

**Nepal Red Cross Society
Kanchanpur Chapter**

Total Affected VDC and Municipality	19 VDC and 1 Municipality
Type of disaster	Flood
Date of Occurrence	19 September, 2008
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1. General Overview

Torrential rainfall starting from 19 September 2008 has affected 19 VDC and 1 Municipality of Kanchanpur Districts. According to the report received from the different VDCs of Kanchanpur a total 30,733 people of 5,961 families have been affected. Displaced families are taking shelter at different schools of the affected VDCs. The disaster has so far claimed 10 lives and 4 people are still missing. Out of total affected areas; Shankarpur, Rauteli Bichwa, Tribhuvanbasti, Parasan, Rampurbilaspur are most affected VDC. NRCS trained volunteers; NDRT, RCAT including staffs have been mobilized for the damaged and need assessment of the affected areas.

The assessment teams are deployed and reports are being collected at the district chapter office. NRCS has still not been able to collect detailed information from two VDC; Bisyabiwchwa and Laxmipur; however NRCS has dispatched some relief materials through local NRCS volunteer to meet emergency needs of the affected families. The number of affected people and families might increase in coming days. NRCS DC expecting to collect all the reports within coming week.

2. Situation Assessment

NRCS DC has mobilized more than 300 volunteers through its chapter, SC, RCAT and JRC/YRC for the emergency assessment and response, though detailed assessment report is yet to be received.

The reports claimed that more than 100,000 hectare of land are eroded and or silted by the floodwater. Local people have loosed their local livelihood options since their cattle are dead, planted paddy field are washed out which might bring setback to secure their income and food related security for coming months. Besides, several families have lost their cattle and crops that are ready to harvest. General health complaints are being recorded in the flood affected VDC; mainly diarrhea, mosquito bites that might bring vector and water borne diseases in coming days. DPHO has also deployed their teams for the regular health check ups and medical supply to the affected people in different VDCs. The reports also claimed that some schools buildings are destroyed and DEO has also been in process to collect information on the education cluster.

3. Need Assessment.

Shelter: Initial reports have revealed that more than 6,000 NFRI kits are needed. NRCS DC has stock of 1700 NFRI kits (includes 700 NFRI supported from ICRC and 1000 from NHQ). UNICEF has provided 300 Hygiene kits, 300 utensil, 1300 bucket with lids (20 lts.), 1300 bucket with lids (10 lts.), 1300 Mug (1 lts.), 2000 tarpaulins and 600 blankets. ICRC has provided 2940 blanket, clothes 2517 meter, ladies sari 831, bucket 654 pcs. SC US has also provided different sheltering kits that includes; blankets, clothes, baby kits and buckets. The details of supports are also enclosed as annex with this report.

Looking on the emerging needs and resource available, NRCS DC still needs additional **2300** NFRI kits (mostly tarpaulins) to secure immediate sheltering (shelter and immediate needs) needs of the affected families.

Food: Since more than 6,000 families are affected by the flood, NRCS DC predicting to provide Food items; RTEF and basic food items for the first six days. NRCS has been in process to

distribute food and RTEF to the affected families. The affected families have loosed their stocked food and stocked foods are putrid and peoples are unable to use that foodstuff for their daily use. However, in the long run for addressing staple food need; it is essential to provide at least 30 day's food support to more than 5,000 families to secure their food availability at least before they can start harvesting secondary crops.

Recovery: NRCS has been doing detailed assessment in the field. More than 2.000 families of the most affected VDC; Shankarpur, Rauteli Bichwa, Tribhuvanbasti, Parasan, Rampurbilaspur might need early recovery and long term recovery needs, since peoples have almost loosed their basic agriculture product for this year and large number of livestock are recorded dead. The affected families might need; agriculture rehabilitation scheme, house construction and maintenance support, drinking water scheme renovation and maintenance.

4. Red Cross action

Shelter: NRCS DC has so far distributed 200 NFRI kit, 2221 blanket, 1647 ladies sari, 1799 utensil, 2023 tarpaulins, 70 baby kits, clothes 13647.04 meter; benefiting total 10814 people of 1899 families.

Food: NRCS has so far distributed a total of 63,738.80 kg rice, 5659.7 pulse, 6300 kg potato, 2388 liter oil, 1371 kg salt, 200 kg beaten rice, 10 cartoon of instant noodles, 25 kg sugar, 294 packet rice puff; approximately benefiting total 20,000 people of 3200 families of different VDC.

Others: Several NRCS SC; Shripur, Laxmipur and Dodhara/Chadani has been procuring RTEF and food items at local level and has been distributing the affected families of same area. Junior Red Cross circles, NRCS volunteers and NRCS Staffs of the local affected area have been also collecting and distributing foods in local level in coordination with local clubs and civilians. NRCS is also actively taking part in other cluster through assessment and support to the cluster members. JYC established at Janjoyoti Secondary School, Doddhara VDC has supported education materials to the 25 students studying in the same schools.

5. Coordination

NRCS Kanchanpur DC has been coordinating with District disaster Relief Committee and other stakeholders at the district level. At the moment NRCS is working with ICRC, GoN-DDRC, SC-US. UNICEF. ICRC has been providing a car with field staff and driver for coordination and transportation relating with assessment and management of food/NFRI distribution.

DAO through activating DDRC clauses has authorized NRCS to procure staple food/RTEF items to and has released NRs. 2,000,000. Similarly, NRCS has received commitments from ICRC for additional number of NFRI kits, SC-US also committed for additional tarpaulins and blanket. Similarly, RRN also committed for long-term recovery support. Similarly, Concern Worldwide is committed for 400 NFRI kits and discussing with NRCS Chapter for distribution mechanism and fill up gaps. FNCCI, Mahendranagar through Annapurna FM, Pokahara is also committed for at least 150 blanket or tarpaulins, planned to handover items to NRCS Chapter within this week. Samajik Samanata Abhiyan, Mahendranagar has supported 170 blankets. Nepal Kishan Sangh has contributed cash NRs. 4,132 and few pieces of ready clothes. HELVITAS-Nepal has also contributed cash NRs. 75,000. BASE (Backward Society Education) has supported Rice 131 kg rice through their BASE Youth forum and Club Chaudhary group.

6. Constraints and Challenges:

- Damage and need assessment is till do not have clear picture
- NRCS DC needs some resources for volunteer mobilization, transportation and communication
- The affected families expecting from NRCS DC to take actions in all other cluster related activities.
- The quantity evacuated from the helicopter actually not delivered at the planned location that might vary the figures from the NRCS and figure received from the concerned VDCs.
- For the time being, NRCS Chapter has formally decided and shared with CDO to withdraw from GoN (through DDRC) supported food distribution to protect and promote its Fundamental Principles and image, which was being provoked by dissimilar circumstances since last week

and has focused only in NFRI distribution to provide immediate sheltering needs of the affected families. NRCS has started discussing with concerned stakeholders to clear its role and responsibility to let partner's to understand its values and Fundamental Principles.

- NRCS Chapter has also been cautious on the coming WFP staple food support programme and discussing within its DC level executive committee members, NHQ, DDRRC and local WFP field representative to avoid any kind of confusions and issues in coming days that might again question NRCS image and values.

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