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FOREWORD



Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) extends its best compliments to all the partners for their invaluable support to NRCS for the benefit of the most vulnerable. This report provides glimpses of our achievements and trends of development scaled by the Society including major successes gained from projects and programmes including the COVID-19 Response.

During this period (July 2020-June 2021), NRCS implemented different projects and programmes throughout the country targeting the most vulnerable. Guided by the Fundamental Principles, NRCS alleviates human sufferings through disaster response, health care and protection in every emergency. It is an auxiliary to the Government in Humanitarian services; and firmly responsible to build resilient communities. Through our programmes and projects, we have reached more than 2.7 million people this year.

NRCS extends sincere thanks to all the helping hands who directly and indirectly provided assistance to carry out humanitarian activities in the local communities. Specifically, we are indebted to Nepal Government, UN Agencies, Partners and other stakeholders for their support. The thanks are to Dharma Datta Bidari, Director, and Sakun Kumar Joshi, Deputy Director, of Humanitarian Values and Communication Department for taking sole responsibility in fine-tuning and leading the role to bring this report in this form.

NRCS owes to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), all partner National Societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the international communities for their all-round support. Similarly, the Society is indebted to all the staff and volunteers for their invaluable dedication to humanitarian service.

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Umesh Prasad Dhakal

Executive Director

Nepal at a Glance

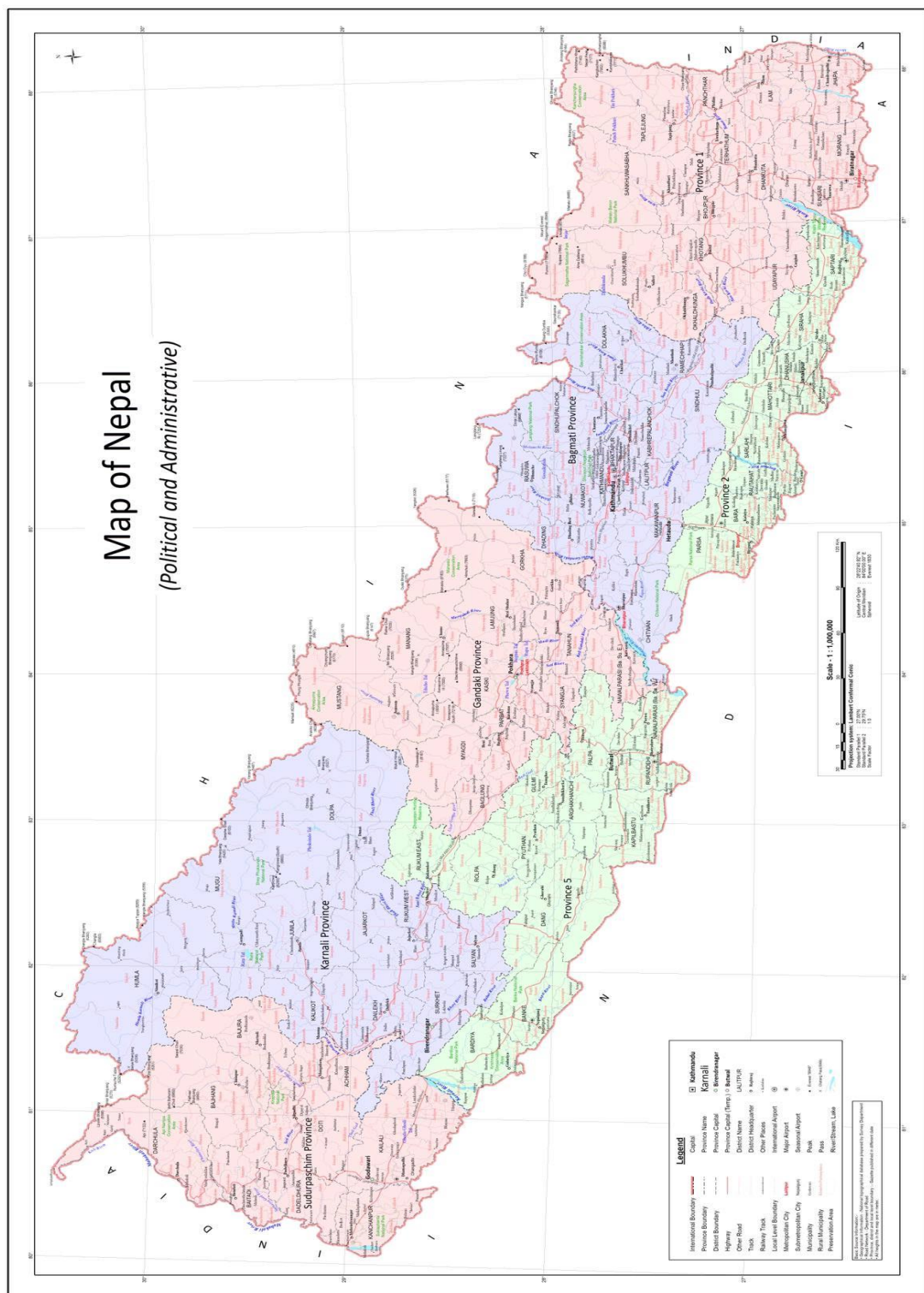
Comparative analysis

Location	Latitude–26° 22’ N to 30° 27’ N Longitude-80° 4’ Eto88° 12’ E	
Size	885 Km.(EasttoWest). AverageWidth=193 Km.(NorthtoSouth)	
Population	Total: 2,91,92,480, Male: 1,42,91,311 Female: 1,49,01,169 (Terai: 50.27%, Hill: 47%, Mountain: 6.73%)	
Ecological division	Mountain, Hill and Terai	
Political division	Number of states- 7, Number of local levels-753	
Divided in the Federation, the State and the Local level.	Local levels :	
	Number of Metropolitan City- 6 (with 174 ward units)	
	Number of Sub-Metropolitan City- 11 (with 234 ward units)	
	Number of Municipality – 276 (with 3119 ward units)	
	Number of rural municipality – 460 (with 3216 ward units)	
Total area		1,47,181 sq. Km.
Urban population		66.8 % (Residing in 58 Municipalities*)
Number of households		56,43,945
Population growth rate (2021)		1.71 per annum
Sources of drinking water		47.78 % (Tap/piped), 35% (tube well/hand pump)
HHs using firewood as main fuel for cooking		64 %
HHs Bio-gas as fuel for cooking		2.43%
Not having toilet in the house		38.17 % (95.4% HHs in rural area do not have latrine)
Access to communication facilities at home:		
Radio - 50.82 %, Television - 36.45 %, Computer - 7.28 %, Internet - 3.33 %, Mobile phone - 64.63 %		
Female ownership of fixed assets		19.71 %
Absent population in household		1,921, 494
Average households size		4.88
Working age population (aged 15 to 59)		57 %
Female headed households		25.73%
Disability - 2 %, Literacy rate - 65.9 % (75% male, 57.4% female), Sex ratio - 91.6, Population Density - 180 per square kilometer		
Total caste/ethnic group		126
Mother Tongues		123
Neonatal mortality rate (2011) - 27, under-5 mortality rate (U5MR), (2011)- 48, infant mortality rate (under 1), (2011) - 39		
Life expectancy at birth (years) 2020		71
Use of improved drinking water sources (%) 2010, total		89
Estimate use of improved sanitation facilities (%) 2010, total		31
People of all ages living with HIV (thousands) 2021,		52
Crude birth rate, 2011 - 24, Life expectancy, 2011- 69		
Total schools		34,368
Health facilities - 6934 (Including Hospital, Health Centers and Sub health posts)		
GNI per capita in US\$		540

Sources

1. Central Bureau of statistics (2021), major highlights of population Census 2021,
2. UNICEF: http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/nepal_nepal_statistics.html *Note: Nepal Government has added more municipalities currently. <http://nationaldata.gov.np/>

Map of Nepal



Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) in brief

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) came into being in 1963. It was recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1964 and affiliated to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in the same year. NRCS has, over the years, grown to be the largest humanitarian organization in Nepal, with its network of District Chapters (DCs) extended in each of the 77 districts of the country. District Chapters receive organizational support from 1,554 Sub-Chapters and more than 153 Co-operation Committees under them. A significant portion of its activities is also borne by students and youth volunteers of Nepal Junior and Youth Red Cross Circles organized at school, campuses and communities. At present, NRCS owns 6,440 J/Y Red Cross Circle.



Nepal Red cross society shall remain and efficient, self-sustainable and independent humanitarian organization committed to provide immediate relief to human suffering and reduce vulnerability, under the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, through its network of Red Cross workers throughout the country working closely with communities and governmental and non-governmental organizations in a democratic, transparent and participatory way.

Mission

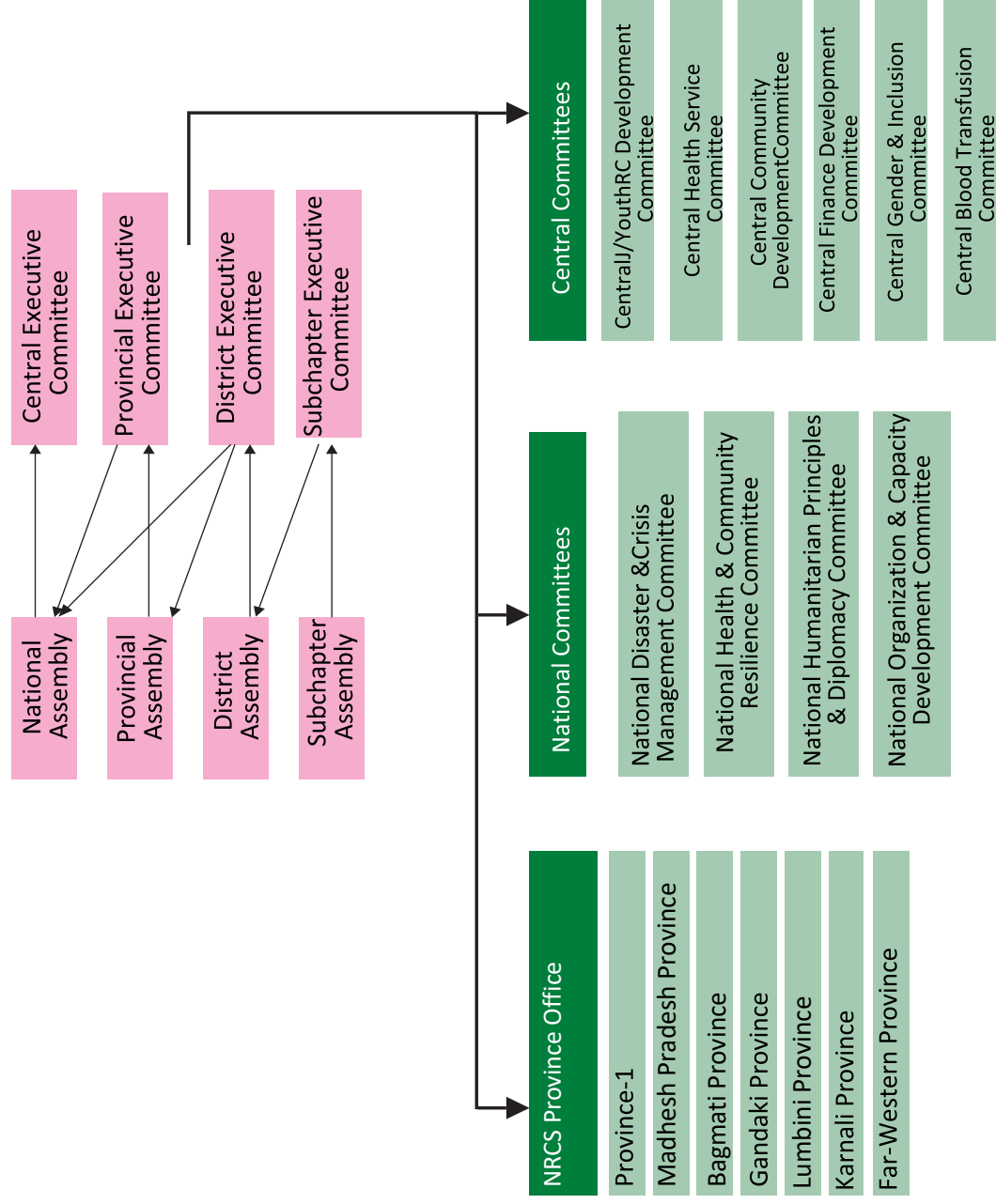
The mission of the Nepal Red Cross is to relieve human suffering and to reduce vulnerability through community participation and mobilization of an increased number of volunteers, by expanding and strengthening of the organizational structure of the Society and by building links with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Objectives and Functions

With the primary objective of alleviating or reducing human suffering without discrimination on grounds of religion, race, sex, class, caste, tribe, nationality or political belief, the Society shall have the following functions.

