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Cash Support in Emergencies

Cash Support for Flood and Landslide Affected Beneficiaries

From May to September 2024, Nepal experienced varying rainfall patterns, primarily influenced by the monsoon season, which typically begins in mid-June and continues until late September. During this period, heavy rainfall triggered landslides, floods, and roadblocks, severely affecting transportation, daily activities, and overall safety across the country. Due to the causes, 395 people lost their lives, 375 were injured and thousands of houses collapsed in various parts of Nepal. (Source: NRCS situation bulletin and BIPAD portal)

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), with technical and financial support from Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners, implemented Flood and Landslide Operation and provided multi-purpose unconditional cash assistance to 2,240 households in Kavrepalanchok, Sindhuli, Ramechhap, Makawanpur,

Panchthar, Syangja, and Kanchanpur districts. Each household received NPR 15,000 (fifteen thousand). Furthermore, NPR 15,000 (fifteen thousand) was distributed to 326 individuals, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and pregnant and lactating women as per Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) perspective. Most of the cash was provided through beneficiaries' personal bank accounts and cash-in-hand in some cases also. Details of the cash support provided in various districts are presented in Table 1.



Multipurpose cash support to flood affected beneficiary in Sindhuli

Table 1: Cash Support Details to Beneficiaries

S. N.	Cash Supported	District							Cash Support per Household in NPR	Total Cash Support in NPR
		Kavrepalanchok	Sindhuli	Ramechhap	Makwanpur	Panchthar	Syangja	Kanchanpur		
1.	Multi-purpose cash-Unconditional	1204	410	224	43	185	8	166	15,000	33,600,000
2.	Multi-purpose cash-PGI	74	60	192	-	-	-	-	15,000	4,890,000
Total cash support										38,490,000

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- CVA Training
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- CVA meeting with stakeholders
- Sensitization on CVA Emergency Fund Guideline

Cash Support to Marginalized Pregnant and Lactating Women in Jajarkot, Rukum West and Kavre

NRCS provided unconditional multi-purpose cash to 970 (Jajarkot-540 and Rukum West-430) marginalized pregnant and lactating women in earthquake affected Jajarkot and Rukum West districts. The provided cash was NPR 8,000 (eight thousand) per beneficiary. The cash was provided through the beneficiaries' personal bank accounts and IME. Similarly, in Kavre 171 flood and landslides affected, marginalized pregnant and lactating women have received NPR 12,000 (twelve thousand) based on severity and identified needs. The cash was supported via beneficiaries' personal bank accounts and cash-in-hand modalities. NRCS coordinated with the local government and health unit to identify and select beneficiaries for cash support. In total, NPR 9,812,000 (nine million eight hundred twelve thousand) was supported to these women in three districts through the partnership of United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA).



Cash support to lactating woman in Jajarkot

Cash Support in Recovery

Cash Support in Karnali Earthquake Recovery Operation

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Jajarkot district on 3 November 2023 at 11:47 local time. The epicenter was located in Ramidanda in Jajarkot district, which claimed the lives of 154 people in Jajarkot (101), and Rukum West (53) district and injuring 366 people. As of December 2024, no major aftershocks have been recorded however, the impact remained quite challenging as more than 75,000 houses were affected by the earthquake in 10 districts out of which Jajarkot, Rukum West and Salyan districts were badly affected. Up to April 2024, NRCS supported response related activities including transitional shelter and toilet construction.



A newly constructed water canal by applying cash-for-work modality in Rukum West

Affected people were living in basic transitional shelters with difficulties. To improve these shelters, including WASH facilities, NRCS provided NPR 15,000 (fifteen thousand) to 653 households. To restore livelihoods and strengthen income-generating activities for the most vulnerable communities, NRCS provided NPR 50,000 (fifty thousand) to 689 households based on their business plans. On the other hand, cash-for-work modality was applied to construct foot trails, irrigation canals, and mitigation works in the earthquake affected areas of these districts. A total of NPR 2,878,180 (two million eight hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred eighty) cash was provided to 175 beneficiaries. Cash support in various sectors is listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Cash Support Details to Beneficiaries

S.N.	Cash Supported	District			Cash Support per Household in NPR	Total Cash Support in NPR
		Rukum West	Jajarkot	Salyan		
1.	Shelter Improvement	100	100	-	15,000	3,000,000
2.	Conditional Livelihood Support	246	250	193	50,000	34,450,000
3.	Toilet Construction	125	125	203	15,000	6,795,000
	Total cash support					68,991,000

Cash Support in Development Programmes

Cash Support for Livelihood in Kailali

Climate Nature based Solution with Resilient Livelihoods in Nepal programme has been implementing from January 2024 to December 2025 with financial support of British Red Cross in Kailali district. Under this programme, conditional cash grants was provided to 120 highly vulnerable households for restoring and improving their livelihoods and economic security to business setups as per the business plan. Beneficiaries were identified and selected through the coordination and inclusive participatory process.

A minimum of NPR 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) and a maximum of NPR 30,000 (thirty thousand only) cash per household were provided to selected beneficiaries as per their prepared business development plans. In total, NPR 3, 600,000 (three million six hundred thousand) cash was supported to these beneficiaries. Personal cheques were provided to the beneficiaries for this purpose.

Cash Support for Livelihood in Sankhuwasabha

Integrated WASH Disaster Risk Reduction Project has been implementing by NRCS through the support of Korean Red Cross from January 2023 to December 2026 in Sankhuwasabha district. Under this project, conditional cash grant of NPR 25,000 (twenty five thousand) per household was provided to 43 vulnerable households for livestock support based on their business plans. In total, NPR 1, 075,000 (one million seventy-five thousand) cash was supported to selected households.

