

- DRAFT -
Kailali Flood Coordination Meeting

3 November 2008

Participants: Acting Chief District Officer (CDO), Dalit Welfare Organization (DWO), CSSD, WOREC, Mercy Corps, DFID/CSP, CODECS, CARE- Nepal, BASE, OHCHR, UNICEF, UN OCHA, Women Development Office (WDO), World Vision International (WVI), DIDS-Kailali, Nursing Mother Care Center, Nari Uthan Manch, NRCS, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Office (DWSDO), District Public Health Office (DPHO)

1. Cluster Updates:

Food: Distribution of the WFP supported food for 15 days and 30 days is ongoing in flood affected VDCs in Kailali District. The distribution from the Dhangadhi EDP center is completed, till date 4,032 families received the food assistance from the WFP, GON, WVI, SC and DFID/CSP. The food distribution is going on smoothly and, 1700 MT food to be distributed in coming weeks.

NFIs: The NFI distribution is in process. Following the gap in the NFIs Mercy Corps supported NFIs were distributed in Ratnapur, Pabera and Hasuliya VDC. Save the Children (SC) and UNICEF NFI contributions were distributed. Recently ICRC contributed 4,000 blankets and INF 2 blankets to each of the 170 families. Through BASE, SC is providing 730 NFIs targeting children affected by the flood and FAYA-Nepal also plans to distribute 2,500 blankets. NRCS Headquarters to fill incase of any additional gap in NFIs.

Challenge: NRCS received NFIs are not in a standard NFI kit, which has complicated the distribution process.

WASH: The assessment team comprising of DWSS, DDC, DFID/CSP and WVI completed the initial rapid assessment on the damage of the water supply schemes and WASH need in the landslide/flood affected seven hilly VDCs. From 4 November, the WASH cluster will distribute buckets and water purification tablets in the 13 flood affected VDCs in the District. To raise the awareness on the sanitation hygiene social mobilizers and media will be mobilized. With the coordination with WASH cluster, Mercy Corps to support the 50-60 raised hand pumps in the flood affected VDCs.

Challenges: To protest against not receiving the relief on time, in Sugarkhal VDC the drinking water user's committee did not allow the assessment team to assess the damage of the water supply scheme. Following this incident the DWSDO office deployed two technicians to repair the drinking water supply scheme.

Education: BASE reported that 82 schools and 86 ECDs are damaged by the flood in Kailali District.

Health: No health related problem reported so far in the flood affected communities. DPHO has surplus medicine to respond incase of any disease or epidemic outbreak. In Khailad shelter site local health institution is examining the flood affected people in weekly basis and referral mechanism has been developed for the complicated diseases. On 9, 10 and 11 November BASE is organizing the eye clinic in three places in Kailali District, Sadepani and Pabera VDCs are already identified and the remaining one place will be identified based on the need and with coordination with DPHO and Geta Eye Hospital.

Challenges:

DPHO reported that it's receiving the information from the media on the health assistance by NGOs to flood affected people.

Action Point:

DPHO to be coordinated on the health response and medicines, mosquito nets and baby kits can be mobilized from DPHO for the care of nursing mothers and the infants.

Protection: Nursing Mother Care Center (NMCC) is operational at the DDC Guest house in Dhangadhi, Kailali; so far 18 nursing mothers with newly born babies receive the services from NMCC. The mothers having health problem were treated at Seti Zonal Hospital. The nursing mothers from the five VDCs namely Pahalmanpur, Bhajani, Khailad, Ratanpur and Lalbhaji are receiving the care support with the assistance of WOREC. To respond the need of the pregnant and nursing mothers WOREC has established the joint account.

Challenges:

The nursing mothers are lacking the balance diet and institutional cooking utensils lacking at the Care Center. The transportation cost for transporting nursing mothers from the flood affected village to Care Center. The pregnant and nursing mothers in the most affected VDCs in Dhansinghpur and Nayranpur have not received any care support.

Action Points:

- The Protection Cluster to consolidate the information on the pregnant and nursing mothers.

2. AOB

To rehabilitate the flood damage irrigation canal, fishery farm, WFP and Mercy Corps will jointly implement Cash for Work program in the flood affected VDCs in Kailali District.

3. Up-coming meetings:

- *Coordination Meeting* *Tuesday, 11 November at 1500hrs in DDC Office*
- *NFI Cluster* *Tuesday, 4 November at NRCS Office*