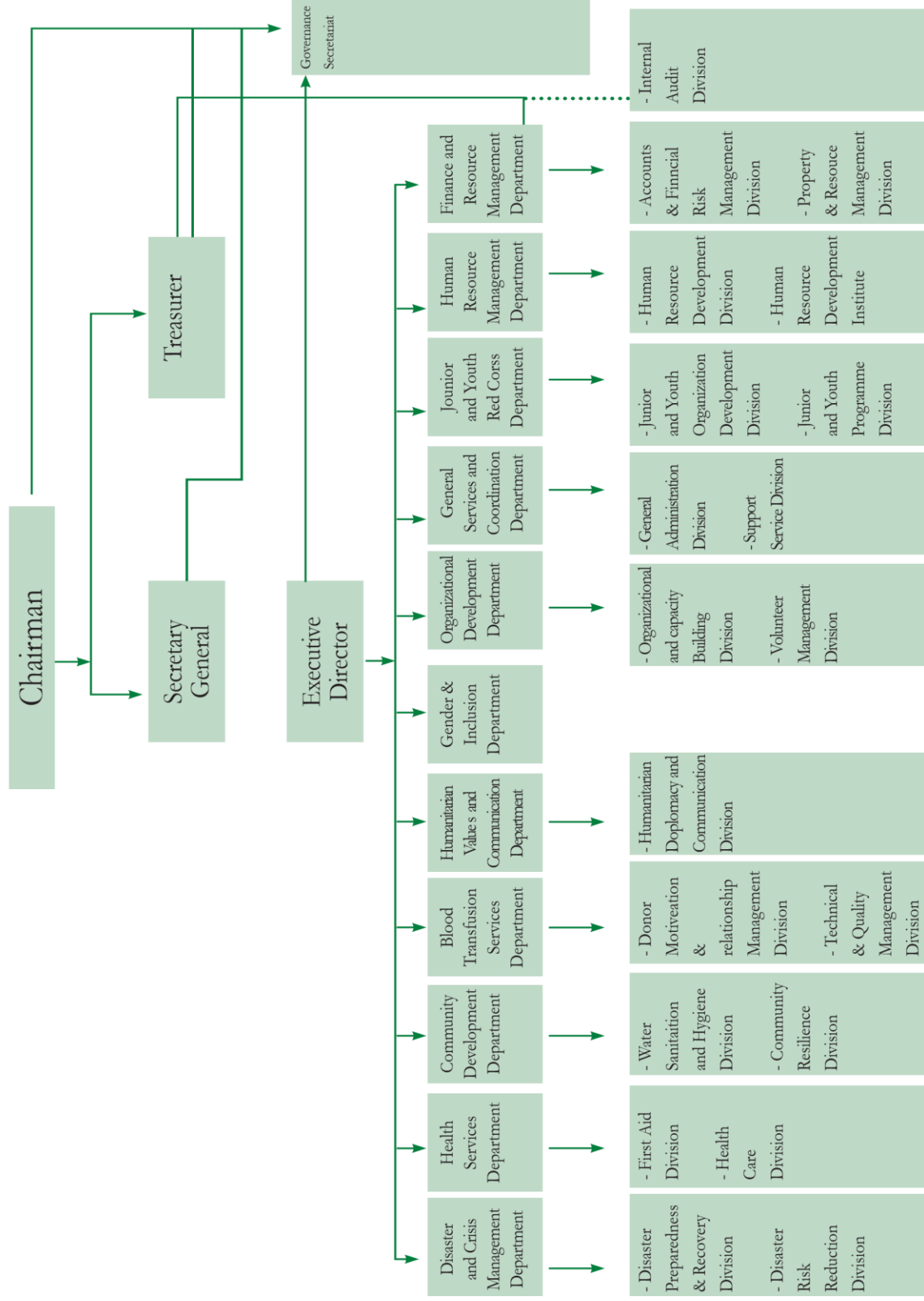
- To serve war-victims, both civilians and army personnel, in times of armed conflict, and to work in the fields identified by the Geneva Conventions, including tracing, in times of peace.
- To contribute to promoting and improving health condition, preventing of diseases and reducing suffering.
- To arrange for emergency relief services for disaster victims.
- To organize Junior and Youth Red Cross as an integral part of Nepal Red Cross Society and to conduct activities promoting their participation.
- To promote the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement and International Humanitarian Law with the objective of developing humanitarian ideals.
- To ensure respect for the International Humanitarian Law and protection of the Red Cross Emblem.
- To perform other functions of community
- Development and public welfare.
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Nepal Red Cross Society Organizational Structure



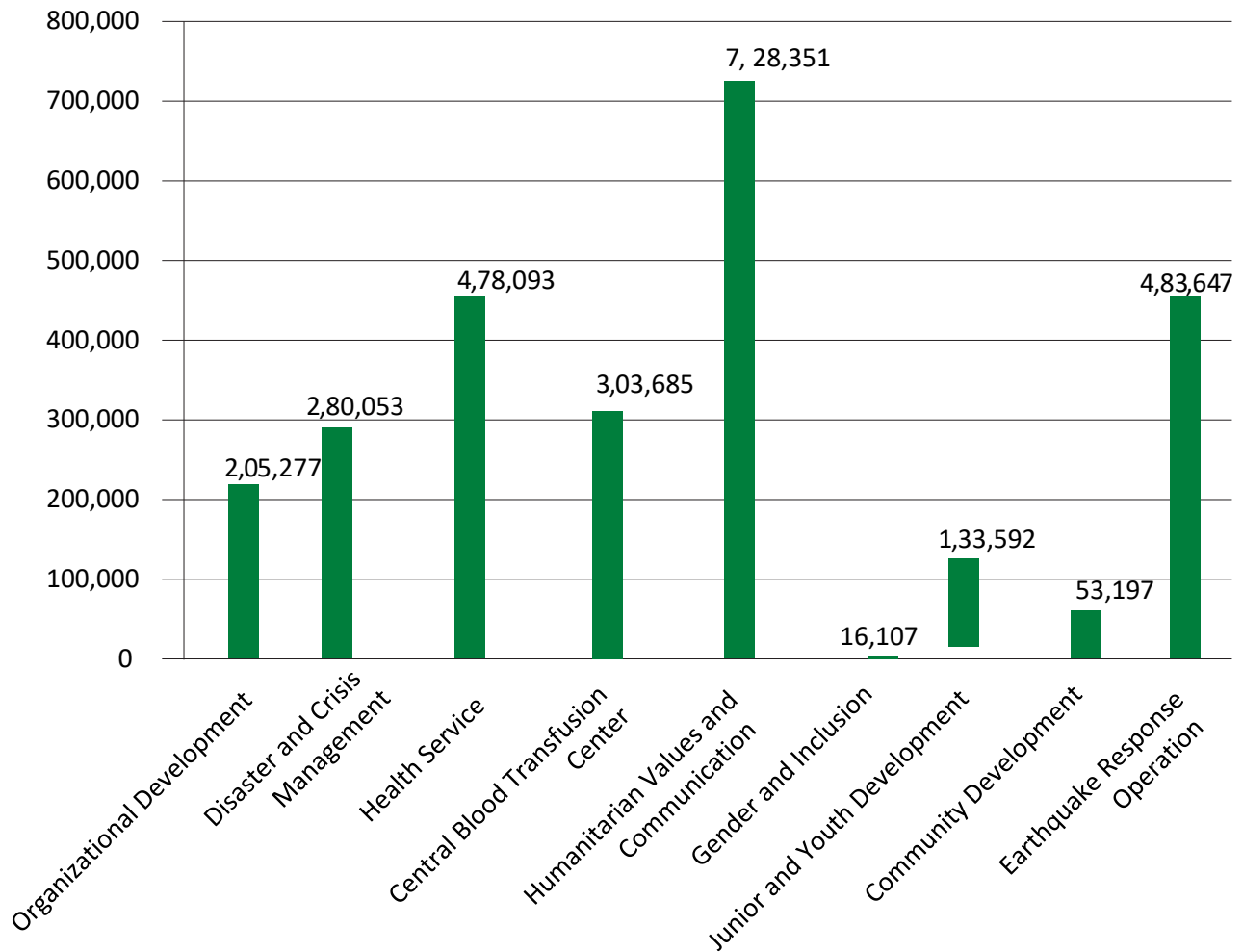
Nepal Red Cross Society

Administrative Structure - 2018



Statistical Summary of Beneficiaries

The Figure given below shows total number of people reached by NRCS via activities carried out throughout the year.



Disaster and Crisis Management

Disaster risk reduction and management is one of the core team of Nepal Red Cross society (NRCS) for providing humanitarian assistance. Since its inception, the organization has dealt with various disasters such as floods, landslides, fires, earthquakes, lightning, pandemics as well as refugee problems and from climate change circumstance it has been providing relief to the affected communities. Preparatory, response, recovery and upliftment programs have been conducted with the objective of making these activities more effective. Basically due to political, social change, cultural, technical and environmental impact of the country large populations may be at risk. In order to reduce the number of natural disaster in Nepal, program is being implemented to identify potential areas and reduce the risk to the population at risk and their livelihoods and structures. Over all, the Nepal Red Cross Society is working as a supporting body of the government in the field of disaster risk reduction and management in line with national and international policies. The Society has provided one Central Warehouse, 6 State Level Warehouses, 5 Sub-Regional Warehouses and Rescue and Relief Materials in all District chapters for Emergency Preparedness and Response. In addition, the society has been running cash assistance programs in some emergencies. In all 77 districts, the Family Liaison Rehabilitation Service has been assisting in the search for the families of those who have lost or lost contact due to conflict, disaster or migration, at the request of the families, establishing family ties and assisting in reunification. Upliftment program has been conducted in 43 districts for disaster risk reduction. A total of 10, 69,477 people have benefited from these programs annually.

