



## Mid and Far West Regions Weekly Report

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### General Situation Update

The security situation was relatively calm this week, with a number of protests, as detailed below:

Conflict Victim Protest: On 10 November, Conflict Victim Association (CVA) organized road blockade at Attariya of Kailali District and in Dang, Communist Party of Nepal-Maoists (CPN-M) Victims continued sit in protest at District Administration Office (DAO) for second consecutive day on 12 November, demanding to return the seized land and properties.

Former Kamaiya Protest: Demanding the proper rehabilitation, Freed Kamaya Society Kailali publicized protest programme on 7 November. The protest programme will start with rallies in different parts of Kailali from 10 November to 30 November and big rally will be organized in Dhangadhi on 17 November 2008. The society has alleged that the Kamaiya Rehabilitation Committee (KRC) has rehabilitated only 2,500 families and 14,000 families are still to be rehabilitated. The tenure of the KRC is going to be over with in two months.

On 9 November Freed Kamaiyas demonstrated in Dhangadhi demanding speedy rehabilitation, revolutionary land reform, survey of 440 hector of land for the identified freed Kamaiyas, rightful Freed Kamaiya Commission, and the identification for the remaining Kamaiyas. And the protest rally was carried out in Dhangadhi, Lamki, Bhajani, Sukhad, Hasuliya and Atteriya on 11, 12, 13, 14, November respectively.

Youth Force Patrolling in Kailali: During the reporting period, Youth Force- Kailali started night patrolling in the Tikapur area of the District. Reportedly, around 36 Youth Force cadres are doing patrolling every night. According to the Youth Force District in –charge, Youth Force cadres are helping the Government to stop the smuggling along the Indo-Nepal border areas.

Youth Force activities in Doti: Alleging CPN-M cadres for looting goods from people during the conflict time period, local Youth Force activists made a CPN-M cadre to pay twenty two thousand rupees in Saraswatinagar Village Development Committee (VDC) ward-9, Jorail in Doti District. Reportedly CPN-M cadre was physically tortured after being abducted by the Youth Force activists.

Youth Force caught suspended LDO: Youth Force caught a suspended Darchula District Local Development Officer (LDO) in Kanchanpur. The suspended LDO was alleged for the financial irregularities in Darchula district. Youth Force caught the suspended LDO and presented in a press conference.

Youth Club captured plastic rope brought from India: On 8 November at Tileni, Lamkai, Kailali District, Bihani Youth Club, captured one and a half quintals plastic ropes which were reportedly brought to Nepal illegally from India.

Demands for the Land Reform: Demanding the implementation of Revolutionary Land Reform Act, Peasants' Federation (PF) in Dadeldhura blocked road for 1 hour on 6 November. The PF also demanded to implement the recommendations made by Badal Commission, the Badal commission was formed 15 years ago to recommend government on land reform. The other demand of PF includes; making the data public on the flood victims and providing proper compensation and data collection on Haliyas as soon as possible.

### Disaster Response

#### Kailali and Kanchanpur Flood Response:

UNFPA's Support: Medical doctor and PHN provided emergency medical services for a week in Kailali and Kanchanpur and mobile team based in Jogbuda, Dadeldhura District provided medical assistance to flood and land slide victims in Jogbuda VDC. Emergency focal person and HIV officer from country office made field visit to Kailali and Kanchanpur and participated in coordination and protection cluster meeting. The planned activities are; to procure and deliver Individual kits and other NFRIs worth USD 100,000 for Kailali, Kanchanpur and Dadeldhura Districts. Provide orientation on universal precaution to humanitarian aid workers of Kailali and Kanchanpur in coordination with through DACC. Support to WOREC to assist flood affected people with a focus to pregnant, lactating, and adolescents of Kanchanpur

and Kailali. Support WOREC/WDO for provision of psycho social support. Recruit a gender/GBV focal person for short term basis for Kailai and Kanchanpur, support referral services for SGBV survivors. Support WDOs of Kailai and Kanchanpur for transport cost, referral cost, and nutritious food to PLM admitted in hospital.

WOREC and FAYA support: On 9 November, with the support of FAYA-Nepal, WOREC distributed blankets for 110 pregnant women and nursing mothers in Pahalmanpur VDC, Kailali. WOREC has the plan to distribute blankets to nursing mothers and pregnant women of Ratanpur (56), Khailad (55), Lalbhaji ( 220) and Bhajani ( 55 ).

NPFWA support: On 9 November, Nepal Police Family Women Association (NPFWA) distributed relief materials to the five hundred flood victims of Pahalmanpur VDC. The relief included one *sari* and one *lung* per family.

#### **Upcoming Meetings in the MWR/FWR:**

- ❖ Contact Group Meeting, Nepalgunj: 29 November at 1500hrs
- ❖ Kailali Flood Response Coordination Meeting: 30 November at 1500 hrs

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