Earthquake Response Operation

February 2018

A glimpse of district total immunization declaration in Ramechhap.

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1. Summary

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been implementing earthquake response operation (ERO) in partnership with Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners in 14 districts. The operation includes four plus one components; shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, livelihood and institutional capacity building (ICB).

Major achievements of February 2018 include:

- A total of 110 households received first tranche, 861 households second tranche, 183 households third tranche and 229 households received fourth tranches.
- Two drinking water supply systems (DWSS) were completed.
- A total of 581 household toilets were completed;
- A total of 669 families received first instalment of livelihood and 924 families received second instalment of livelihood support and 20 vulnerable families received first and second instalment together.
- More than 688 people were trained/oriented on shelter, WASH and livelihood.

More than 500 students from Shree Mahendra Lila secondary school have been benefitted from child, gender and disability friendly toilet in Harmi VDC of Gorkha.

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2. Sectorial Progress

2.1 Key Figures (Cumulative figures)

6, 734 families received first tranche of shelter cash grant

139 drinking water supply schemes completed

5,009 families Constructed household toilets

1, 69, 482 people reached through sanitation and hygiene promotion activities

24,269 families received livelihood support

14,554 people trained/oriented on livelihood

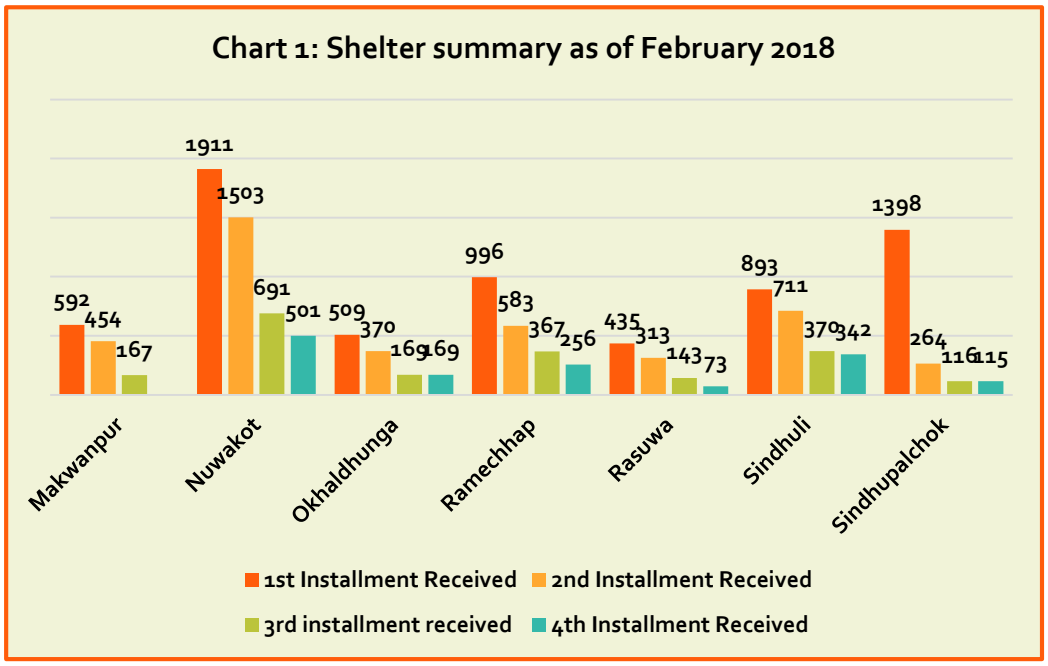
Note:

- Families and households have been used interchangeably in this report.

2.2. Shelter

As of 28 February 2018, NRCS supported 6,734 households with first tranche, 4,198 households with second tranche, 2,023 households with third tranche and 1,456 with fourth tranche of cash grants in seven districts (Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Okhaldunga, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchok Rasuwa and Sinhduli districts). VDC/municipality wise progress has been presented in chart 1.

Following the cash grants, 2,652 families completed their house construction. While 2,536 households were waiting for certification from Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) for second tranche and more than 2,175 households for third tranche. Therefore, additional efforts are needed to expedite certification process.