Programs and projects operated by the Department of Disaster Management for Disaster Preparedness and Response:

Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (UN-FPA): The Emergency Preparedness and Response Program in collaboration with UNFPA is running from 2018 to December 31, 2022. Under this project, focused activities are being conducted in Province No. 2, Lumbini Province and Sudurpaschim Province. Under this program, around 2,500 health equipment's have been stored for emergency situations in different districts of Morang, Kaski, Surkhet, Gulmi, Sunsari, Saptari and Palpa. So far, 145 sets of reproductive health (RH) kits were handed over to various districts during the disaster. From which 40,000 people have benefited. Similarly, 2145 sets of dignity kits, 295 sets of adolescent kits and 1000 sets of sanitary pads have been handed over.

Enhanced Community Resilience programme (ENCORE): The ENCORE program, supported by Danish Red Cross, is being implemented in Babai Rural Municipality of Dang District from February 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023 with the aim of community development in the areas of disaster risk reduction and livelihood capacity, disability inclusion, and water, sanitation and health.

Urban Disaster Risk Management (UDRM) Project: The UDRM project is being implemented partnering with the Swiss Red Cross in Surkhet district from March 2022 to February 2024 with the aim of supporting disaster preparedness, structural reduction, and institutional capacity development.

Paschim Disaster Preparedness Project: In partnership with the American Red Cross, it has been operated as a follow-up in Kanchanpur and Dadeldhura districts until June 2021 for Capacity development of concerned agencies for disaster preparedness and formation of disaster

response teams in communities, disaster risk reduction and management plan creation and institutional development and It is being operated regularly in Doti and Baitadi districts till December 2022.

Restoring Family Links (RFL) : The Restoring Family links Program is being conducted in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in all 77 districts of the country in search of missing persons due to various conflicts and Red Cross message exchange, family reunion, capacity enhance and publicity.

PREPARE: The PREPARE Program has been completed in Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Makwanpur, Ramechhap and Okhaldhunga districts from October 2019 to November 2021 with the aim of enhancing the response capacity of the stakeholders for disaster risk reduction and management in partnership with the American Red Cross.



Quick Action Fund (QAF): With the financial support of American Red Cross, the Quick Action Fund (QAF) program was launched from November 2021 to May 7, 2022 to provide immediate response to the families affected by the unseasonal floods and landslides in Bajhang, Doti and Baitadi districts of Sudurpaschim Province.



Child-Centered Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR): The CCDRR programme in partnership with UNICEF Nepal, disaster risk reduction and management planning, orientation and awareness programs, with the aim of capacity building, were directly implemented from April 2019 to May 2021 in Bajura, Baitadi, Parsa, Dhanusha districts and technical support; It was conducted in Saptari, Rautahat, Kapilvastu, Doti and Kalikot. In addition, community-level search and rescue and first aid and the formation of children's clubs and capacity building activities were conducted.



Joint Initiative Project for Resilient Cities: With the support of Swiss Red Cross, It is being conducted in Surkhet district from March 2022 to February 2024 with the aim of assisting in disaster preparedness, structural reduction, and institutional capacity development.

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project: With the support of UNICEF Nepal, in the areas of community participation and communication and water sanitation and hygiene promotion for risk reduction, from May 2020 to December 2021, it has been conducted in 60 municipalities of 31 districts of 6 provinces and has been completed since 31 December 2021.



Climate Friendly Integrated Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction Program: With the help of

Finnish Red Cross, an agreement has been reached to conduct climate-friendly activities, disaster preparedness and response programs, capacity building, livelihood, health and sanitation, and structural reduction programs in Morang and Panchthar districts from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

Integrated Recovery and Emergency Response Program project: An Integrated Recovery and Emergency Response Program in partnership with Luxembourg Red Cross has been implemented in Kalikot district from December 2020 to March 2022. Through this project, the rehabilitation program of the families affected by the floods and landslides of 2020 has been conducted, as well as the response activities against Covid-19 have also been completed.

Cash Based Intervention Program: The program has been running since August 2021 to measure Nepal Red Cross Society's capacity to implement cash and voucher assistance activities and to organize and institutionalize cash and voucher assistance activities as per IFRC commitments. With the financial and technical support of British Red Cross, American Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross, some activities of this program will be conducted in all 77 districts as per the need.

Monsoon Response program (DREF): The DREF Program with the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), relief distribution, housing, water sanitation and hygiene, health, livelihood, and protection for disaster-affected communities have been completed in 13 disaster-affected districts by March 2022.



Strengthening Urban Resilience and Engagement (SURE) Programme : The SURE Program, Supported by the British Red Cross, was implemented to formulation of municipal disaster related policy plans, Mainstreaming capacity building, disaster risk reduction, and to support the upliftment of urban communities and schools in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kaski and Kailali districts from October 2019 to December 2020.

URBAN SEA: In partnership with the British Red Cross and with the financial support of the German Red Cross, this project is being conducted with the aim of enhance the disaster risk capacity of Budanilkantha Municipality of

Kathmandu District, Godawari Municipality of Lalitpur District, Pokhara Metropolitan Municipality of Kaski District and Dhangadhi Sub Metropolitan Municipality of Kailali District and district chapters of Nepal Red Cross Society from September 2020 to September 2023.

Resilient Livelihood Project: The Resilient Livelihood project is being implemented partnering with the British Red Cross in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Kaski and Kailali districts from September 2020 to September 2023. It aims to increase the livelihood capacity of families who have lost their source of livelihood due to the covid-19, formulate a disaster policy plan and increase the livelihood capacity at the local level.



National Society Development Project (NSD): The National Society Development (NSD) Project has been conducted in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) for Institutional Capacity Development in Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Response of all bodies of the organization from January to September 2021. Through this program, Nepal Red Cross Society's 3-level disaster preparedness and response capacity has been developed.

Pre-Crisis Market Assessment Program: The program was conducted in partnership with the World Food Program (WFP) from October to December 2021. The purpose of this program was to conduct a survey on the condition of local markets and their alternatives for the response and preparedness of the monsoon disaster in the Terai region and take the initiative for the necessary institutional preparation.

Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program (Covid-19 Preparedness and Response): CBDRR (Covid-19 Preparedness and Response) program is being conducted in partnership with Japanese Red Cross for a period of three years from April 2020 for community-based

disaster risk reduction. This program is being run in three districts (Pyuthan, Rukum East and Nawalparasi East).

Shelter Combination Program: With the help of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), programs are being conducted to coordinate the activities under the shelter cluster. Through this program running from January 2021, at the national level, various coordination and partnership programs are being conducted under the leadership of the Urban Development and Building Construction Department and the co-leadership of 6 different member organizations in the housing sector in 7 provinces.

FORECAST-BASED ACTION AND SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION (FBA-SRSP): In partnership with the Danish Red Cross, this program is being conducted to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Nepal and humanitarian stakeholders to implement FBA and SRSP by streamlining the use of innovative approaches in climate and forecasting in 5 municipalities of Bardia and Kailali districts from June 2020 to October 2022.



Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (Koshi River Basin): In partnership with the Korean Red Cross and the Hong Kong Red Cross and in coordination with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), a community-based disaster risk reduction program was conducted in Bhojpur, Saptari, Sunsari and Udaipur districts from February 2018 to February 2022 with the aim of enhancing community resilience through disaster risk reduction activities.

Community-based Disaster Risk Management Forum: The Community-based Disaster Risk Management Forum is a common platform of organizations that are moving in an integrated manner to build a resilient community in accordance with the disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act 2074, Local Government Operation Act 2074, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, Disaster Risk Reduction National Policy 2018 and the National Strategic Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2018–30.

Health Department

Health promotion and service activities are being conducted in the district chapters and sub-chapters under the coordination of the Department of Health Services of the Nepal Red Cross Society. In addition, various projects are being implemented with the financial and technical support of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and other donors. Healthcare-related activities are making a significant contribution to improving the health status of communities in crisis and providing emergency services. Expansion of quality ambulance services, Community eye care services, Community Empowerment Program for Health Promotion, Rural Emergency and Trauma System Strengthening Project, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Project, A large community-based health care program, COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Program, Enabling Action for Community Health (EACH) project, Aging and Health Project, Community Based Health and First Aid Program (CBHFA) and Promotional First Aid programmes are being operated.

As the current pandemic of COVID-19 is affecting Nepal as well, since its inception, the department has been conducting various preparedness and response activities in different districts. Health services activities conducted in 77 districts have been implemented in more than 1000 communities. During this period, more than **32, 00,000** people have directly and indirectly benefited from all the programs and projects of the health services.

Ambulance Service: In order to provide health services in an emergency, 272 ambulances have been effectively being used from 196 points in 68 districts from which 68,400 people benefited this year. Specially, ambulances service is being provided by NRCS district chapter, sub-chapter, supporting committee and Junior/Youth Red Cross Circles.



Shree Janaki Eye Hospital (SJEH): For the past 40 years, Janaki Eye Hospital has been providing various facilities and services like free eye check-ups and organizing eye check-up camps to schools and communities in Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi and Sindhuli. By the end of the financial year 2077/2078, a total of 114,217 patients including 53,427 men and 60,790 women were treated in OPD by this hospital. A total of 12,000 patients were operated on by SICS method with cataract surgery 7634, Feco method with cataract surgery 3033, combined cataract and cataract surgery 11 and simple surgery 1322.

Community Eye Care Centers: Community Eye Care centers are dedicated to providing services in remote and vulnerable communities. Basically, the eye care center provides various services like regular eye checkups, glasses distribution, eye surgery and referrals for surgery. In the fiscal year 2077/078, 21,281 eye OPD and 4,714 ear OPD checked from 6 community eye treatment and surgery centers, total 25,995 patients were checked through OPD.

463 patients were operated from Jaleshwor, Dhubauli (Mahottari) and Sindhuli surgery centers.

Surkhet Eye Hospital (SHE): Surkhet Eye Hospital provides services like regular eye checkups, general surgery and operations, and glasses and medicine distribution. Surkhet Eye Hospital provides curative, preventive and promotional services in Surkhet, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Rukum, Kalikot and Dolpa districts through 7 eye treatment centers and community eye treatment programs including 2 eye treatment centers and 5 eye treatment units in collaboration with local level and in collaboration with the volunteer network of Nepal Red Cross and stakeholders. This year, Surkhet Eye Hospital has performed eye tests on 76,581 people and cataract surgery on 4,174 people.



Community Empowerment for Health Promotion (CEHP) Programme : The CEHP program were operated in 2 district (Dang and Rolpa) of Lumbini Province and 2 district (Western Rukum and Kalikot) of Karnali Province aiming to improve health status and wellbeing of the most disadvantaged population groups with the focus on sustainable Health and WASH initiatives. The implementation of this program, conducted with the financial support of the Swiss Red Cross, was done by the district chapters in coordination with various stakeholders. In this fiscal year 2078/079, 58,321 people were benefited through various activities.

Enabling Action for Community Health (EACH): In collaboration with Swiss Red Cross and British Red Cross, the Enabling Action for Community Health (EACH) project is being conducted for 4 years from January 2022 in Gulmi, Arghakhanchi, Dailekh and Kalikot districts of Karnali and Lumbini provinces. Under this programme, there are activities related to health and sanitation, drinking water, disaster preparedness and response, climate change and its impact and National Society Development (NSD). The EACH program will be conducted with the aim of contributing to improving the health status of people in the community.

