

Earthquake Response Operation

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Issue of month

- Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is in discussion with partners and Nepal Reconstruction Authority (NRA) to decide how NRCS could participate in Build Back Safer process. Different options are being explored.

Programme update

Shelter

- Altogether 588 NRCS volunteers and community members participated in participatory approach on safe shelter awareness (PASSA) group training in Sindhupalchowk district. Additional 2,940 people got benefitted with the awareness activities indirectly.
- Completed construction of three pre-fabricated health posts in Sindhupalchowk district.
- Conducted five-day mason training in Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts for 56 masons including one female mason on Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) curriculum. The trained masons will be mobilized for constructing earthquake resistant shelter in the programme communities.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene

- Water resource mapping and household inventory data collection in Sushpachhemawati and Lapilang village development committees (VDCs) of Dolakha district completed. Data entry of inventory assessment is ongoing. Earthquake response operation (ERO) headquarters will analyse data and prepare report.
- Carried out household visit to assess status of toilets in programme VDCs of Nuwakot. This will help to plan sanitation activities in the district.
- ERO district team are mapping water resources with help of community members in Rampur VDC of Ramechhap district. Water sources at Rampur is depleting and their immediate preservation is critical. NRCS Ramechhap is planning to collaborate with Poverty Alleviation Fund (PAF) in Aitebare-Khanikhola water supply system. PAF has already completed design estimate for Aitebare-Khanikhola water supply system.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) technical working group prepared WASH technical package which contains WASH guideline, log frame, intervention approach, risk assessment matrix, WASH technical standards, beneficiary counting guideline and WASH cross themes.



NRCS volunteer taking GIS map of water source during WASH assessment in Dolakha district

Health

- NRCS distributed Nyano Jhola to 1,181 pregnant mother and mother who have child/children less than one year in programme area of Makawanpur district. Volunteers were oriented on 1 February and mobilized for distribution of Nyano Jhola. In Makwanpur district;
- NRCS Okhaldhunga district chapter distributed dignity kits to 450 families in Harkapur VDC, Siddicharan Municipality Ward No. 1 and 2, Bilandu VDC and Prapcha VDC. Priority was given to Dalit, families from totally damaged households and families resettled due to landslides.
- Health technical package is ready. The package contains guideline and logframe for ERO health programme.
- List of health and social mobilization trainings were completed:



Participants of social mobilization and communication training involving in moral game in Gorkha district.

Table 1: Health and social mobilization trainings

S.N.	Name of training/orientation	Name of district	Date	Type of participants	No. of participants		
					Male	Female	Total
1	Social Mobilization for Total Immunization training	Ramechhap	27 Feb	FCHVs, NRCS volunteers and district chapter representative	22	14	36
2		Sindhuli			19	19	38
3	CBHFA training	Sindhuli	29 Feb-3 March	NRCS volunteers and district chapter representatives	27	23	50
4	Community mobilization training (First phase) ^a	Rasuwa (for Thulogaun and Dandagaun VDCs)	13-15 Feb	Volunteer, social mobilizer	21	17	38
5	Community mobilization training (third phase) ^b	Nuwakot (Kaule VDC)	8-11 Feb		15	17	32
6	Social mobilization and communication training	Gorkha	5-9 Feb		10	28	38

^aFollowing first phase of community mobilization training, the trained social mobilizers and volunteers have been mobilized to collect information about needs of community through focus group discussions and facilitate development and implementation of community plan.

^b Following third phase of the training, the social mobilizers and volunteers went back to community and revised VDC level action plan. If plan of one ward conflicts with the existing situation and facilities of other wards, the social mobilizers have to make necessary corrections.