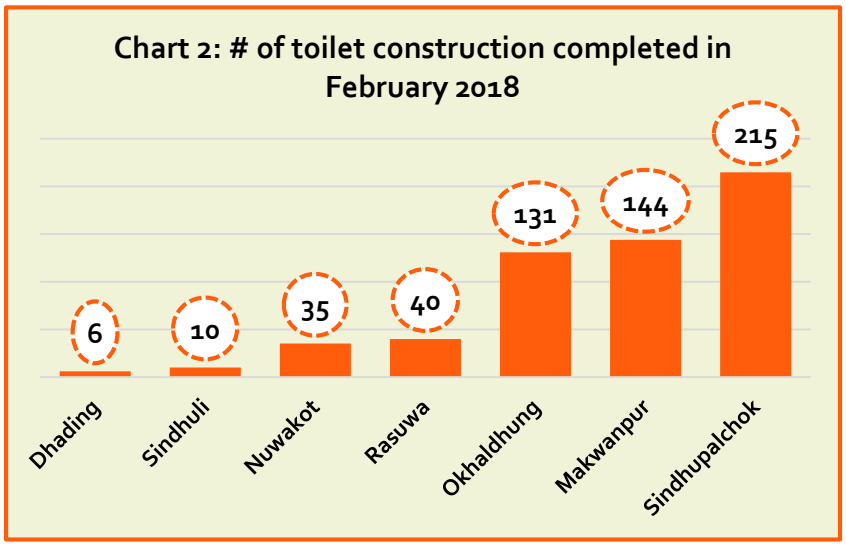


2.3. Water and Sanitation

In February 2018, two DWSSs were completed in Okhaldhunga and Makwanpur districts. A total of 1,133 people including 564 female from 229 households have been benefited from the DWSSs.

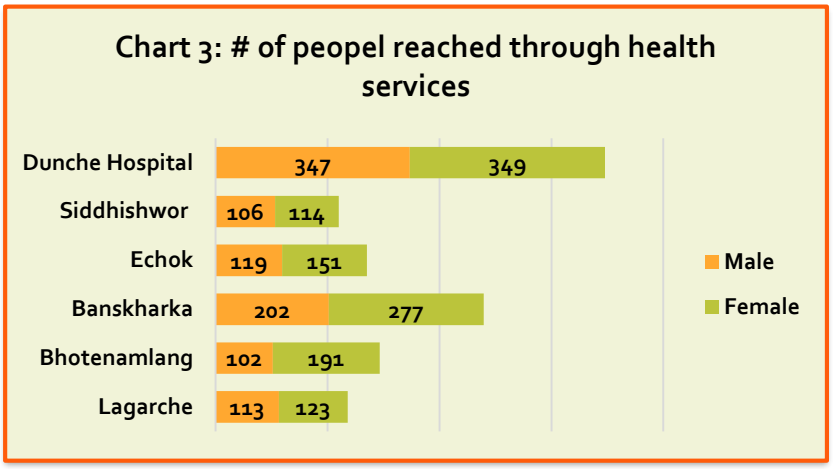
Likewise, 581 toilets were constructed in Dhading, Sindhuli, Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Makwanour, Okhaldunga and Sindhupalchok districts. Chart 2 shows district-wise progress of toilet construction.

Number of toilets in Sindhupalchok is comparatively higher than other districts as the district has higher target, i.e. 2,500 until June 2018. So far, altogether 1,016 toilets have been completed in the district. While the monthly toilet progress in Dhading is low as its target until June 2018 is only 380 and already 215 toilets have been completed.



2.3. Health facilities

In February 2018, health service data was received from six health institutes (Dhunche hospital, four health posts of Sindhupalchowk district and one health post of Sindhuli district). Total number of patients treated by those health institutes was 2,194 people including 1,205 female. Chart 3 shows sex-wise disaggregated number of people served by each hospital and health posts in February 2018.



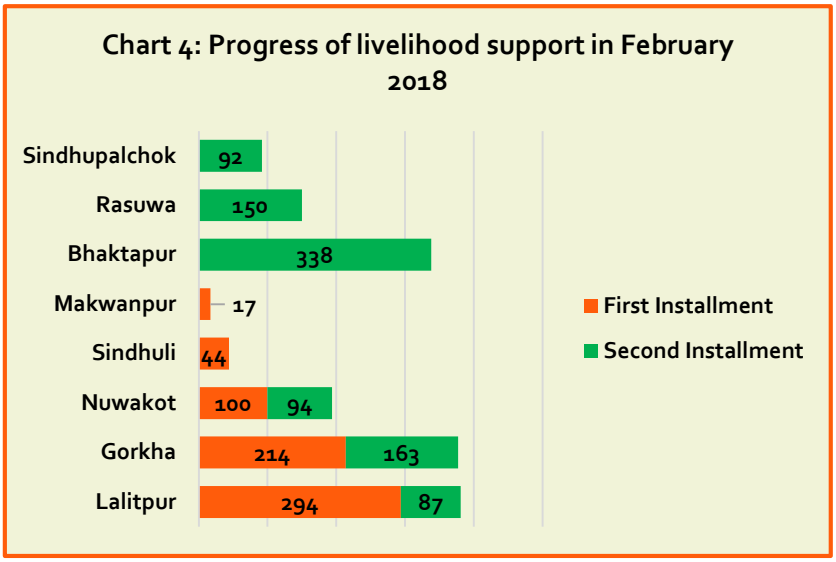
2.4. Livelihood

In February 2018, a total of 669 families received first instalment of livelihood support in Lalitpur, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Sindhuli, and Makwanpur districts. Similarly, 924 families received second instalment of livelihood support for livestock rearing, small enterprise and agriculture support. Number of families supported for livelihood interventions have been presented in chart 4.