Rural Emergency and Trauma Systems Strengthening (RETSS) Programme: The RETSS project was conducted as a follow-up for 6 months in Sindhupalchok and Kavrepalanchok districts from 2017 to December 2020 and then to March 2021 With the support of the Canadian Red Cross. The main objectives of this program were to help reduce morbidity, disability and mortality from disasters and trauma.

Psycho-social support (PSS) project: With the financial support of the Korean Red Cross and the technical support of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC), a psycho-social support project is being conducted in Ward No. 15 of Bharatpur Metropolitan City of Chitwan District since January 2020. This project is conducting activities based on three main areas.

This psychosocial support project is being conducted in the improvement of psychosocial problems of students, parents and community members of three schools in Chitwan district, mental health support and continuity in psychosocial support activities, capacity building, and self-care activities to reduce psychosocial problems of volunteers and employees. From this project 5,630 people directly benefited and the annual budget of this program is 2 crores 12 lakh 66 thousand 155.

Community comprehensive based health program (CCBHP): With the financial and technical support of the Canadian Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross, the CCBHP project is being conducted in Baglung, Nawalparasi West and Khotang districts since April 2020. The main objective of this program is to support community health promotion and health system strengthening, emergency health preparedness and response, and gender and inclusion, to build a safe and healthy community.

COVID-19 Prepared and response program: In order to prevent and control the spread of the global pandemic COVID-19, the organization is conducting various activities for the prevention and control of the infection with the financial support of the Federation of the Red Cross. Assessing its global risk and potential impact, the World

Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.

The covid program in collaboration with Coca-Cola: The Covid preparedness and response program 'Stop the Spread', under the Coca-Cola Foundation's welfare campaign, ran from June 2021 and ended in February 2022. The program covered 10 districts of Bagmati and Gandaki provinces. The main objectives of this program were to mobilize skilled volunteers at vaccination centers, provide transport services to marginalized communities, raise public awareness about Covid-19 and distribute health-related materials to frontline health workers and volunteers. From this program, 29,141 people were received direct services and 1962 marginalized people were received transport services.

Aging and Health Project: The Aging and Health Program was conducted in Ward No. 2 of Suryavinayak Municipality of Bhaktapur District from July 2021 to June 2022 with the participation of Swiss Red Cross. The main objective of the program was to increase the capacity to conduct programs related to old age and health, targeting senior citizens above 60 years of age. Since this is the first program of the organization, the program was conducted in coordination with various stakeholders from the Geriatric Department of the Government of Nepal.

Emergency Health Preparedness and Response Strengthening Program (EHP): The EHP, supported by Italian Red Cross through the IFRC since November 2017, is being implemented for establishing and strengthening the emergency health structure in the four Rural Municipalities Madane, Dhurkot, Kaligandaki and Satyabati of Gulmi district. In coordination with the Ministry of Health and Population, the Department of Health Services and the Division, Red Cross employees and volunteers are being mobilized to the front line at the community level.

First Aid Service: First Aid Division promotes First Aid services throughout the country with the objective to train at least one first aider in each family. The First aid division has been implementing community-based health and first aid program (CBHFA) and a promotional first aid program



(ProFA). Due to the quality of Nepal Red Cross first aid

Training service and its popularity, the demand for first aid training from various organizations is increasing. At present 1,250 first aid trainers and about 20,000 first aid volunteers produced by the society. This year, around 6,000 people directly benefited from the first aid training and orientation conducted by the district chapters, while 15,443 people directly benefited from the first aid service.

Human Resources in FA	Number
FA facilitators	1,250
FA Volunteers	20,000
Total beneficiaries	15,443

The brief achievements of the programs under the First aid division are mentioned as follows:

Promotional First Aid (ProFA): NRCS offers Promotional First Aid (ProFA) courses aiming to promote first aid awareness along with income generation for the Society. This training is designed for national and interna-



tional organizations and interested individuals on the basis of their demand. This year 19 ProFA Trainings conducted for 10 different organizations from which 380 people were trained.

This year, NPR 22, 72,000 generated from ProFa and NRP 15, 25,000 generated from selling the FA. In total, income has been NRP 37, 37,000. This amount is used for FA activities in the remote areas and for vulnerable communities.

Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) Program: By the financial and technical supports of the Australian Red Cross, Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) Project is being implementation since July 2017 in Palpa and Argakhanchi. This year, 9,063 people were directly benefited through the various activities of the program, which aims to promote awareness on communicable diseases along with hygiene and sanitation practice, to enhance the capacity of the community to respond in small scale emergencies and to provide first aid in various conditions.

Moreover, 175 people were trained on basic First Aid, 4,350 people were trained on health awareness and

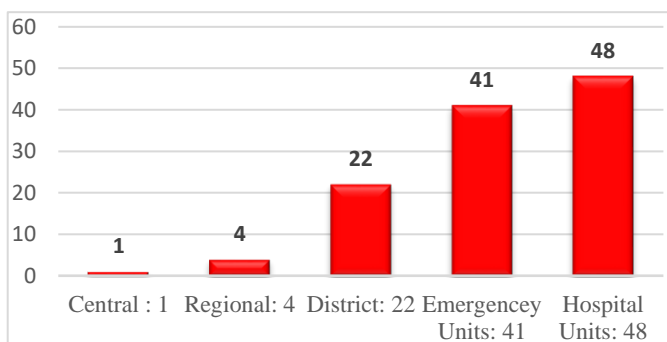


4,235 people were provided orientation on health and sanitation, safer behavior, and prevention & mitigation of disease

Central Blood Transfusion Service

NRCS is the sole actor for conducting blood programs in Nepal. NRCS is the sole actor for conducting blood programs in Nepal. The Society has established 117 blood service centers and units in 70 districts throughout the country along with blood centers in 48 hospitals and provided more than 4 million units of blood and blood components to needy patients.

Central Blood Transfusion Service Centre (CBTSC) is supported by different institutions like Government and non-government offices, education institutions, universities, commercial organizations, banking sectors, media house, publications, NRCS Units (District Chapters, Sub-Chapters and Youth Circles and Clubs), blood-related organizations, and other civil societies for blood collection in a regular routine. Similarly, self-motivated individuals are also increasing as regular donors. The demand for blood is rapidly increasing in the country with the expansion of health services, the establishment of medical colleges, Government and private hospitals and Nursing Homes. This year NRCS CBTSC nationally collected 2, 42,048 units throughout the country and supplied 3, 31,456 units of blood to save lives.



Blood testing:

HIV, HBsAg, HCV, Syphilis and Grouping, are tested on each blood sample collected from the blood Transfusion service centers. Essential blood components Such as plasma, platelets, cryoprecipitate and Conc. Red Blood Cells, platelets rich plasma (PRP) are developed and provided to the patients according to their needs.

**Key achievements**

- In the fiscal year 2076/2077, in total 2, 42,048 units of blood collected and 3, 31,456 units of blood were distributed in all over Nepal. Which is an increment of 1% from last year in which there were 84.5% male and 15.5% female donors. This year too, blood collection and distribution has decreased due to the risk of covid-19 infection.
- Blood and blood components are provided to Hemophilia patients and thalassemia patients at subsidized rates.
- Emphasis has been placed on quality management in collaboration with the National Public Health Laboratory and international bodies for quality control and assurance to enhance the quality of blood collection, testing and blood cell production.
- Different activities have been conducted through projects conducted with the support of Nepal Government National Public Health Laboratory, National Blood Transfusion Bureau, Global Advisory Panel, International Federation of Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, and Thai Red Cross. The equipment obtained from these projects have been used in blood transfusion services in different districts including the Centre and this equipment have helped in service delivery and quality of blood transfusion services.

- In work of blood donor motivation and blood collection, Blood Donors Association Nepal and affiliated organizations, Voluntary Blood Donor Society and affiliated organizations, Pashupati Marwari Seva Sangh, Ganeshman Singh Study Institute, Friends of RH Negative, Our Life Bank, Dirgayu Hospital, Nepal Red Cross Society Kathmandu district chapter, Satyasai Sewa Organization, Lions Clubs, Leo Clubs, Rotary, Co-operative Societies, Shweta Blood Donation Campaign, Fresh Blood Donors and other organizations are providing support.
- In order to make the blood donation service more effective, a common concept of blood donation is being created and public awareness is being enhanced through direct interaction with relevant stakeholders in normal conditions and through virtual interaction program at the risk of covid-19 infection



- A special treatment service has been started for children under 14 years of age suffering from thalassemia, sickle cell anemia and hemophilia from Kanti Children's Hospital and an agreement has been entered into with the blood bank to provide blood.

Mobile blood collection program:

- Central Blood Transfusion Service has conducted 587 mobile blood collection programs with the help of different organizations.
- The Central Blood Transfusion Service has collected 25,739 units of blood. Out of which, 21,744 units have been collected from male blood donors and 3,985 units from female blood donors.

Detection of HIV, Hepatitis and Syphilis

The table given below shows the number of HIV, hepatitis 'B' and 'C' and syphilis detected in different centers during the period:

S.N.	Centers	No. of cases of identified			
		HIV	Hepatitis 'B'	Hepatitis 'C'	Syphilis
1.	Central Blood Transfusion Centre	20	57	79	186
2.	Regional Blood Transfusion Centre	24	271	72	445
3.	District/Emergency Blood Transfusion Centre	54	233	114	614
	Total	98	561	265	1245
1	% of positivity at CBTS	0.08	0.22	0.31	0.72
2	Total Positive Percentage nationwide	0.04	0.23	0.11	0.51

Progress Summary: The Progress summary of the collection and supply of blood and blood components is presented in the table below:

S. N.	Blood Programs		Ach. (Units)
1	Central Blood Transfusion Center	Collection	50,000
		Distribution	80,000
2	Regional Blood Transfusion Centers	Collection	40,000
		Distribution	60,000
3	District/Emergency Blood Transfusion Centers	Collection	50,000
		Distribution	60,000
4	Blood Transfusion Units at Hospitals	Collection	15,000
		Distribution	20,000
	Nationwide	Collection	1,30,000
		Distribution	1,85,000
5	Production/distribution of blood components (Plasma, cryo, platelets, Packed cell)		90,000
6	Distribution of rare blood groups		6000
7	Lab service (except collected blood from donation)		7000
8	Trainings	Blood donor motivator	3000
		Blood donor awareness campaign	1,00,000
9	Printing and distribution of ICE materials		5,00,000

Humanitarian Values and Communication

Humanitarian Values and Communication Department is involving in the areas of dissemination of Red Cross Knowledge, International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Fundamental Principles of the RCRC Movement to promote NRCS image and humanitarian values. It also looks after the different communication channels owned by NRCS, for example, the website, radio programs and social media.

The department supports the district chapters and different departments in communications, Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA), humanitarian diplomacy, better programming and safer access of the services and volunteers. It is constantly advocating for social inclusion, non-violence and peace.



Publication and distribution of major publications (monthly bulletin, annual report) by the organization is regular. At present, two types of radio programs are being regularly broadcasted by more than 40 radio-FMs across the country, "Red Cross" every Tuesday and "Together for Humanity" every Friday. In addition, after the earthquake of 2072, a free hotline-1130 service has been operated to answer the questions and inquiries of the community regarding the Red Cross movement and its activities and to respect and listen to complaints and suggestions. The essence of which is mentioned here.

