

NEPAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF SERVICES - NCRS

First Updates on Immediate Flood Relief Aid, Aug 2017



Context: After Mega Earthquake in 2015, Nepal is experiencing another dreadful disaster the floods in the Terai parts where 26 districts are affected and seven districts are most. They are Sunsari, Saptari, Dhanusha, Morang, Mahottari, Rautahat, Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Dang, Banke and Bardiya. According to the statistical data from MoHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) 149 people are dead, 27 people are missing, 134 are injured, and 92, 216 families are displaced.

The total number of houses that are completely destroyed is 64,997 and partially destroyed is 1,44,973.

Relief Effort

The districts of Terai belt of Nepal experienced the torrential monsoon rainfall which has triggered a massive scale of flooding since 13th of August, 2017. It took away the lives of people, live stocks, building and properties and destroyed thousands of hectares of paddy fields and crop fields. About one million people are displaced by the floods which was the mega disaster for Terai belt after 30 years.

Standing for the vulnerable people, NCRS with its teams reached out to them into three different districts, Parsa, Sunsari and Kailali as of its initial immediate relief response. The news and information were gathered from national media, local Churches and authority so that there won't be duplication and missing of genuine victims . Food and non-food items were provided to the affected which includes rice, lentils, cooking oil, salt with Jeevan Jal, blankets, mosquito net, mattress, water filter, water bucket, tarpaulin and rope to fix the makeshift shelter.

(i) Parsa

Distribution Date	Items	Beneficiaries with Locations
22-25, Aug 2017	Food Items: Rice - 25kgs, Lentils - 2kg, Cooking Oil- 1ltr. and Salt - 1kg with Jeevan Jal - 5pax NFI: Blanket-1, Mattress-2m, Tarpaulin- 1 with rope 20m, Water-filter-1, Mosquito nets- 1	Hariharpur - W 3 = 30hhs Paterwa - W 5&7 = 119hhhs

Parsa district is one of the flood affected districts. In 2014, 18 houses of marginalized people were destroyed by fire where the local authority requested NCRS for the help. In response to fire relief, we were able to build 18 houses with toilet and tube pump for the community under the financial support by Samaritan Purse Canada. In this emergency too, we got many requests for the support. Being aware of this critical situation, firstly we collected money from our NCRS staffs, board members and Churches for the immediate response.



People after receiving relief packages from NCRS

As of the immediate relief we were able to support 30 households of Hariharpur who were in desperate needs. Beside this we distributed relief items to 89 households of Paterawa VDC, Mor who were taking shelter in nearby local school since their houses were destroyed by flood. Then, 30 households from Serai Satiwal Village whose houses were closed to the river and lost everything in the flood also benefitted by this relief aid.

During our visit in course of relief distribution, we found that beside huge destruction of houses many hectors of lands were turned into humps of sand and many hectors of cultivated crops were decayed due to flooding in Parsa District.

It was very difficult to transport relief materials to the site as the roads were destroyed in the most of the areas. The distribution made under the coordination with the local existing Churches and local authority.

We thank to the local existing Church Birgunj Koinoniya for their contribution in this relief effort.

(ii) Sunsari

Distribution Date	Items	Beneficiaries with Locations
22-25, Aug 2017	Food Items: Rice - 25kgs, Cooking Oil- 1ltr. and Salt - 1kg NFI: Blanket-1, Mattress-2m, & Mosquito nets- 1	Itahari, Sunaulo Tole - W 3 = 80hhs

On Friday, 11th August, Sunsari district of Nepal was badly hit by flood. On that night around 12, approximately 700 families were displaced in Itahari Municipality ward no. 3, 4 & 10 i.e. Sunaulo Tole, Gaurigaun Tole and Shivanarayan Tole community where 10 people were killed, 3 people were injured and most of the houses were destroyed by the flood in Budhi

River. The whole settlement was under the water and the water level raised up to 9 to 10 ft height according to the local witnesses. Thus, we can say the situation was really very terrifying during the time.

The displaced families are now living in temporary shelter where they are lacking food and clean drinking water. Especially children, elderly people, lactating women and pregnant women are suffering from water borne and air borne diseases. The new borne babies suffering from skin diseases where they have cords and wounds all over their body. The nearby neighbor, Sapana B.K. who is pregnant of 8 months child is now worried about her child's health and couldn't sleep well at nights because of the current situation there. She also added saying they will be very grateful and thankful if they would have been provided with a special package of relief in such worse situation by the government and organizations. When Nepal Christian Relief Services (NCRS) provided them with food and non-food items, they were very happy and thankful. According to them, NCRS responded them in their hard times with very essential materials which were a great relief to them that cured their internal and physical pain.

Great Testimony!



The house under water for hours up to 10ft height 11 member were rescued from opening roof on the top.

Another great incident was rescuing 17 children and elderly people from 4 families by Chandra Rai who is by religion Christian. They were stuck inside the house covered with flooded water and he saved them by entering from the roof top. Like how he risked his own life for the sake of helping others, Mr. Chandra Rai is now wellknown among the villagers. Kuber

Gurung, President of Eastern Christian Society, said Eastern Christian Community is planning to reward him for his bravery act and also, local people are coordinating for recognizing his good work.

We thank Eastern Christian Community for their local initiation and contribution for this relief effort.

(iii) Kailali

Distribution Date	Items	Beneficiaries with Locations
23-30, Aug 2017	NFI: Blanket-1, Mattress-2m, & Mosquito net- 1, Water bucket with piyush (water guard) and Hygiene Kits.	Bhajani Municipal - W 8 = 1,000hhs

Bhajani Municipality ward 3, 5 and 8 are the most affected areas of Kailali district. According to Vice- Mayor, Mrs. Chaya Devkota, almost 2500 households and 12 to 15 thousand people are affected. Almost all paddy cultivation has been destroyed. There were less casualties due to pre preparation for disaster and 2 person died due to flood.

