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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 22,000 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 21,264 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. Beneficiary Cards will be issued to the people in the camps for relief material distribution.

So far, a total of 21,264 people 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
1	Sarada H.S. School, Inaruwa-9	680
2	Saraswati Sec. School, Babeya	1508
3	Rajagi Ramgi Sec. School, Inaruwa-8	915
4	Gyanoday Sec. School, Inaruwa-6	557
5	Bhagwati Ma.Vi, Inaruwa	1565
6	Paschim Kusaha, Dam side	2613
7	Jameya Islameya Masjid, Bhokhraha-9	1614
8	Sunsari Multiple Campus	704
9	Koshi Pra Vi, Paschim Kusaha	996
10	Narayani Petrol Pump, Inaruwa	624
11	Devkota Primary School, Inaruwa-5	344
12	Sishu Niketan , Babeya VDC	181
13	Balmandir, Inaruwa-7	873
14	Janata Chowk Madarsa, Jalapapur	617
15	Dhanjit Primary School, Madhuban	241
16	Janata Sec. School, Madhuban	331
17	Rastreya Primary School, Laukahi	1618
18	Amar Santi Primary School, Inaruwa-1	185
19	Inaruwa Madarsa, Inaruwa-7	341
20	Janata Pra. Vi, Bhokhraha	548
21	Mithila Public School, Laukahi	967
22	Sree Primary School, Bhokhraha	443
23	Janata Chowk Madarsha, Narshimha-1	818
24	Krishi Sewa Kendra, Laukahi	1037
25	Tabali Gul Madarsa, Thapabeli Sunsari	398
26	Prithvi Ni. Ma. Vi, Sirauli	362
27	Khairatole Madarsa, Bhokhraha	184
Total		21,264

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 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. 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) meeting of dated 23rd August, one representative from NRCS has been deployed for the monitoring and supervision of the camps and one representative from the NRCS has been deployed for the collection and distribution of the relief materials. NRCS do have 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 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 is supporting to run the warehouse over there.



NRCS NHQs in coordination with its Siraha, Dhanusha, Parsa and Saptari district chapters have provided dry food: beaten rice, noodles, biscuits etc and NFRI as well. The total figure is mentioned below table. 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.

As per the report received from the Sunsari District Chapter and DDRC, 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	17,050 kg	Rice	7,000 kg
Beaten rice	22,485 kg	Beaten rice	10,200 kg
Puffed rice	6,034 kg	Instant noodle	200 cartons
Daal	10,550 kg	Blankets	735 Pcs
Biscuits	408 cartons	Male Dhoti	200 pcs
Instant noodle	478 cartons	Kitchen Utensils	200 Sets
Snacks	100 packets	Plastic buckets	200 pcs
Salt	698 kg	Kitchen Utensil	735 Sets
Potatoes	1280 kg	Tarpaulin	556 Pcs
Onions	450 kg		

Gram	1050 kg		
Flour for children	8 packets		
Blankets	729 pcs		
Cooking oil	245 liters		
Tarpaulins	872 pcs		
Plastic buckets	509 pcs		
Plastic jugs	626 pcs		
Soap	4,792 pcs		
Phenol	116 bottles		
Mats	376 pcs		

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 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 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.

The ICRC sub-delegation in Morang is working in the field in coordination with the Sunsari District Chapter and has provided a total of 2 vehicles for relief operation. Besides, around 500 NFRI are in stand by position to be delivered on behalf of ICRC. A total of three PNS in country are providing technical support to the NRCS and the IFRC for the smooth relief operation.

NRCS has decided to lunch international appeal from the support of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (IFRC). The appeal mainly covers the shelter kits with Tarpaulins, Non food items, blankets, Jerry cane (10 Liter Capacity) and kitchen sets.

5. Restoring family links assistance

To identify the status of the missing people, a tracing officer from the NRCS NHQs provided a tracing orientation classes to a total of three field staff in Sunsari District. 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. NRCS trained staff and volunteers started tracing need assessment from 26th of August. A total of 21 persons reported missing as of August 25th.

Besides, as informed 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, UNOCHA, UNICEF, SCF (US), OXFAM, CARITAS World Vision, Local clubs and others humanitarian organizations. Every morning, DDRC has organizing a coordination meeting with the partners working in the field and updating the daily information.

7. 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:

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

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