Image Building of Nepal Red Cross Society through publications and broadcasts:

It has been preparing and distributing necessary promotional materials for different bodies of the organization and informing the general public about the organization. Which has helped in promoting the image of the organization. Brochures, Red Cross Doctrine Pamphlets, Stories of Great Ideas, Introduction to International Humanitarian Law, Informational Publications on Hotlines, Informational Handbooks for Parliamentarians, Community Engagement and Accountability Guideline, Behavior Change Communication Guideline, Annual Reports and other materials are regularly published and distributed. This has helped in promoting the image of the Red Cross both internally and externally. Different departments and district chapters have tried to increase knowledge about Red Cross according to their ability by using mass media such as rally, meeting, exhibition, discourse, orientation, radio, TV, newspaper etc. Humanitarian Values and Communication Department has been providing technical support to state chapter, district chapters, sub-chapters and junior and youth circles for these types of activities.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement and accountability (CEA):

As the community's closest friend, the NRCS Humanitarian Values and Communication Department has been conducting different activities of risk communication and community

engagement and accountability in order to inform the community about potential risks, making the community accountable through awareness raising and community engagement and making the community responsible through community engagement to bring them into the mainstream for receiving services.

Radio Program: Running since 2004, NRCS' radio program is currently broadcast by more than 40 radio/FM stations across the country. Since 2012, two different radio programmes 'Together for Humanity' and 'Red Cross Radio Program' are being conducted each week.

Red Cross Radio Program is aired every Tuesday from

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7:15 pm to 7:30 pm, it is broadcasted by nearly 40 radio stations including Sagarmatha Radio in Kathmandu and Together for Humanity is aired every Saturday from 8:00 am to 8:30 am by the radio of Sagarmatha

and Mirmire in the valley as well as radio from the districts most affected by the 2072 earthquake. Also, the same program is being broadcast from Kantipur FM every Monday from 7:30 am to 8:00 a.m. A radio program has also been updated on the website and Facebook page of Nepal Red Cross Society. This year, a total of 104 radio programs were broadcast.

The radio program especially covers the Red Cross movement, development and service related activities of NRCS, Covid-19, natural disasters, seasonal disasters and epidemics and public health issues, women and children, senior citizens and disabled and inclusive topics.

Radio Messages: This year, radio messages have been produced and broadcast across the country on topics such as the prevention of dengue and scrub typhus, the proper care of the covid-19 epidemic Covid-19 infected, ways to stay safe, the experience of those who have recovered from the covid infection, the first, second and booster doses of the vaccine against covid-19, including flood, water purification, lightning, snake bite, fire, measures to avoid cold. It is estimated that more than 5, 00,000 people have benefited from such messages.

Feedback Mechanism: The radio program has a question and answer column and at the end of every episode, a question is aired through the radio requesting the listener to send the answer and suggestion, advice and feedback via SMS, Hotline service 1130 and NRCS's Facebook page for the radio program. The number 34343 given for sending SMS with correct answer has been changed, now the number for SMS system is 31007. If the correct answer is obtained from many people, then the lucky draw is done and the winner is selected. If the correct answer is not sent in the first week then in the second week also the question is repeated and the process is the same as above. The winner will get recharged with Rs.100 on their cell-phone as a prize.

This year almost 350 SMS were received through SMS service (31007) and 289 calls were received by listening to the radio on the hotline (1130). In addition, the number of people who sent SMS after listening to the radio program on NRCS's Facebook page is almost 50.

Hotline Service 1130: After the Earthquake 2072, the hotline service 1130 is being operated from the NRCS central office since 2017 with the help of an external service provider with the aim of responding questions and queries as well as respecting and listening to complaints and suggestions from the community on the Red Cross movement and its activities. The 1130 hotline is free to call and accessible on both Nepal's Ncell and NTC telephone networks. Anyone can call with a question, query, complaint or suggestion re-



lating to the Red Cross from Sunday to Friday 7a.m. to 7p.m. and its work throughout the country.

The NRCS hotline has successfully resolved a total of 8,749 phone calls related to queries, complaints and suggestions and from July 2021 to June 10, 2022, 699 women and 2,841 men were involved in 3540 phone calls. Out of which, 1343 calls were related to transfusion services and 968 calls were related to Covid-19.

Sector /Service	No.of calls
COVID-19	968
Blood service	1343
General information about NRCS	515
NRCS's Hotline service	139
Shelter	4
Livelihood	6
Health/First Aid	99
Different topics (disaster, Sexual Violence, Radio, Psychological Services, Relief, Sanitation)	466
As of total	3540

NRCS's hotline 1130 is really helpful

Sim Bahadur Tamang, a 67 - year old local resident of Kavre District Mandandeupur Municipality - 10, who belonged to a middle class family, used to work based on daily wages to support his family. He was compelled to do any kind of work in the village like building construction, toilet construction, road construction, and so forth, as he had no other option for work. One day, he heard that there was a job to build disability -friendly toilets in the homes of the people with disabilities in the municipality. So, he also started working and accomplished the task on time. But even after 3-4 months of completion of the work, he did not get paid for his work. He consulted with many people but could not meet the contractor. He was very much worried. One day he heard that the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) constructed the toilets, and a contract was given to a party. He also heard that there was a complaint registration mechanism at NRCS vial 1130 (free hotline service).

One day, Sim Bahadur dialed 1130 and complained, "The construction of the toilets in Mandandeupur Municipality - 10 was done under the coordination of the Nepal Red Cross Kavre District. As far as we know, other workers were paid at the rate of Rs 17,000 per day. Two laborers including me are not paid yet. The task is already completed. Why is this injustice to us?"

"The hotline operating team at NRCS Headquarters consulted with NRCS Kavre District Chapter. The disability - friendly toilets were constructed under the NRCS lead program named: Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction, financially supported by the Danish Red Cross. Under the program, the understanding was made to build disability - friendly toilets by providing all the required materials and wages for workers to the households having people with disability who do not have disability friendly toilets in their homes. In total 79 toilets were constructed at a cash cost of Rs 6.5m. Among them, 12 disabled - friendly toilets were constructed in ward 10. There was an agreement between NRCS, the concerned households and the Community Disaster Risk Reduction Committee (CDRRC). NRCS provided the necessary materials for the construction and deposited the amount necessary for skilled and semi - skilled workers in CDRRC's bank account. After the completion of toilet construction, workers ' wages had to be paid through CDRRC's account on the basis of them attendance after the recommendation of the concerned household.

The Hotline (1130) team explained the proper ways of getting payment to Sim Bahadur. The team also communicated the issue with the NRCS Sub - Chapter and Ward Chairperson. After being informed from NRCS Hotline (1130) Sim Bahadur consulted NRCS Kavre District Chapter that facilitated his payment. After two days, Sim Bahadur made a call and said, "Thank you very much for doing such a good job by operating the hotline service. If I hadn't called the hotline I wouldn't have seen paid. Two other laborers including myself got paid on the basis of Rs. 1,700 per day. This is a very huge amount for people like us. Many thanks to the Red Cross. The hotline service is really helpful. "

Social media and new communication media:

The department handles social media as well as community-connecting tools for disseminating essential safety messages. The target group is benefiting from it.

NRCS'S Facebook: The Nepal Red Cross's Facebook www.facebook.com/nepalredcross has become an important medium for promoting the Nepal Red Cross's emergency services and other activities. The latest activities of the Red Cross at the center, district and community level have been publicized regularly by uploading them on the Society's Facebook page.

Details	Number
Page rate	4.8 out of 5
No. of total likes	1, 38,582 (An Increase of 25%)
No. of people participating in a year	95,082
No. of people reached in the last one year	1,56,136
No. of followers	1,66,698
No. of posts in a year	982
Messages received and no. of responses in average / week	621

Facebook Group (NRCS Volunteers' Network in Action):

The department handled NRCS volunteers' networks in action <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nrcsvolunteers> with the aim of spreading the information about the activities of Red Cross from all levels of the Nepal Red Cross Society (Central Office, State Office, District chapter, Sub-chapter, JYRC/YRC) to as many people as possible. The brief description of Facebook page is as follows:

Details	Number
No. of total Member	3,312
No. of active Member	2,864
Daily average page engagement	285
Total no. of reaction in monthly average	5,190
Total no. of comments in monthly average	460
Total no. of monthly posts in average	85
Admin	8
Moderator	5

Twitter: The organization's Twitter <https://twitter.com/NepalRedCross> has been uploaded regularly to expand the various activities of the organization to the national and international level. So far, NRCS's has 885 tweets and 2415 followers. The number of followers is increasing day by day.

Website: The organization's website www.nrscs.org has been uploaded regularly to expand the various activities of the organization to the national and international level. Various project activities of NRCS, success stories, special campaigns, public interest messages and other topics of international interest are being published on the website. During this period, NRCS's website had 5,808 sessions (An increase of 16%), 14,922 visitors (An increase of 36%) and an average session duration of 2 minutes and 33 seconds (An increase of 18%).

National Society Development Plan: Communication in Image Building: This plan aims to promote the image of NRCS to provide humanitarian services with impartiality, neutrality and independence through timely changes in NRCS's communication policies, tools and means. Under this plan, various activities have been set with the goal of achieving 3 outcomes and 10 outputs.

COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Program

Information, educational and communication materials: Information, communication and educational materials related to preparedness and response to natural disasters and pandemics like COVID-19 and other crisis situations have been created and broadcast through various media such as: TV, radio, social media, national newspapers, etc. So far, more than 500,000 materials have been published and broadcast.

Rumor tracking/miking and collaboration with various media: Various rumors related to Covid-19 have been collected and addressed. Similarly, various messages have been miked in different languages in the community.



COVID-19 preparedness and response program conducted by Nepal Red Cross Society and UNICEF: Activities related to risk communication and community engagement and accountability were included under this project. Under which the important activities are as follows:

Formation and deployment of collaborative task forces: The covid-19 preparedness and response program jointly conducted by Nepal Red Cross Society and UNICEF Nepal has been formed in Province no.1, Madhes, Lumbini, Karnali, and in 28 districts of Sudurpaschim Province, unit action teams were formed in the wards under the municipality and 986-unit action teams were formed with the aim of spreading public awareness in the community. Out of which 4,897 members played an active role in conducting risk communication and community engagement and accountability activities in the community.

Some of the activities carried out through the Collaborative Task Force:

- **Where is your MASK? Campaign:** A campaign to distribute masks to those who did not wear masks by requesting them to wear masks, which started from Gadhwa Rural Municipality of Dang, was conducted across the country.



- **Support in vaccination campaign:** Create incentives to inform the community about vaccination by going door-to-door; miking, assisting disabled and disabled people to reach the vaccination center and managing the name registration line at the vaccination center.
- **Public Awareness Miking:** Unit action support members helped conduct public awareness campaigns on COVID-19 prevention and vaccination.
- **Distribution of IEC materials:** IEC materials were distributed to the community on COVID-19 prevention measures and vaccination.

PMER-IM-CEA Capacity Enhancement Program:

The PMER-IM-CEA Capacity Enhancement program were conducted from November 2019 to November 2021 in partnership with the American Red Cross. The program was implemented with the aim of planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, information management and integrated development of community engagement and accountability.



Collective Crisis Intelligence (CCI) Program:

Through an agreement between the Nepal Red Cross Society and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), in collaboration with Solferino Academy and Nesta and in coordination with the UK Humanitarian Innovation Hub, the Collective Crisis Intelligence' Pilot Project was conducted by the Department of Humanitarian Values and Communication from October 2021 to June 2022.