Number of families reached with first instalment of livelihood support in Lalitpur district is higher as compared to other districts. It is because the second lot of beneficiary selection was completed in January 2018 and first instalment of cash grant for livelihood support was started in February.

Likewise, number of families reached with second instalment is higher in Bhaktapur district as the reporting period witnessed completion of start-up time and monitoring for the second instalment. In addition, effective coordination with the sub chapters also triggered the achievement.

Similarly, 20 families who do not have active member (18-59 years) in their family have been provided with first and second instalment together.

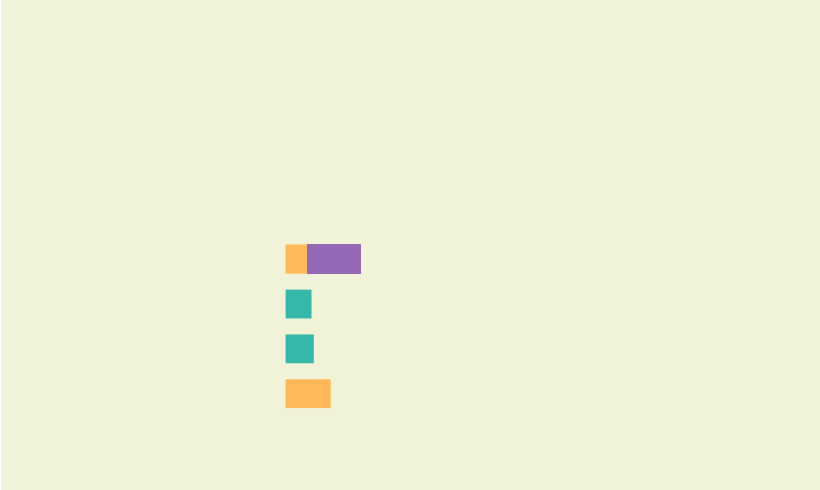


3. Training/orientation

During the reporting period, more than 23 orientations/ trainings were conducted to develop skills and capacity of community in different field in programme area.

A total of 11 livelihood technical trainings/orientations were conducted for 455 people in Gorkha and Lalitpur districts. NRCS has been providing livelihood supports for the selected families in 13 districts. Livelihood technical training was provided to the representative of the families selected for livelihood support.

Similarly, two events of post construction training were conducted for 66 people in Gorkha and Sindhupalchok districts and one event of plumber training was conducted for 23 people in Kavre district. Likewise, two events of Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) training/orientation were conducted for 48 staff and volunteers in Dhading and Kavre districts.



In addition, two events of mason training were conducted for 56 people in Lalitpur district and two events of carpentry training for 40 people in Sindhupalchok district.

4. District Highlights

This section includes district-wide highlights which have not been included in other sections.

Dhading

- Completed construction of 76 washing platforms in Katunje VDC benefitting to 420 people including 211 female.
- Completed four events of hand washing demonstration events reaching out to 66 people including 36 female from the community of Katunje VDC.
- Conducted 12 events of sanitation campaigns reaching out to 302 people including 186 female from the community.
- Completed inspection of the Kalleri health post by the Government and submitted report to the NRCS Dhading district chapter. The district chapter will implement feedback of the inspection team and hand over the health post to the Government.

Gorkha

- Data of trainings (post-construction, livelihood technical and kitchen garden) have been presented in chart 6 and data of livelihood support have been presented in chart. 4.

Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur

- Completed 17 events of community led total sanitation activities reaching out to 1,326 people including 973 female from the community of Bhaktapur (eight events) and Kathmandu (nine events) districts.
- Completed nine events of school led total sanitation in schools of Bhaktapur (two events) and Kathmandu (seven) districts reaching out to 482 students including 295 female. Content of the sessions include safe use of water, food hygiene, proper use of toilet, hand washing, solid waste management, menstrual hygiene management and hand washing demonstration.
- Conducted 43 events of health education sessions for 1,767 people including 710 female from the community of Lalitpur (19 events) and Kathmandu (24 events) districts.
- Completed two events of reproductive health camps in Lalitpur district reaching out to 200 beneficiaries with free medical check-up and medicine. The camps were organized in coordination with district public health office, local health post, and ward office.
- Completed two events of veterinary health camps in Kathmandu district. A total of 200 livestock from 134 households were provided with free medical check-up and medicine. The programme was conducted in coordination with district livestock office of Kathmandu.

