

Nepal: Monsoon Preparedness and Response 2021

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS



80 people
dead



75 people
injured



38 people
missing



9,990 families
affected



4,086 families
displaced



2,476 houses
fully destroyed



3,491 houses
partially destroyed

Disaster Update



719 Non Food
Relief Items
set distributed



1,814
tarpaulins
distributed



512
blankets
distributed



154
utensil sets
distributed



173
buckets
distributed



387
mattress
distributed



130
mosquito nets
distributed



123
hygiene kit
distributed



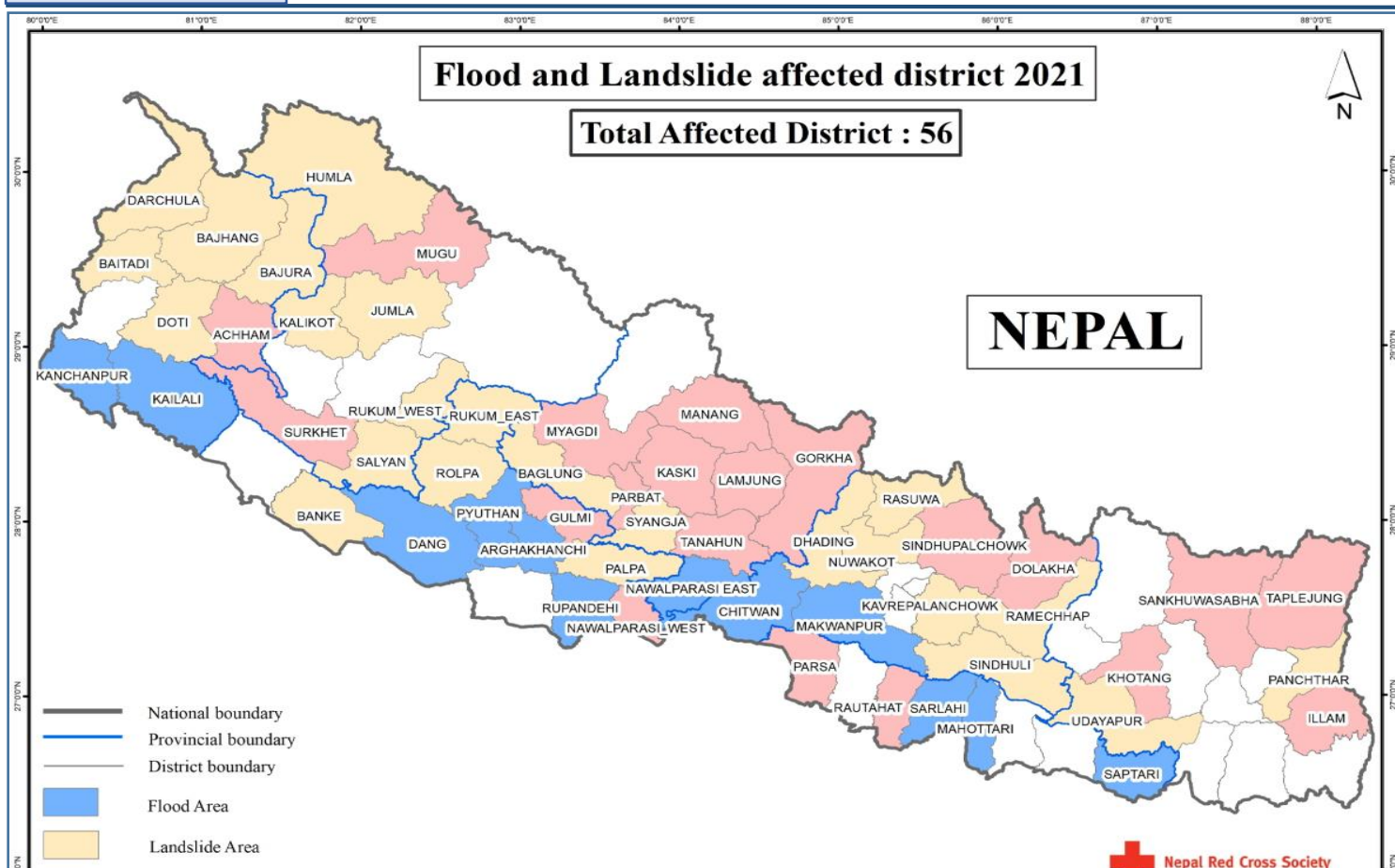
257
volunteers
mobilized

NRCS Response Update

Flood and Landslide affected district 2021

Total Affected District : 56

NEPAL



Source: NRCS Situation Report#31 August 2021/drrportal.gov.np

Situation Overview

The continuous rainfall since the end of August and the first week of September across the country causing flood and landslides affecting additional 11 districts¹, (reaching a total of 56 districts), which resulted in the increase in human casualties, displacement of people, damage of infrastructure, crops and livestock. Altogether, 80 people (Male 49 and Female 31) have lost their lives, 75 people were injured and 38 people are missing, 5,967 houses were affected (fully destroyed-2,476 and partially destroyed-3,491) due to flood and landslide².

The affected and displaced population are being supported by Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) as well as other agencies in those districts. In total, 257 volunteers including Emergency Response Team (ERT) members are being mobilized in affected districts for conducting initial rapid/detail assessment, supporting in search and rescue, constructing temporary shelter, providing psychosocial support services, helping families to evacuate in safe places and for relief distribution.