In the community of Bhajani Municipality, Ward no. 8, almost 1180 households were affected. The flood water entered the house and washed away the utensils. Due to raise in the water level, many people were rescued from the roof. The local people were sharing that they could only see water all around them and as a result, it destroyed the road which is under construction now. People survived at road for almost 6 – 7 days. Now, most of the families have returned back to their houses, however, they are not in a good condition to live as the flood left mud inside the houses. Also, it destroyed all the paddy cultivation there. Thus, we see the long-term poverty in that part because people will lack food severely. Vice- Mayor thanked for the response done by NCRS with non-food items.

With Relief Support from Samaritan Purse Nepal, NCRS coordinated to provide non-food items to support 1,000 households of Bhajani ward 8. The elected bodies, local police, Red Cross and local leaders identified the needy households from different communities. Coupons were given to each household to receive relief, to avoid duplication.

Almost 40 volunteers from different churches were mobilized during distribution on 28th and 29th August, 2017. The Church Pastors and Leaders from *Khristiaya Ekta Samaj Tikapur* also supported in the distribution program. 5 Stalls were placed according to the community from where people could receive the relief materials. Each stall had 5-6 volunteers with team leaders. People were happy to receive the non-food relief items. Ward Chairman, Pankaj Chaudhary, was very thankful towards NCRS for fulfilling the necessities of people during this critical time. Chet Raj Upadhaya from Red Cross stated that Bhajani ward no. 8 is one of the most affected communities due to the flood. Thus, they deserve the relief.

We thank Samaritan's Purse International for the support in reaching to the flood affected people in Kailali

Present Situation and Scenario

There are large numbers of floods and landslides affected people who are passing their days with half fed and are in need of daily foods, safe drinking water and shelter for their protection. NCRS has observed and seen that there are still more people to be reached out. The relief works that we have done is insufficient compare to their needs. We are in need of more funds in order to support those need people in times of their trouble and desperate need. The support we get for all these things would be very supportive and essential to meet the needs of those suffering people. It brings smiles and hopes on the faces of entire affected people and help to back into their normalcy.

Some Glimpse of Relief Distributions:



Unloading non-food items at Paterewa, Parsa



NCRS team with affected people at Hariharpur, Parsa



An elderly man receiving a water filter at Hariherpur, Parsa



Relief distribution program in the midst of rain in Parsa



Flood affected area in Kailali



A Volunteer group pictures in Kailali.



Women's with non-food items in Kailali



An old man with non-food items in Kailali.



Displaced families living in temporary shelter in Itahari.



Pregnant woman living in temporary shelter in Itahari



A pregnant woman receiving food and non-food items in Itahari



NCRS ED with Local Pastors & leaders in Itahari during relief distribution in Itahari and Parsa district

Request for Further Relief Effort

S/No.	Incident Date	Incident Nature	District	Affected Areas	Displaced/Affected Households	Urgent Need
01	12 Aug 2017	Floods	Dhanusha	Gairdaha tole, Dhanugi -2	250hhs	Medical Camp
02	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Chitwan	Madi Municipality Kusumkhola	205hhs 25hhs	Food and Non-Food Items
03	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Bardiya	Rajapur Municipal - 1,7,8,9 Bar Bardiya Municipal - 1 Geruwa RM - diff places Thakurbaba Municipal - 2	200hhs 100hhs 150hhs 100hhs	Food Items & Mattress Medical Camps
04	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Mahotari	Ramgopal – 6 Manara - 5 Manara – 6	100hhs 100hhs 100hhs	Food and Non-Food Items
05	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Saptari	Agnisari Krishnaswaran Rural Municipality - 1 Kanchanrup Municipal -	49hhs 4hhs	Shelter (CGI Sheets, bamboo and related tool kits)
06	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Bardiya	Khairapur Ward no 2	629hhs	Food and Non Food Items
07	14 Aug, 2017	Flood & Landslides	Makwanpur	Manhara	50hhs	Food and Non Food Items
08	12 Aug, 2017	Flood	Sunsari	Itahari-10	218hhs	Food and Non-Food Items

Total : The total households are 2,280 hhs. It has been collected according to the request upon local Churches and authority. The people are in desperate needs and many of them are living in makeshift tents and waiting for help.

Note: Food Items include rice, lentils, oil and salt. Non-food items include tarpaulin, mattress, mosquito net and water purifier.

Vote of Thanks!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our funding organizations, Churches and well-wishers, our staff and board for their prayer, financial support and encouragement in reaching to flood affected people with relief items. Beside this, we would like to thanks to the Pastors and leaders from local Churches and authority for their supporting role in successful completion of the first phase of relief distribution program. As a result, whole distribution program were well organized and fair.

We are still trying to reach out 2,280hhs who are waiting for the help. Please pray and join with us so that their hope and will be not in vain. We may becomes tools to bring hope and restoration amongst them.

Until preparing this report, we have been received funds from Covenant World Relief, Anandit Charity Trust, Nepali Isai Mandali, Christ Glory Church, Scripture Union, Kathmandu Jyoti Church and individuals and many have been made commitment to fund for the remaining relief intervenes. We would like to thanks to you all from the bottom of our heart for your generous prayerful financial contribution. We highly value and appreciate it.

We would like to assure you that we will keep you relief distribution update along with the financial report after the flood relief project completion.

We would like to thank you once again for your faithful prayer and partnership with us.

Thanking you!

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On behalf of Nepal Christian Relief Services