The main objective of this program was to gather information about community perceptions regarding Non-Food Relief Items (NFRI) during disasters and accordingly improve forecasting of future needs for Non-Food Relief Items.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Department works on promoting and mainstreaming gender equality, inclusion and protection issues across all programs of NRCS, protecting people with special needs and promoting access to basic humanitarian services. The Department started working in the area of women development from 1997 with the objectives of increasing women membership in the Red Cross and encourage them for better participation in all tires and activities. Since the founding of NRCS in 1963, we have been supporting the culture of non-discrimination, non-violence, and peace. The GESI Department comprises the Women Development Section (WDS) that was established in 1998. Since then, promoting gender sensitivity, women empowerment and increasing women membership in the organization are the key concerns constantly being undertaken organizationally. Since a decade, a big change in gender and inclusion issues has been witnessed globally. Therefore, a lot of efforts have also been made by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in this area.

Empowered People with Disabilities in an inclusive community (EPIC) program:

The Empowered People with Disabilities in an inclusive community (EPIC) program is being conducted in Lamjung and Tanahun districts from November 2019 to August 2022 in collaboration with the Danish Red Cross and the Hong Kong Red Cross.



Protection, Gender and Inclusion in the National Society Development Programme: The Integrated National Social Development Plan 2020-2025 is being implemented to realize the vision of a strong, accountable, efficient and self-reliant national society. According to this plan, there are nine thematic priority areas of the society from 2020 to 2025: contextual transformation, resource mobilization, financial management, plan monitoring evaluation and reporting, information management, human resource management, youth, communication, and protection, gender and inclusion.

Partnership support central Fund: After the 2015 earthquake with the aim of helping women, children, disabled people, senior citizens, and other vulnerable people as part of the Earthquake Response Program, a "Partnership Support Central Fund" has been established at the NRCS Central Office with Rs. 25, 00,000 in the initial phase.

Junior/Youth Red Cross Development

"I serve" is the motto of Junior and Youth Red Cross (JYRC). As an integral part of the Nepal Red Cross Society, Junior and Youth Red Cross is playing a significant role in providing humanitarian services in the community and expanding the organization in educational institutions and communities. Looking at the data as of June 2022, there are (7, 83,708 Junior and Youth Members and (6,440) Circles) across the country. Centers, provinces and districts are playing a special role for the development of junior and youth Red Cross. The services and development activities provided by active educational institutions and community circles across Nepal have contributed greatly to alleviate the humanitarian crisis.

Activities conducted from district chapter, sub-chapter and J/Y circle: The activities conducted by the junior and Youth Circles are carried out enthusiastically by preparing an annual action plan. District chapters, sub-chapters and circles have played an important role in conducting socially useful activities in coordination with various national and international organizations. Special programs such as development and expansion of junior and youth organizations and mobilization and management of local resources have also been conducted. In particular, first aid and leadership development training, blood donation program, ambulance service, disaster management and

water sanitation and hygiene promotion activities have been conducted with their own resources and initiatives.

Junior and Youth Organization Development (Regular Program): The regular activities to be carried out under the Junior and Youth Organization Development Department from the internal resources of Nepal Red Cross Society are as follows:

National Program: The national level activities, 41st National Junior and Youth Red Cross Conference, leadership development training, painting, essay and poetry competitions, which should be conducted with the coordination and technical support of the Centre,



Have not been held for the past two years due to various reasons including Covid-19. Correspondence and coordination is being done with the district branches to conduct such programs in the near future.

Provincial level Program: The Province-level junior and Youth Red Cross Camps have been completed in Nuwakot of Bagmati Province, Sarlahi of Madhes Province and Pokhara of Gandaki Province. Due to the school's annual examination program and covid-19, the camp could not be conducted in the remaining 4 provinces. Bagmati province has chosen Mr. Kunal Mishra as the youth focal person.

Junior and Youth Red Cross Program (Toward Development): The progress details of the programs conducted under the Junior and Youth Red Cross Department are as follows.

Psychosocial Support Program: The activities of the junior and youth departments of this program, which **J/Y Engagement Program through Youth Participation Strategy:** With the financial support of the Italian Red Cross, from October 2020 to September 2021, the orientation of the youth participation strategy has been completed by holding province-level junior and youth Red Cross camps in Nuwakot, Kaski and Sarlahi respectively in Bagmati, Gandaki and Madhesh provinces.

Strengthening Junior and Youth Red Cross Movement and Youth Revitalization through Implementation of Youth Engagement Strategy: With the help of the Italian Red Cross, it was agreed to conduct a program from September 2020 to August 2021 with the aim of increasing and improving the participation of young people in community and educational institutions through the youth participation strategy. According to the 2020-2030 strategy of the federation, Nepal Red Cross has also set a youth participation strategy and is trying to advance the youth as leaders, beneficiaries and volunteers. The strategy has five areas: education, empowerment, enabling environment, participation and entrepreneurship development. Through this program, the youth participation strategy orientation program has been completed at provincial level junior and youth Red Cross camps in Nuwakot, Kaski and Sarlahi in Bagmati, Gandaki and Madhesh provinces respectively.

is run in collaboration with various departments and divisions in coordination with the Department of Health Services, have also been included in the report of the Department of Health Services. This program was completed in June 2022.

International Youth Cooperation Project: From July 2020, the second phase of international youth coordination project is being operated in 5 wards of Jaljala rural municipality of Parbat district and 26 schools under it and 5 wards of Bhirkot municipality of Syangja district and 27 schools under it for a total of 53 schools and communities for 3 years. A total of 53 Schools of those rural municipalities aimed to enhance capacity of junior/youth, bringing positive changes in sanitation behavior and in the sanitation environment of schools and communities. This year 33,749 people were directly benefitted after the implementation of the project.

National Society Development- NSD: This program is being operated since December 2020 with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross to conduct necessary activities in various fields for the all-round development and expansion of the organizational development of the society, including the ability to provide services. Various organizational and capacity development activities targeting juniors and youths are being conducted through this program with the aim of effectively mobilizing juniors and youths as leaders, beneficiaries and volunteers.

Students for Universal Eye Health Cover-age: The program of eye examination of students of the same school by the trained students in collaboration and coordination of BPI Foundation is being conducted for two years initially from August 2019 to July 2022. The program is running in 120 schools in 6 districts namely Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Makwanpur, Dhading and Kavrepalanchok. Under this program, work is being done in coordination with local level service providers for eye examination of students. The program has been provided Rs.900 per student for glasses support, Rs.200 for OPD fees and medicine

Community Development

Community Development Department (CDD), a pioneer department for implementing Community Development Programmes (CDPs) in Nepal Red Cross Society, aims to build resilient communities through diverse integrated community-based programmes and projects, which contribute to healthy, safer and resilient living. The community development department of the society has been implementing planned programs and projects for resilience of lives through practices related to livelihood, health and safety, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene while reducing the suffering of the community. Programs and projects are being implemented in communities in crisis in collaboration with various national and international partners to support the 8th Development Plan, the 2030 Strategy of the International Federation of Red Cross and the long-term development work of the Government of Nepal.

Divisions: The department comprises of two divisions, 'Community Resilience (CR) Division' and the 'Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Division'

Community Resilience (CR) Division

Integrated Community Resilience Program (ICRP):

In partnership with the Finnish Red Cross, an Integrated Community Resilience Program is being conducted from 2020 to 2022 in Salyan and Rolpa districts with the goal of making the community healthy, safe and able to uplift. The main areas of the program are Health (re-productive health, nutrition and immunization), protection, gender and inclusion, livelihoods, climate change adaptation (including disaster risk reduction), drinking water, sanitation and hygiene and institutional development and capacity building.

Key achievement

- With the construction and use of improved stoves, the home environment has become smoke-free in 153 households.
- 557 students and teachers have benefited from the construction of child, disabled and gender friendly toilets in 2 schools.
- Women's empowerment and inclusion in every activity in the society has increased.
- 2596 students and teachers have benefited from the construction of hand washing stations in 26 schools.

Community Livelihood Promotion Project: Community Livelihood Promotion Project is being implementation in Myagdi district with the goal of helping the target community to increase their upliftment through livelihood contribution. The main areas the programs are conducting skill and income generating activities for women, farmers and persons with disabilities and providing cash and relief materials, Empowering local

women cooperatives, empowering local women's co-operatives, conducting health camp to find out the status of persons with disabilities, support equipment for persons with disabilities, relevant information, education and communication and production and distribution of visual materials, cultivation of high value agricultural produce.

Key achievement

- 95 households in the project area have adopted kiwi, orange and walnut cultivation systems.
- 83 people with disabilities have started goat rearing and local poultry rearing business and moved towards self-sufficiency.
- 124 households have benefited by constructing 3 irrigation schemes.
- 310 households have benefited by providing 310 improved stoves.
- 6 first aid trainings were conducted and 144 first aiders were produced and 144 first aiders were produced and injured persons in the community and schools received timely first aid services.

Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Division

Inclusive Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Project:

Inclusive Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Project is being operation in Palpa districts with the goal of reducing the risk of drinking water and sanitation related diseases and improving the health condition of the target community. The main areas of the program are equal increase in improved drinking water supply service, equal increase in use of sanitation services, increase in sanitation prac-

tices, increase in gender equality, and increase in capacity of local government and local Red Cross units, increase in economic condition of poor households in the community through livelihood activities.

Key achievement

- According to the government policy of one house and one stream, 10 drinking water schemes have been constructed in Palpa and Dailekh districts and 2,710 people have benefited by increasing access to safe drinking water facilities in the community.
- By constructing 296 scaffolds in the community, 1,480 people have benefited, and there has been a change in behavior related to personal and community sanitation and hygiene.
- Women's empowerment and inclusion in every activity in the community has increased.
- 179 people have benefited from the construction of child, gender and disabled friendly toilets in 19 households and 1 school.
- Wards 1 and 2 of Tinaun rural municipality of Palpa district have been declared as fully clean wards in collaboration with WASH project.

Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Recovery Development Program: Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Recovery Development Program is being operation in Sindhuli district with the goal of providing clean and sustainable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services to the communities that have not been able to provide water, sanitation and hygiene services under the earthquake response program.

Key achievements.

- 2 hybrids (solar and electric lifting) and 3 other water supply projects have been completed and 1,595 people have benefited from the taps installed in 319 households.
- 5,235 people benefited from the school and community level hygiene promotion program.
- 108 people have benefited from 12 water quality testing and monitoring trainings, and assistance has been provided in the maintenance of water supply schemes in the community.

Sustainable and inclusive WASH Program: Sustainable and inclusive WASH program is being conducted in Sindhuli, Ramechhap, Okhaldhunga districts with the aim of extending technology-oriented and advanced services for safe, healthy and uplifting life. The main work areas of the program are clean and sustainable drinking water, sanitation services and hygiene promotion using environmentally friendly technology.



Key achievements.

- By installing solar lifting in 3 water supply schemes, 419 households have benefited and access to regular water supply has increased.
- It has been ensured that local bodies will invest 20 percent of the total cost for the construction of 7 drinking water schemes.
- 16,500 people benefited from the school and community level hygiene promotion program.

Emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Program: Emergency drinking water, sanitation and hygiene programs are being conducted with the aim of enabling the Nepal Red Cross Society to respond to all types of disasters. The main work area of the program is to modify various housing tools, guidance mechanisms with revisions, storage of housing relief materials, human resource capacity development and cooperation with various partner agencies.