Cash Support for Livelihood in Myagdi

NRCS in partnership with the Irish Red Cross has been implementing a Community Livelihood Promotion Project from July 2022 to July 2025 in Myagdi district. The project aims to enhance the socio-economic resilience of local communities by providing targeted support, such as climate-smart agriculture training and agricultural inputs.

The project provided cash support ranging from NPR 5,000 (five thousand) to NPR 40,000 (forty thousand) per household to 355 households. This initiative aimed to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable community people by promoting climate-smart farming practices. Key livelihood activities supported through the cash grants were high-value crop cultivation, tunnel construction, beehive distribution, tailoring, and livestock rearing. In total, NPR 4,100,000 (four million one hundred thousand) was supported to these households through beneficiaries' bank accounts. Cash-for-work modality was also applied to construct foot trail in project area. A total of NPR 188,244 (one hundred eighty-eight thousand two hundred forty-four) cash was provided to 28 beneficiaries for foot trail construction.

Cash Support for Livelihood of Migration Workers in Bajura and Achham

NRCS is implementing Strengthening Action for Fostering Resilience through Individual, Community and Institutional Readiness in Nepal (SAFER) project through the partnership of American Red Cross and collaborating with British Red cross for livelihood and migration support in Bajura and Achham districts from January 2023 to December 2025.

The project aims to strengthen disaster risk reduction and preparedness at the community level, improving overall readiness, coordination, and connectivity between communities, municipal and provincial governments, and NRCS district chapters and sub-chapters. To reduce the impact of seasonal migration, conditional cash grants ranging from NPR 38,000 (thirty-eight thousand) to NPR 42,000 (forty-two thousand) per person was provided to 110 households (Achham-55 and Bajura-55) based on their business plans. In total, NPR 4, 379,500 (four million three hundred seventy nine thousand five hundred) cash was supported through the individual bank accounts.

Cash Support in Anticipatory Action

NRCS provided multipurpose cash assistance to 774 households in the Babai river basin of Bardiya district as part of its anticipatory action initiative. The initiative aimed to strengthen vulnerable households, including those with disabilities, to enhance their capacity to cope with and mitigate the impacts of flooding. This pilot initiative was implemented in collaborating with the Danish Red Cross and financial support from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), following prior agreements with local government authorities. This initiative supported vulnerable populations near the river and generated insights for future cash-based early actions in disaster management. Its success underscores the importance of collaboration between humanitarian organizations and local authorities, highlighting the value of timely interventions to mitigate disaster impacts and build resilience in flood-prone areas. Each household received NPR 15,000, directly deposited into beneficiaries' Social Security Allowance bank accounts. This targeted approach ensured timely and effective support tailored to the needs of at-risk populations during and in anticipation of disaster events. The cash was disbursed within four hours of activation, following municipal decisions to trigger early action and request NRCS cash assistance for pre-identified beneficiaries. The intervention adhered to municipal Early Action Frameworks, activated when the Babai river met flood forecast thresholds set by the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology due to rising river levels and heavy rainfall in the catchment areas.

Capacity Enhancement for CVA Initiative

CVA Training

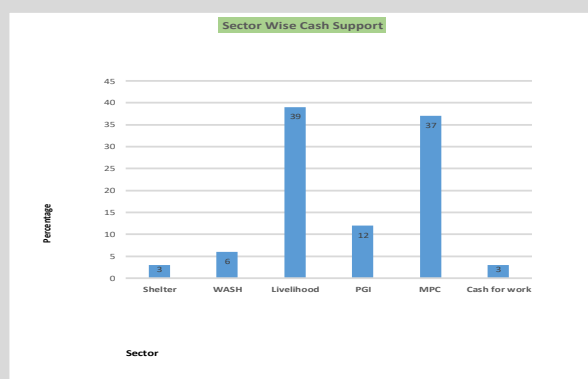
NRCS, Disaster Management Department organized three-day CVA trainings in Koshi, Gandaki, Lumbini and Karnali Provinces in different dates from July to December 2024. A total of 103 participants (including 37 females) from these provinces attended the trainings. The objectives of the trainings were to enhance the capacity of already trained volunteers and staff of NRCS district chapters in CVA. NRCS CVA team and Cash Technical Working Group members facilitated the trainings.

The main strategy of the training was to promote the knowledge and skills of the participants through both theoretical and practical exercises, which were integral components of each session. The training course was designed and developed based on the IFRC standardized module by incorporating local context. Practical knowledge and skills were delivered through case studies to broaden participants' understanding on CVA. The trainings were conducted with participatory approaches including group discussions, demonstrations, question and answer sessions, practical exercises, brainstorming, and simulations.



Group photo of CVA Training

Total Cash Distributed Amount NPR 120, 377,924



Delivery Mechanism

Most of the cash was provided through banking system



NRCS CVA Emergency Fund Preposition and Management Guideline

NRCS guideline for Emergency Fund Preposition and Management of the CVA has been prepared and endorsed. It is prepared to establish and pre-position CVA funds at organizational different levels, ensuring timely and transparent cash distribution during crises. To establish emergency fund preposition, NRCS has been coordinating with various partners to contribute on fund preposition. Similarly, British Red Cross Society provided GBP 50,000 to NRCS for this initiative. The specific objectives include:

- Prepositioning a dedicated fund for disasters response and anticipatory action.
- Ensure timely response through cash assistance in disasters and in anticipatory action as needed through the CVA approach.

Cash Distribution in 2024

4, 879
Households



22, 931
People



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