### 1. Situation Update

- Heavy rainfalls that started from 11 August 2017 (27 Shrawan 2074), Friday, has resulted in flooding and landslides affecting 26 districts across the country.
- As of 14 August, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) reported 66 deaths, 35 missing persons, and 35 injuries. In addition, 305 households and 3 health facilities were damaged and 80 animals were killed.
- Access remains a challenge in the worst affected districts.
- Electricity and telecommunication services were disrupted.
- MoHA has prioritised search and rescue operation in the affected areas.
- MoHA has called an emergency flood and landslide response coordination meeting with cluster leads and co-leads on 13 August 2017 at National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) and activated the cluster system for response coordination.
- Emergency has not yet been declared by the Government of Nepal (GON).

The map below summarises the emergency situation in the country based on MoHA reports:

![Affected Districts Map](image)

### 2. Response from Ministry of Health

Ministry of Health has activated the Central Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC) for effective health sector response to the flood and landslide. A Central Coordination Committee activated at the MOH under the chairpersonship of Secretary, and an Operation Committee formed under the chairpersonship of Deputy Director General, Department of Health Services (DOHS).

The Central Coordination Committee and Disaster Management Committee decided the followings:

- Free treatment to the floods and landslides affected people
- Management of Hotlines at HEOC and EDCD
- 5 Teams deployed from central level
- Review and update the medicine stock situation to DOHS
- Decision on establishing the help desk in each district health offices
4: Key health challenges and needs

- Rapid initial assessment is ongoing in the affected districts.
- The main health issues to prevent and mitigate includes the spread of water borne and vector borne diseases.
- Poor access to the affected areas (roads interrupted) and lack of clean drinking water are currently the main challenges.

5. WHO’s Initial Response

- WHO WHE program supported health cluster coordination support to MOH for response coordination.
- WHO participated in the regular coordination meeting at the HEOC, MOH and DOHS.
- WHO provided the technical support on information management at the EDCD.
- WHO handed over seven RRT deployment kits to EDCD.
- WHO supported the health cluster coordination meeting at MOH on 14 August 2017.
- Next health cluster coordination meeting will be held in EDCD, DOHS on 15 August 2017 at 3:00 pm.
- WHO attends coordination meetings called by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs, UN agencies.
- WHO provides the regular health sector updates to the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office (RCO).
- WHO continues to provide technical assistance to EDCD on response coordination and also on disease surveillance.

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