Key achievements.

- E-Mapping of the existing trained manpower and housing relief materials has been updated on NRCS's information management portal.
- Pre-disaster market accounting has been completed by selecting 2 disaster-affected provinces (Madhesh province for floods and Gandaki province for landslides).
- In 2 emergencies, hygiene promotion trainer training has been completed and the capacity

- of 44 volunteers and employees of NRCS has been developed for WASH response.
- 1820 sets of hygiene kits have been purchased and pre-stored in NRCS warehouses.
- WASH training of trainers has been conducted and the capacity developed of 20 volunteers and staff of NRCS.
- 2 WASH response team trainings have been completed and 40 people have developed the capacity of WASH Response Team-WRT at the local level.

Tub well Water Project: The project is being implemented in Dhanusha district with the aim of improving health by reducing the risk of diseases due to lack of hygiene, sanitation and drinking water. The main areas of project are increment of clean and sustainable drinking water service and sanitation and hygiene promotion and behavior change.

Key achievements.

- Public tube well with 305 platforms have been constructed and 10,229 people have benefited.
- 305 tube well consumer committees have been given pre and post construction training on water supply maintenance.
- One tool box has been distributed to 305 tube well consumer committees for tube well maintenance.

Organizational Development

Organization Development (OD) Department aims to develop organizational capacity and to manage volunteers at all levels of NRCS. Statutory affairs and capacity building activities are two key working areas of the department. The statutory activities incorporate the statutory obligation, communication, finance and resource mobilization, human resource, junior and youth, gender and diversity, and volunteer management.

Regular activities belong to fulfill the statutory obligations, communicating, finance and resource mobilization, human resource, junior/youth, gender and diver-

Covid 19 response activities: Covid 19 response activities is being operated with the aim to prevent infection at risk of covid 19. The main area of program are construction of sanitation structures and hygiene promotion in schools and communities, behavior change and prevention and reduction of the risk of covid infection.

Key achievements.

- 33 oxygen cylinders have been distributed to various health institutions *and the people infected with Covid have benefited.*
- 550 sets of hygiene kits have been distributed and 2,750 people have benefited.
- 64 oximeters have been distributed to various health institutions and the people infected with Covid have benefited.
- Pregnant and postpartum women have benefited from 200 sets of dignity kits.
- Cash assistance has been provided to 26 families who died due to covid infection.
- 225 people infected with covid have been supported with cash and medicine for medical treatment.
- 19,462 people have been supported for the prevention of covid infection by distributing 4,337 boxes masks and 3025 pieces of sanitizer.
- More than 1, 50,000 people have been informed 2,394 times about prevention and control of covid infection through Radio/TV/IEC.

sity, and volunteer management. Whereas, RC Movement orientation, leadership development and volunteer management trainings, sense of ownership and accountability workshops, volunteer investment and value audit (VIVA) study, organization capacity assessment and certification (OCAC) workshop, and operational plan, policy, guideline and manual development workshop belong to capacity building activities.

Details of organizational progress: The details of the organizational network and members of the Nepal Red Cross Society (as of Last-July 2022) are as follows:

S. N.	Organizational Units	Number
1.	National Headquarters	1
2.	Province chapter	7
3.	District Chapters	77
4.	Sub-Chapters	15,56
5.	Support Committees	164
6.	Junior Red Cross Circles (3,849)	6,440
	Youth Red Cross Circles (2,591) (In School 2414, in Community 177)	
	Total Red Cross Units	8,245

Membership: NRCS provides six different kinds of membership – ordinary, life, illustrious, distinguished, corporate and honorary. Besides these, Junior and Youth members, based in schools, colleges and community, are highly counted members of Nepal Red Cross. Illustrious, Distinguished and Honorary membership is received upon the approval of the Central Executive Committee.

The following table shows the number of membership of NRCS

S.N.	Types of membership	Members at present
1.	Honorary	3
2.	Illustrious	825
3.	Distinguished	2,262
4.	Lifetime	2,09,004
5.	Ordinary (for 5 years)	20,142
6.	Institutional	67
7.	Junior/Youth members	7,83,708
	Total Members (except institutional members)	10,15,944

General Assembly: General Assembly is one of the most important annual statutory meetings organized every year. According to the provisions of the amended statute, the first annual general meeting of the Central Assembly was held on 21st October 2019 in Banepa and the second annual general meeting was held through virtual means on 9th October 2021. The assembly has passed the annual progress of the financial year

2019/020 and the proposed program for the fiscal years 2020/021 and 021/022.

Formation of District Ad Hoc Committee: Among those added and divided by the government during the restructuring of the state, a district ad hoc committee of NRCS has been formed in Rukum East district and preparations are being made for the minimum sub-chapter of the district election.

Central Ad Hoc Committee: The central ad hoc committee consisting of 33 members under the chairmanship of Professor Mr. Sudarshan Prasad Nepal, formed by the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Government of Nepal on May 31, 2079, has set a schedule for holding the elections and meetings of all levels of working committees by the end of August 2079.

Organizational development activities:

Facilitation and coordination in organizational activities: During the reporting period, the Department of Organization Development has facilitated, coordinated and assisted in the training on institutional and organizational development with the support of the districts run by the Central Office.

Remote District Chapter Development Programme: Under the remote district chapter support program, the center has provided financial support equal to one year's basic salary to one employee of the fifth level in the Humla district chapter for the fiscal years 2020/021 and 021/022.

International Volunteers' Day Celebration: International Volunteers' Day was celebrated aiming to respect the volunteers for their time and dedication for humanitarian actions by organizing various programs.

Various activities conducted by the provincial and district chapter on their own initiative: The provincial and district chapter have been carrying out organizational development and expansion of Red Cross, development activities of Junior and Youth Red Cross as well as ambulance service, transfusion service, mortuary service, various mobile health camps and other activities.

Finance Development and Resource Mobilization

Finance Development and Resource Mobilization Departments develops and implements diversified resource mobilization and fundraising activities which include income generation, donation collection and recording, donation box management, partnership with Red Cross and non-Red Cross stakeholders and local Government for projects. Finance Department is dedicated to managing its regular activities as well as upgrading knowledge and skills through trainings and workshops.



Auditing and risk management: The Society has been receiving financial and material support and grants from various national and international donor agencies, various social organizations as well as the Society's own internal resources. This policy has been implemented with the aim of providing maximum returns and benefits to the target group to make the financial aspect of the organization more transparent by conducting business related to the economic side through proper records, management and economical expenditure system. In addition, it aims to manage and minimize risk by keeping records of the organization's assets and resources.

The department has adopted Navision Account System which includes store, accounts and purchase management units and the work of upgrading the accounting system has been completed to make it more effective and systematic in the financial activities from Central Account Department to District Chapters. In order to operate it effectively, the work is being done to prepare skilled manpower by providing more training to the accounting manpower by focusing on capacity development.

Moreover, the department has amended the Finance Manual with the objective of making consistency and systematic in financial procedures from the HQs to the DCs. The amended manual has supported the DCs in financial activities.

Resource Mobilization and Property Management: The department is developing and implementing resource mobilization and fundraising activities. There are collaborations and coordination with national and international agencies regarding fundraising and resource mobilization. The department also takes responsibility for NRCS's property management. All kinds of properties of the Society have been protected and recorded by the department. In order to gain optimum profit from the fixed property, income generation building has been constructed at Kanchanpur of Mahendranagar, Nepalgunj of Banke and Itahari of Sunsari.

Similarly, the construction of a new building for the Central Blood Transfusion Service Building, which was damaged due to the earthquake, and the construction of the central warehouse in Bhaktapur has reached its final stage.

Human Resource Management

(HRMD) works to enhance the capacity of human resources (i.e. volunteers and staff) with the key responsibility to provide technical support in development of HR administration and management. Human Resource Development Institute (HRDI), under HRMD, is established as an Institute of learning to acquire practical skills and dedicated to improving managerial and organizational structures.



Human Resource Division: The division provides technical support to staff and volunteers of NRCS for their professional development, motivation and effective performance by developing policies, guidelines and procedures. The division also advocates nationwide for the implementation of the policies, guidelines and procedures.

Human Resource Development Institute (HRDI): The HRDI was established as an institute of learning to acquire practical skills and dedicated to improving managerial and organizational structures of the organization aiming to serve as 'Center of Excellence'. The institute provides assorted support in counseling and planning for trainings and

carries out research. The institute also serves external agencies as well, with respect to policy and procedure documents, capacity growth of staff and volunteers.

National Society Support Programme: The various internal and external studies conducted in NRCS from time to time and the visioning exercise in 2019 and the five-year National Society Development Plan formulated in 2020 have also identified the manpower management of this society as a major area for the overall development of NRCS. For this purpose, two key developmental outcomes have been decided, such as having competent, qualified and motivated employees with NRCS, and engaging and deploying trained and motivated volunteers of NRCS to provide effective services across the country

Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting (PMER)

The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is committed to quality and result oriented performance along with accountability towards people who needs services and supports during a disaster or any crisis. Hence, in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the organization to deliver quality service to people who are in need, the NRCS has envisioned planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and information management (PMER-IM) division. The division is responsible to coordinate, mainstream and standardize all PMER-IM initiatives across the NRCS.

Monitoring and evaluation

- Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms as well as various experiences are available.
- Responsibilities for monitoring and evaluation are outlined in the PMER-IM Framework.
- PMER-IM related training has been provided to the staff and volunteers.

Information Management

- MIS system is available to get information via Online.
- Work has been done to partially manage the data through mobile and technology.



Reporting

- FDRS Reporting is being done at all levels of NRCS through various means.
- Data of members, volunteers, relief materials are being updated in MIS SYSTEM in all districts.

Coordination and quality control for PMER-IM

- The PMER-IM Division is involved in evaluation, planning, and monitoring of pro-

grams/projects operated by NRCS and District chapters. It is expected that it will help in maintaining the quality.

Learning and knowledge management

- The PMER-IM-COMMS-CEA Working Group has been established to exchange experiences on PMER-IM related topics.
- PMER-IM related training and refresher training has been provided to NRCS staff and volunteers.



- An initial orientation training framework has been developed for new employees and volunteers and training has been provided.
- The Lessons learned workshop is being organized as part of the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects/programs. Some lesson learned reports have been published.

National Society Development (NSD)

NRCS is implementing National Society Development (NSD) as a program for the overall development of the Society aiming to quantify institutional capacity in a relevant and inclusive manner to provide sustainable and effective humanitarian services. From the NSD all levels of organizational units, its members, volunteers and staff will be benefitted. It is an indirect measure that determines the efficient delivery of services and focuses on critical aspects such as the base and capacity of institution that can enhance the overall performance of NRCS. The NSD works as a supplement to the long-term development of Nepal Red Cross Society. The Consolidated National Society Development Plan developed by NRCS is being implemented for the period 2020-2025 to realize the vision of a smart, accountable, efficient and self-reliant national society.

According to this Plan, the Society's nine thematic priority areas are to transform the Society via resource mobilization, financial management, plan monitoring evaluation and reporting, information management, human resource management, youth, communication and protection, gender and inclusion.