***House affected due to recent flooding in Om Satiya Rural municipality, ward no. 1, Rupandehi District
(Source: NRCS Rupandehi)***

Summary of current response

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) Monsoon Preparedness and Response Plan (MPRP) has been productively followed and NRCS Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has been actively coordinating with different department within NRCS and provincial/district chapters for effective response activities implementation.

- NRCS Situation Report/Bulletin and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC) Go platform is being updated by PMER-IM (Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting and Information Management) team and IRA reports are being collected in coordination with NRCS PMER-IM Division, IFRC and movement partners.



***NRCS volunteers conducting initial rapid assessment in Pokhara Metro after the flood destroyed houses.
(Source: NRCS Kaski)***

¹ Myagdi, Rupandehi, Dang, Darchula, Sindhuli, Nawalparasi East, Nawalparasi West, Kanchanpur, Kailali, Udayapur and Mahottari districts.

² NRCS Situation Report 31st August 2021/drrportal.gov.np (flood and landslide data from June 15 to August 31, 2021)

- In addition, monsoon 5W reporting system has been developed and districts' focal persons are reporting district-wise response updates in 5W reporting system. COVID-19 focal persons from NRCS HQs are supporting to verify the monsoon impact data received from the field.
- Altogether, 23 Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) Reports were compiled. IRA was conducted through a three member team including NRCS, the Local Government and Nepal Police.
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) is continuously being aired through local FM and TVs in most of the flood and landslide prone districts, for raising awareness on multi-hazard risk along with messages on social issues like Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- NRCS Hotline 1130 is actively working to provide information and addressing compliances and grievances related to NRCS disaster response.

NRCS Response Updates of Rupandehi

- The affected people were suffering from food scarcity and difficulty in maintaining minimum hygiene and sanitation.
- Two NDRTs have been mobilized to the district for immediate flood response and to maintain continuous coordination with the local government.
- IRA was conducted and identified that it was difficult to reach the affected place due to damaged roads and poor means of communication.
- In total 124 NFRI, 494 tarpaulins, 112 mattresses, 519 blankets, 312 plastic buckets and mugs, 95 utensil sets, 28 dignity kit, 313 mosquito nets and 50 aqua tabs were distributed reaching 619 households.
- The relief materials were distributed in coordination with respective ward offices in the district.



NRCS volunteers distributing relief materials to affected people in Rupandehi. (Source: NRCS, Rupandehi)

Table 1: Sector-wise response details

Sector	Items	Unit	Quantity	Sector	Items	Unit	Quantity
Shelter	NFRI set ³	set	719	WASH	Hygiene kit	set	123
	Tarpaulin	piece	1814		Bucket	piece	173
	Blanket	piece	512		Soap	piece	36
	Mattress	piece	387		Chlorine Solution	piece	200
	Utensils	set	154		Squatting plate	piece	13
Health	Mosquito net	piece	130	Livelihood/ Basic Needs	RTEF/Food	family	107
	Surgical Mask	piece	1350				

³ The NFRI set contains Tarpaulin-1pc, Blanket-2pc, Saree-1pc, Dhoti-1pc, suiting cloth- 3.5m, print cloth- 7m, plane cloth-2m, Terri cotton cloth- 4m, rope-10m, bucket with lid-1pc, kitchen Utensil- 1 set.

Good Practices

- Despite of high risk of exposure to COVID-19, NRCS continued its immediate response activities in flood and landslides affected areas mobilizing emergency response team formed in each district. The team followed COVID-19 precautionary measures such as use of mask and sanitizer while delivering services.
- Strong coordination with local as well as provincial government to carry out monsoon as well as COVID-19 response activities in the affected districts.
- NRCS has adopted a 5W evidence based reporting mechanism to be able to centralize and analyze response activities across districts on timely and systematically. The district focal persons were oriented in using the system and they are reporting gradually based on the response carried out in the districts.

Coordination and Collaboration

- NRCS continues coordination and communication with Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA), National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), provincial government, IFRC, movement and non-movement partners, NRCS provincial committees and District Chapters for the immediate response.
- NRCS district chapters with support of provincial offices are working for assessment and relief materials distribution in close coordination with the local as well provincial governments, DDMC, District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), and other stakeholders.

Challenges

- Potential risk of COVID-19 spread in monsoon affected areas due to mass gathering and limited availability/practice of using masks.
- Limited access to affected areas due to blockage of roads and collapse of bridges caused by landslides and flooding.
- Potential risk of water borne diseases due to water submerged/inundation in Terai region.

IDENTIFIED NEEDS

The IRA reports and consultation with district chapters shows the following needs:

Shelter

- Household NFRI sets
- Temporary shelter (top priority) to displaced families

Health

- Health care services for affected families
- Mental Health and Psychosocial support (MHPSS) to families of missing and dead people.
- Masks and sanitizers

Livelihood and Basic needs

- Cash and Voucher assistance (CVA) for basic needs
- Food items

WASH

- Safe drinking water
- Mosquito nets
- Toilets for displaced families
- Health and Hygiene promotion including menstrual hygiene

PGI

Special focus needs to be given to children, elderly, pregnant women, people with chronic illness, people with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ community.

Restoring Family Links (RFL) services for missing people.

RELATED LINKS

<http://dims.nrcs.org>

<https://go.ifrc.org/>

<http://www.mfd.gov.np/content/?id=3315>

<http://ndrrma.gov.np>

<http://drrportal.gov.np/>

Note: This report covers the information from 15th June 2021 to 31st August 2021.

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