

Jajarkot update: As of 18th July, 2009

Highlights:

- Confirmed death due to diarrhoea: 112, Majority are women and children. Most affected population are dalits.
- Severely affected VDCs at present : Kortang, Majkot, Bhagwati, Dhime, Punma
- Nepal Army health camps in 6 VDCs.
- MoHP health (supported by NMA) teams deployed in 13 VDCs, each team has one doctor and 3 paramedics. Team are stationed in health posts, sub-health posts and PHC.
- Nepalgunj Medical College deployed 2 medical teams.
- All affected areas are very remote and houses are scattered, therefore awareness raising and delivery of supplies is very difficult.
- Awareness and social mobilization part needs to be strengthened immediately by mobilizing local resources.

WASH update:

- District drinking water office to take the lead in coordinating all WASH activities
- NRCS responsible for WASH along with NEWAH and DEPROSC and to coordinate with UNICEF, DDC, DPHO for supplies
- Stock of water guard exhausted, need: 30,000 bottles(NRCS can explore at central level)
- Shortage of Zinc tablets: UNICEF is coordinating and most likely to supply by next week
- Aqua tabs: 300,000 in stock.
- Shortage of IEC materials

NRCS Response:

- 50 sets of blanket and tent support to health centres
- Total number of VDCs covered for WASH: 23
Among which NRCS 12, NEWAH 4, DEPROSC 6, DHO 1
 - Gaps in 8 VDCs which are not yet covered by any organization(NRCS is planning to cover these VDCs if resources are available)
 - Major constraints is shortage of volunteers.
- NRCS will mobilize its team of volunteers through its SC and DC.

NRCS coverage area:

Responsible chapter	VDC covered	Responsible person	Team members
Barekot SC	Rokayagaun, Sakla, Nayakwada, Ramidada	Chandra Bdr Khadka(chairperson)	Bhim raj Singh, Usha Singh, Ratna Bdr Buda, Tara Pun, Kamala Thapa, Amrita Mahatara, Pashupati Acharya
Jhapra SC	Jhapra, Pajaru	Bir Bdr Basnet(Chaiperson)	Rashmi Khatri, Upendra Karki, govinda Giri
Punma SC	Punma	Bhim Bdr Shahi (Chairperson)	Ganesh Rokaya, Shiva Ram Pun, Khal Bdr Khadka
Jagtipur SC	Jagtipur		
Dadagaun SC	Dadagun, Laha	Binod Prasad Shreshtha(Field Officer, CBFA)	Dinesh BK, Suresh BK, Kamala Gautam
Jajarkot District chapter	Dhime, Paink	Shova Singh(District Committee member)	Janak Shahi, Lokendra Thapa, Hema Chanda

NRCS volunteer mobilization plan for awareness campaign:

- 6 teams comprising of 4 members to be mobilized in 12 VDCs by 20th July.
- Orientation to these volunteers was conducted on 18th July, through NRCS response team from HQ and DHO. The orientation was mainly based on the key messages that are to be delivered through the RC volunteers in the communities.

Outlines of the orientation:

1. Personal hygiene messages:
 - Wash hands with soap before preparing food, eating and after defecation
 - Keep nails clean
 - Avoid open defecation
2. Water safety messages :
 - Orientation of types of Chlorine tablets and how to use them
 - Boil drinking water for 15 minutes, cover it and consume
 - Store drinking water in clean containers
3. Preparation of Jeevan Jal
 - Use clean water(six glasses or one liter bottle for one packet of jeevan jal)
 - Prepared jeevan jal can be consumed for 24 hours after which has to be disposed
 - If passing loose stools, keep sipping jeevan jal
4. Excreta and waste disposal message :
 - Dispose excreta in defined places e.g latrines
5. Social mobilization:
 - Use the available local networks to raise awareness

- Miking and IEC distribution
- Display of information banners and flex charts at strategic locations
- Referral of patients to nearby health centre
- Involve dalits and janajatis in the campaign
- Demonstrate how to make Jeevan jal and purify water using chlorine tablets

6. Personal protection information:

- For each team:

One FA kit

One Personal protection kit : includes soap, gloves, masks, tablet metron(one course), paracetamol.

Tasks given to teams:

- ✓ Start with most severely affected wards
- ✓ Identify active community members
- ✓ Involve dalits in the awareness campaign
- ✓ Orient these members on the issue
- ✓ Coordinate between local networks and utilize them
- ✓ Inform communities of present service centres and refer them
- ✓ Distribute IEC materials, jeevan jal and chlorine tablets
- ✓ Disseminate awareness raising messages through miking(19 mikes and 4 cassettes provided by UNICEF and DFID support)
- ✓ In case of difficulties in communication, RC volunteers to contact local police for relay of information to the District headquarters.
- ✓ Identify sites for deployment of medical teams
- ✓ Submission of a complete report to District chapter

Task to be performed by District Chapter:

- ✓ Establish and mobilize a monitoring team
- ✓ Develop a reporting format for team and monitoring format for DC
- ✓ Submit a complete report (narrative and financial)to NRCS HQs