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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

- A total of 28 temporary shelter camps have been established at the various location of Sunsari district
- A total of 27,387 displaced people of 4,630 families (13,836 male and 13,542 female including 11,871 child of under the age of 14) have been registered in 28 camps. Out of 27,385 people registered in the camps, a total of 2,916 peoples are Indian.
- A total of 22,751 affected people of 3,365 families have been displaced from the western part of Sunsari and taking shelter at Bhardaha area in Saptari district.
- Some 194 post partum, 343 pregnant, 123 people with disability and 497 elders are sheltering in 28 camps in Sunsari.
- In Saptari, beneficiary Cards are being issued to the displaced people in the camps for relief material distribution.
- Most of the displaced people are registered in both districts and process is still continued.
- A joint team has continuously conducting the assessment of the camp situation. Around 360 NRCS volunteers have been mobilized for the assessment as well as relief distribution.

- An information center at the NRCS Saptari district chapter has been established with the support of UNOCHA.
- A registration book has been maintained at each camps and has sharing the information to the partners agencies during the inter agency meeting.
- To identify the status of the missing people, a tracing officer from the NRCS NHQs has been deployed at the field. The tracing officer will organize tracing orientation to volunteers; who has been involved in flood relief operation. The staff will be oriented on how to conduct the tracing need assessment and Red Cross Message (RCM) exchange services.
- In addition, NRCS is coordinating with Nepal Telephone Corporation (NTC) to facilitate the process of family reunion and to exchange RCM. In this connection, NTC proceed forward to establish a free call telephone booth in each camp in Sunsari.
- Diarrhea, pneumonia, fever and eye infections have been reported. Besides that the population movement is significantly high which is adding to put vulnerable people in double risks. In addition, host population is getting frustrated because of local resource sharing which actually increase the market price. Those affected people who have been sheltering in Saptari district are also moving towards the camps in Sunsari as their names and related information have been originally registered in Sunsari district administration office. The frustration could be seen among the local people as well as the affected people since the Hindu and Muslim great festivals are approaching and dramatically price of the local materials have been scramble.
- NRCS doesn't actively involve in health, water and sanitation and protection at this moment but NRCS is planning to distribute the water jerry cane in near future.

3. Red Cross family and coordinated relief action

NRCS trained volunteers and staff have been deployed for the assessment of the situation and to provide assistant to the affected. NRCS has leading the roles of shelters, food distribution, assessment and monitoring and supervision of the camps. 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. 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 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	56,023 kg	Rice	7,000 kg
Beaten rice	37,205 kg	Beaten rice	10,200 kg
Puffed rice	10,917 kg	Instant noodle	200 cartons
Daal	5,114 kg	Blankets	1,744 Pcs
Biscuits	745 cartons	Male Dhoti	200 pcs
Instant noodle	816 cartons	Kitchen Utensils	1,744 Sets
Snacks	100 packets	Plastic buckets	200 pcs
Salt	1,960 kg	Tarpaulin	1,564 Pcs
Potatoes	7,550 kg		
Onions	515 kg		
Gram	1,050 kg		
Flour for children	8 packets		
Blankets	4,270 pcs		
Cooking oil	1,506 liters		
Tarpaulins	2,149 pcs		
Plastic buckets	2,330 pcs		
Plastic jugs	1,390 pcs		
Soap	11,508 pcs		
Phenol	1,501 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.

4. Cluster responsibilities:

In order to gear up the relief operation and to avoid the duplication, the DDRC coordination meeting has divided the roles and responsibilities on cluster wise in Sunsari. The cluster wise roles are mentioned below-

Food:

The displaced people are sheltering in 28 camps in Sunsari and Bhardaha VDC of Saptari district. Entire collected relief materials are received at DDRC warehouse Sunsari and district administration office warehouse Saptari. NRCS is presently leading the roles together with WFP in food distribution. One representative from the NRCS has been deployed for the collection and distribution of relief materials. To make the systematic distribution, ration cards are being distributed to the beneficiaries.

Shelter:

The NRCS has also leading the role in shelter and has working together with Action Aid and LWF for the temporary sheltering in Sunsari. The NRCS has established its desk at all camps at the moments. In addition, OXFAM is involving to established temporary shelter camps in Saptari.

NRCS has providing the tarpaulin from its eastern and western regional warehouse located at Biratnagar and Birgunj. So far, the NRCS has provided a total of 2900 pcs of tarpaulin to the affected people. Besides, NRCS has distributed a total of 500 NFRI kits received from Care Nepal.

NFRI:

NRCS is also leading the NFRI distribution role in Sunsari as well as Saptari. NRCS is planning to distribute kitchen set to entire beneficiaries. Besides, NRCS has distributed a total of 500 NFRI kits received from Care Nepal.

Monitoring and supervision of the Camps:

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 each camp. To ease the monitoring and supervision of the camps, a guideline has been developed at the field level and the work is being done accordingly.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.
- Logistics: Transportation is the biggest challenges at the moment. There is very limited opportunity to transport materials from Ktm to field.

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