Flash floods and Land Slides in Far Western Region, Nepal

Highlights

- Flash flood and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall from 16 June 2013 heavily affected the Far Western Region (FWR)
- Districts affected are: Darchula, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Baitadi, Accham and Dadeldhura
- Darchula is the worst affected district
- A massive flash flood in Mahakali River swept away more than 50 houses and huts including 13 government offices and four temples
- Reports so far have set the death toll at 9
- Around 2500 people of 300 families were displaced in Darchula district
- Flash flood in Mahakali River from 16 June swept away more than 50 houses and 13 government buildings in Khalanga (Darchula’s District headquarters)
- An estimated total of 4,400 people have been affected including many displaced families

Incident Site Mapping

Caption: UN TSS map indicating regions affected (Source: RCHC Office, Nepal)

Caption: Rescuers and locals search for bodies of victims of flash floods in Kharapani village of Kaski district. (Source: AP)

Caption: The floodwaters sweep away people, livestock and houses (Source: AP)
Situation Analysis

- Flash flood and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall from 16 June 2013 heavily affected the Far Western Region (FWR).

Darchula
- Heavy rainfall followed by massive flash flood in Mahakali River from 16 June swept away more than 50 houses and 13 government buildings
- More than 2500 people from 300 families have been displaced to nearby schools and their relatives' houses.
- Some buildings of the local hospital have been swept away.
- The District Police Office (DPO), which is also located at the river bank, is partially affected by the flood.
- The two suspension bridges that link Darchula to India were taken away by the river and the road network to Darchula has reportedly been blocked by the landslides at various places.

Kanchanpur
- The floods in Kanchanpur affected 950 people (115 households).
- The worst-affected areas are Dodhara-Chandani Village Development Committee (VDC) and Bramhadev area of Mahendranagar Municipality where around 150 displaced people are staying in schools.
- 23 laborers were stranded in Pipariya.
- Two women were reportedly missing while returning after collecting firewood from the jungle in Kanchanpur.

Kailali
- The estimated affected population by floods is 750 (75 households).
- The most affected VDCs are Dhansingpur, Narayanpur, Bhajani, Lalbojhi, Thapapur and Tikapur municipality.

Baitadi
- Five members of a same family died when landslide destroyed their house in Siddheshwor VDC of Baitadi district.
- Nepa Police have recovered four dead bodies from the house and one is still missing.
- In addition, the disaster claimed lives of 10 goats, 2 cows and 1 buffalo.
- There has been no electricity/power supply for the last three days.

Accham
- Most affected VDCs of Achham are: Kuntibandali ward # 3, Laungra ward # 7 and Mangalsen ward # 6.
- Two persons were reported dead and one family was displaced from Kuntibandali VDC.

Dadeldhura
- Around 52 households were displaced in inner Tarai region (Jogbuda, Shrish and Alital).
- Most affected villages are Sarkuna, Tatapani, Parigaun and Sirsha.

Casualties and Damages

The following table details the number of persons affected by the flash floods
Response

Government

- The Chief District Officer (CDO) hosted a meeting of District Disaster Relief Committee (DDRC) in District Administration Office (DAO) at 1500 hours on 17 June.
- DDRC meeting was again held at 0900 hours on 18 June.
- The DDRC formed and deployed three Rapid Assessment Teams (RATs) which have been assigned to identify the number of affected/displaced people and types and amount of relief materials required.
- The security forces, Nepal Redcross Society (NRCS) team and locals have carried on rescue operation, supporting affected people to move towards safe places, mostly in nearby schools.
- The NRCS is going to distribute blankets and food.
- District Development Committee (DDC) is also going to distribute food.
- The NFI and emergency fund are not adequate.

MoHP and WHO

- MOHP has formed a committee under the leadership of Regional Health Director to support MOHP.
- Members of the committees are the directors from Epidemiology and Diseases Control Division (EDCD) and Logistics Management Division (LMD); from IASC clusters - cluster co-leads WASH, Nutrition, Health; representative from NRCS and DHO/DPHO from the affected districts.
- The committee will support MOHP for the response operation including identification of needs and gaps.
- MOHP will circulate the decisions to the regions, districts and members of the committees for active participation and support.
- WHO received an official request from MOHP for field hospital tent (10-15 bed capacity)

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