Key Activities:

- Development of Society's laws/Amendment of statutes
- Modification of policies, rules and guidelines of the Society
- Translating into Nepali and publication of Consolidated National Society Development Plan.
- Consolidated National Society Development Plan Taskforce Committee Meetings
- Localization workshop of consolidated National Society Development Plan
- Support in organizational development and effective implementation of service and development activities
- Bringing women, youth and marginalized groups into leadership positions and promoting inclusion at all levels of society

Legal Unit

The Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance Program, which has been working for flood resilience in collaboration with various organizations as globally since 2013, is also working for flood resilience in Nepal. The Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance Program is being implemented under the Nepal Red Cross Society, Legal Unit.

In Nepal, Nepal Red Cross Society, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Practical Action and Mercy Corps are members of the program, and the four organizations are now working together in the field of flood recovery. In which, the Nepal Red Cross Society is assisting the Government of Nepal in formulating strong and effective policies, rules and regulations for disaster risk reduction at the national, provincial and local levels. Nepal Red Cross Society is operating the Flood Resilience Advocacy Project In collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The main objectives of this project are to increase financial capital and resources for flood resilience, formulate strong policies globally, nationally or locally to encourage flood resilience, and to reduce flood damage by improving flood resilience practices



**नेपाल रेडक्रस सोसाइटीका सदस्यहरुमा
स्वतन्त्र लेखापरीक्षकको प्रतिवेदन**

हामीले नेपाल रेडक्रस सोसाइटी को यसैसाथ संलग्न आषाढ ३२, २०७५ (जुलाई १६, २०१८) को वासलात सोही मितिमा समाप्त आर्थिक वर्षको आय विवरण, नगद प्रवाह विवरण एवं प्रमुख लेखानीतिहरु तथा व्याख्यात्मक टिप्पणीहरुको लेखापरीक्षण गरेका छौं ।

आर्थिक विवरणहरुप्रति व्यवस्थापनको जिम्मेवारी

वित्तीय विवरणहरु नेपाल लेखामान सिद्धान्त तथा सर्वमान्य लेखामान अनुसार तयार एवं उचित प्रस्तुतिको उत्तरदायित्व व्यवस्थापनमा रहेको छ । यी जिम्मेवारी अन्तर्गत चाहे जालसाजी वा गल्तीबाट होस, सारभूत किसिमले त्रुटीरहित, वित्तीय विवरण तयार गर्ने, आन्तरिक नियन्त्रण प्रणालीको तैजुमा, कार्यान्वयन र संचालन गर्ने कार्य, लेखा नीतिहरुको छनोट तथा लागू गर्ने एवं परिस्थिति अनुसार लेखा सम्बन्धि महत्वपूर्ण अनुमान गर्नुपर्दछ ।

लेखापरीक्षकको जिम्मेवारी

हाम्रो लेखापरीक्षणको आधारमा वित्तीय विवरणहरु उपर मन्तव्य व्यक्त गर्नु हाम्रो जिम्मेवारी हो । हामीले हाम्रो लेखापरीक्षण नेपाल लेखापरीक्षणमान बमोजिम सम्पन्न गर्यौं । यी मानले हामीलाई व्यवसायिक नैतिकताको पालना गर्ने तथा वित्तीय विवरणहरु सारभूत रुपमा त्रुटीरहित भएको बारेमा मनासिव आश्वासन प्राप्त गर्न हामीलाई लेखापरीक्षणको योजना बनाउन र लेखापरीक्षण सम्पन्न गर्न अनिवार्य गराउँदछन् ।

लेखापरीक्षण अन्तर्गत वित्तीय विवरणमा उल्लेखित रकम र खुलासालाई पुष्टि गर्ने प्रमाण प्राप्त गर्ने सम्बन्धि सम्पादन कार्यविधि संलग्न हुन्छ । यसरी छनोट गरिएको कार्यविधि चाहे जालसाजी वा गल्तीबाट होस, सारभूत रुपमा त्रुटीयुक्त प्रस्तुति हुन सक्ने जोखिमको लेखाजोखा सहित हाम्रो व्यवसायिक निर्णयमा आधारित छ । त्यसरी जोखिमको लेखाजोखा गर्ने क्रममा हामीले कम्पनीको आन्तरिक नियन्त्रण उपर नै राय व्यक्त गर्ने उद्देश्यले नभई, परिस्थिति अनुसार हाम्रो लेखापरीक्षण कार्यविधि तयार गर्दा, कम्पनीले वित्तीय विवरण तयार एवं प्रस्तुति गर्ने क्रममा अवलम्बन गरेको आन्तरिक नियन्त्रण प्रणालीको विश्लेषण गरेका छौं । लेखापरीक्षणमा व्यवस्थापनद्वारा प्रयोगमा ल्याइएका लेखा सिद्धान्तहरु एवं गरिएका महत्वपूर्ण अनुमानहरुको उपयुक्तताको तथा मुल्याङ्कनका साथै समग्र वित्तीय विवरण प्रस्तुतिको लेखाजोखा समेत समावेश हुन्छ ।

हाम्रो लेखापरीक्षणले हाम्रो मन्तव्यलाई पर्याप्त आधार प्रदान गर्ने कुरामा हामी विश्वस्त छौं ।

आर्थिक विवरणको टिप्पणी ३.२ मा उल्लेख वित्तीय विवरणमा उल्लेख भए अनुसारको स्थिर सम्पतिहरु सोसाइटीले राखेको लेखासंग मिलान गर्न सकिन्न तथा भौतिक परिक्षणद्वारा यस्ता सम्पतिहरुको अस्तित्व यकिन गर्न सकिन्न । साथै सर्वमान्य लेखाको सिद्धान्तको प्रस्तुतीको अवधारणा अनुरूप वर्षको शुरु र अन्तमा रहेको कुल स्थिर सम्पतिको मूल्य तथा संकलित हास रकम आर्थिक विवरणमा प्रस्तुत गरिएको छैन ।

आर्थिक विवरणको टिप्पणी ३.४ मा उल्लेख भए अनुसार कर्मचारी उपदान तथा विदा बापतको व्यवस्था रकम प्रत्येक कर्मचारीको दायित्वसंग मिलान गर्न सकिन्न र सो कारणले वित्तीय विवरणमा आ.व. को अन्तमा उल्लेखित कर्मचारी उपदान तथा विदा बापतको व्यवस्था रकमको पर्याप्ततामा विश्वस्त हुन सकिन्न ।

हाम्रो रायमा, माथि उल्लेखित परिच्छेद तथा संलग्न लेखागत टिप्पणीहरुको कारणबाट पार्ने असर बाहेक, नेपाल रेडक्रस सोसाइटीको वित्तीय विवरणहरु, प्रमुख लेखा नीति तथा व्याख्यात्मक टिप्पणीहरुको आधारमा अध्ययन गर्दा तथा त्यहाँ उल्लेखित व्यहोराले ३२ आषाढ २०७५ (१६ जुलाई २०१८) को आर्थिक अवस्था तथा उक्त अवधिको आर्थिक नतिजा र नगद प्रवाहको, नेपाल लेखामान अनुसार, समुचित तथा यथार्थ चित्रण गर्दछ ।

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Partners in Development

(Note- This list contains major development partners supporting NRCS directly and indirectly.)

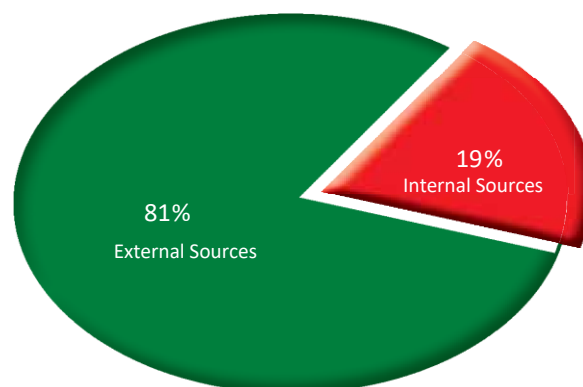
Movement partners

1	American Red Cross	7	German Red Cross	13	Thai Red Cross
2	Australian Red Cross	8	Red Cross Society of China	14	ICRC
3	British Red Cross	9	Japanese Red Cross	15	IFRC
4	Canadian Red Cross	10	Korean Red Cross		
5	Danish Red Cross	11	Luxembourg Red Cross		
6	Finnish Red Cross	12	Swiss Red Cross		

Non-Movement partners

1	UNICEF	4	WHO
2	USAID	5	UNHABITAT
3	UNFPA	6	COCA-COLA FOUNDATION

Funding



The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

National Societies

Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies carry out humanitarian work in their own countries and support each other in need.

The ICRC

The International Committee of the Red Cross is an independent humanitarian body of the Red Cross Movement. It has special role as a neutral intermediary and endeavors to protect victims of armed conflict and internal violence.

The International Federation

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies co-ordinates relief in areas affected by natural disasters. It also assists National Societies with development and helps refugees and displaced persons in non-conflict areas.

The entire Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is bound by seven Fundamental Principles – Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.

Nepal Red Cross Society

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is an independent, volunteer based and non-profit-humanitarian organization that delivers humanitarian service and support to the vulnerable people impartially and neutrally. It came into being on 4 September 1963.

NRCS was officially registered in Nepal after Nepal Government acceded to the Geneva Conventions (August 12, 1949). Having been recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), NRCS is a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (The Federation). Thus, as a component of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and being guided by the Fundamental Principles, NRCS is only one National Society in Federal Democratic Republic Nepal.

The aim of the NRCS is to endeavor to eliminate or reduce human suffering irrespective of religion, caste, color, gender, group, language, nationality or political ideology. The Society achieves the aim following its strategic directions:

- Strategic aim 1:** Save lives from disasters and crises situations: promote relief, recovery and resilience building
- Strategic aim-2:** Enable healthy, safer and resilient living
- Strategic aim-3:** Promote protection, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion: a culture of non-discrimination, non-violence & peace
- Strategic aim-4:** Establish responsive and responsible governance and effective management system at all levels

Major Activities

- Relief service and support to disaster affected people, preparedness, mitigation and rehabilitation programme, tracing and family reunion service, relief support to conflict affected people and exchange of Red Cross message
- Blood transfusion service, ambulance service, Red Cross Shree Janaki Eye Hospital, health campaigns including eye treatment services, HIV / AIDS awareness and support to the People Living with AIDS, community development, drinking water and sanitation and first aid services
- Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law, promotion of Red Cross emblem, promotion of humanitarian values, internal and external communication for the promotion of the Red Cross image
- Women empowerment, advocacy on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) mobilization of junior, youth and adult volunteers, human resource development, volunteer management and statutory functions.

The volunteers affiliated to its district chapters, sub-chapters, Junior/Youth Red Cross Circles in academic institutions and in the community are backbone of NRCS. The process for formation and extension of the organization is democratic. NRCS cooperates with the target community, ICRC, the Federation, and the national and international government and non-government organizations on equal footing.

The income source for NRCS to operate humanitarian services includes: its own source, support and donation from generous individuals, organizations, Red Cross Movement partners, and national and international organizations. For image building and resource mobilization, NRCS makes internal and external communication effective in cooperation with different media.

Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescents Movement

Humanity

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavors, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

Impartiality

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavors to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Neutrality

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

Independence

The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

Unity

There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

Voluntary service

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

Universality

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

The Fundamental Principles were adopted by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, in 1965. In 1986, the XXVth Conference decided to include them in the Preamble of the Statutes of the Movement. The latter not only recall that every component of the Movement is bound by the Fundamental Principles, but also establish that States have to respect at all times the adherence of those components to the Fundamental Principles.



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