Livelihood

- Technical package of livelihoods interventions was completed and shared with district team and partners for feedback. The package contains core component of the livelihood programme along with logframe. Three-day workshop was conducted with selected district programme coordinator, planning monitoring evaluation and reporting (PMER) officers and steering committee members, concerned partners, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and ERO headquarters team in Kathmandu to prepare the framework.
- Feasibility study for irrigation scheme: ERO team visited Kaule VDC from 25 to 28 February 2016 to assess feasibility for construction of irrigation system. NRCS will support selected vulnerable households to construct irrigation canal in their land through cash for work mechanism. NRCS is waiting for decision of ward citizen forum (WCF) and Recovery Action Group (RAG) for their commitment. Agriculture is one of the most important livelihood options in Nuwakot district.
- NRCS is planning to distribute cash grants for seeds and tools to 2,000 families in selected wards of Kathmandu valley.



ERO team together with partners discussing with community about possibility of irrigation system in Kaule VDC in Nuwakot district.

Institutional Capacity Building

- District programme coordinator supported the Nawalpur sub chapter's General Assembly and election as election officer in Sindhupalchowk district.
- Completed district chapter capacity assessment of Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts through workshop on 18 and 20 February respectively. District chapter executive committee members and staff had participated in the workshop.
- ERO headquarters is developing institutional capacity building plan based on the findings from district chapter capacity assessment.

PMER

- Baseline package is ready. The package contains baseline terms of reference (ToR) guideline, questionnaire and volunteers training package. Household questionnaire has been translated into Nepali language and fitted in the open data kit (ODK). The questionnaire was pre tested in rural and urban context of Kathmandu valley.
- Conducted one-day training on baseline to PMER officers of 14 districts on 11 February. Baseline approach, stages, sampling method, household survey and use of ODK were the key content of the training. Following the training, Dhading district has prepared their plan for baseline survey.
- Completed baseline survey in Sindhupalchowk district.
- Conducted data collector training to 43 volunteers and social mobilizers in Gorkha district. The training was about how to collect data by using ODK tool and basic skill tip to conduct household survey. Baseline is ongoing in Gorkha district.

- Preparing for quick assessment of Kathmandu valley to collect data/information for revising recovery programme plan and Disasters Emergency Committee proposal.

Coordination and collaboration

Conducted district, VDC and ward level stakeholder meetings to brief about recovery programme, its objectives, key activities and working modalities. Detail of the meetings has been provided in table 2.

Table 2: Stakeholder meetings							
S.N	Name of event	Name of district	Topic covered	Type of participants	No. of participants		
					Male	Female	Total
1	VDC level stakeholder meeting	Gorkha (Barpark, Jaubari and Shreenathkot VDCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives of programme; • Nepal Red Cross History, its principles and working strategies; • Earthquake 2015 and losses due to it. • Earthquake response operation and its 4 + 1 components. • Interaction with stakeholders • Linkage of social mobilizers and volunteer with WCF (only for WCF orientation); Formation of RAG (only for WCF orientation) 	VDC authority, political/community leaders, ward citizen forum representatives and community members	119	49	170
2		Dhading (Kallery VDC)			20	18	38
3		Rasuwa (7 VDCs)			249	98	347
4		Nuwakot (5 VDCs) ¹			165	39	204
		Ramechhap district (Rampur VDC)			75	47	122
5		Harkapur VDC	64	29	93		
6	Programme orientation to WCF	Rasuwa district (Dandagaun and Thulogaun VDCs)		Ward citizen forum members	23	13	36
	District level orientation (Health programme)	Kavre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives of recovery programme; • Construction of prefab health post; • Communication about the construction to all key stakeholders in district 	Representatives from district health office, Ministry of Health, VDCs, partners and NRCS	-	-	116

District specific issues

Issues collected from field visit and stakeholder meetings:

¹VDC level stakeholder orientation was held in January in Kaule VDC

- Some households started to construct their houses using existing traditional knowledge and skills in Bhaktapur district;
- Senior citizens have their expectation for some income generating activities and training from NRCS in Bhaktapur district;
- There is land issue for health post construction in Sindhupalchowk district. NRCS has continuously been following up with district health office to resolve the issue. District chapter is in a process to acquire land for construction of office building;
- Communities have drinking water scarcity and shelter problem in Dhading district;
- There is high demand of shelter activities from communities in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Bhaktapur districts. They keep on asking about the shelter support whenever they meet Red Cross team.

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