
- Telephone communication systems are not working properly as the optical fibers are swept away by the flood.
- Road transportation is not functional as the main highway is damaged in different places by the flood. An alternative transportation route is yet to be identified.
- Secondary hazards, mainly health-related problems (infections, diarrhea and pneumonia) are being recorded.

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