Glimpse of school led total sanitation activity in Bhatpur district. Photo credit: Bhaktapur district chapter

Kavre

- Continued follow up of trained masons and carpenters. The result shows that, out of 60 trained masons, 43 masons have constructed 29 houses in Sarsunkhark VDC. Similarly, all of the 22 trained carpenters have been involved in carpentry work.
- Reached out 240 people including 98 female through PHAST activities such as village sanitation, drinking water source cleaning and school sanitation in Sarsunkharka VDC. In addition construction of 21 washing platforms were completed in Kharelthok VDC.
- Insured 256 livestock in Dolalghat and Kharelthok VDCs.
- Conducted one event of livestock treatment camp (Dipping pond) in Dolalghat VDC. A total of 27 goats and three dogs were treated in the camp.
- Distributed winter baby kit in Jyamdi Mandan VDC for five mothers with child below one year of age and had institutional delivery.

5. GESI and CEA

5.1. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

- Completed three events of minimum standard commitment on GESI orientation for 87 people including 49 female from the community of Lalitpur district. Similarly, one event of minimum standard commitment on GESI orientation was conducted for 19 staff in NRCS headquarters.
- Conducted focused group discussion with women, children, people with disabilities elderly people and Dalits to identify their risk and needs in to Okhaldhunga and Ramechhap districts and conducted meetings with government authority to work jointly for managing and mitigating risk and needs of the most vulnerable group of the community.

5.2. Community Engagement and Accountability

KIOSK, IEC material distribution and Radio Programme

- Conducted two events of KIOSK in Lalitpur reaching out to 341 people including 271 female from the community.
- Conducted 10 promotional events of NRCS radio programme "Together for Humanity" reaching out to 300 people including 284 female from the community in Bhaktapur district.
- Distributed 300 IEC materials about good and bad practices of hand washing, hand washing steps, critical stage of hand washing and washing vegetables before cooking in Okhaldhunga district.

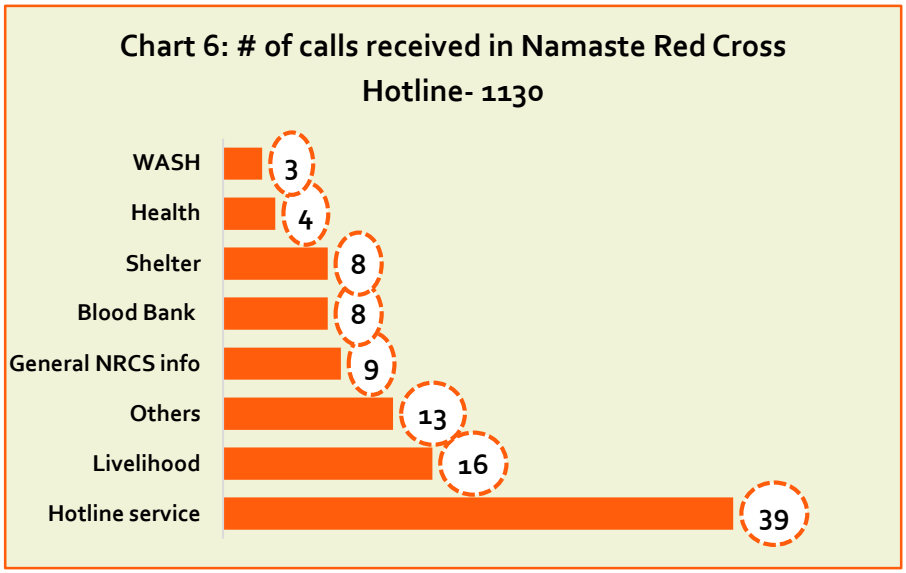
- Conducted following activities in Sindhupalchok districts:
  - Carried out household visit and disseminated shelter notice and message such as deadline of shelter cash grants to 671 households.
  - Aired major programme activities through local FM every Sunday;
  - Broadcasted public service announcements regarding deadline of shelter reconstruction and earthquake resistant construction regularly though local FM,

- Aired two episodes of radio programme on house reconstruction; one episode of NRA timeline on reconstruction and one episode on building code through Red Cross radio programme: "Together for Humanity".

Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130

In February 2018, a total of 100 calls were received in Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130. Number of calls per sector has been presented in chart 8. The highest number of calls (39 calls) were about hotline service itself followed by calls (16) on livelihood and calls (9) on NRCS general information.

In case of livelihood, majority of queries were related to timing of cash grant and selection criteria. While, for shelter, main issue was about second and third tranches of cash grants. All of the calls were from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Gorkha districts.



Facebook Page

Social media visitors of NRCS face book page have increased by 16 compared to January 2018. In February 2018, total likes of NRCS face book reached to 144,187. Most popular posts for February 2018 was "National Youth Seminar at Kailali" reaching out to 10, 725 people with 526 reactions, 13 comments and 19 shares.

6. Our Partners

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