Situation Update

In February, Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) focused on shelter cash grant. As of 28 February 2017, altogether 6,291 families received first tranche and 280 families received second tranche of cash grant from Ramechhap, Sindhuli, Okhaldunga, Makawanpur, Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts. Similarly, other major activities of the month include: livelihood cash grant, drinking water supply schemes (DWSS) construction, toilet construction and health trainings and awareness activities.

Key sectorial Achievements (Cumulative)

- **4,199** people were trained on mason, out of them, **107 people** received mason trainings on both rural and urban settings
- **6,291 families** received first tranche of shelter cash grants and **280 families** received second tranche of shelter cash grants.
- **20 drinking water supply schemes** completed
- **557 families** constructed household toilets
- **54,398 people** reached through sanitation and hygiene promotion activities
- **7,717 families** received cash grant for livelihood activities
- **2,501 people** benefited through cash for work activities
- **18,928 families** received improved cooking stoves support
- **127,840 families** received solar home system support
- **13,868 mothers** with child/children below 1 year received mother–baby kit (Nano Jhola)

*including achievement from Baby WASH project*
District Highlights

Dhading

- Completed 25 events of hand washing demonstration practice reaching to 624 people including 430 female from the community. Specifically, nine events of hand washing demonstration practice was completed in Kalleri VDC reaching to 247 people including 162 female of Kalleri VDC. Similarly, completed 16 events in Katunje VDC reaching to 377 people from the community including 268 female of Katunje VDC.
- Conducted 26 events of hygiene promotion and sanitation classes reaching to 653 community people including 205 female. Specifically, conducted 10 events of hygiene promotion and sanitation classes in Kalleri VDC, reaching to 266 people from the community including 167 female. Likewise, conducted 16 events of hygiene promotion and sanitation classes in Katunje VDC reaching to 387 people from the community including 281 female. The objective of these classes were to create awareness on oral rehydration solution preparation and water purification method.
- Conducted three events of sanitation campaign in Kalleri VDC reaching to 70 people from the community including 53 female. The purpose of this campaign was to raise awareness on the importance of hygiene. In addition, as part of the campaign, participants collected waste materials and dispose it safely.
- Completed the demolition of Dharmadwara School through cash for work activity. A total of 19 people from the community were directly benefitted by the activity.
- Completed one-day pre-construction management orientation to the users committee of Lakuri DWSS of Katunje VDC Ward No. 9. The detail criteria of operation, management and quality assurance during construction of schemes has been shared to the participants. Altogether 18 community people including 3 female participated in the orientation.

Sindhupalchowk

- Observed Iodine Month through following activities:
  - Organized street drama about importance of iodine for children and ways to supplement it in regular food in Kunchok VDC. More than 50 people were reached through street drama.
  - Organized 14 awareness sessions about the importance of iodine reaching to 440 people from the community.
  - Organized iodine awareness rally with coordination of health post and female community health volunteers (FCHVs). A total of 35 participants including one male had participated in the rally.
- Organized PSS orientation events for school students in Melemchi Municipality Ward No.12. A total of 57 students including 15 female students had participated in the orientation.
- Conducted nine events of first aid awareness sessions reaching to 223 people from the community including 152 female.
- Completed construction of 278 household latrines whereas construction is ongoing for 151 household latrines.
- Visited 3,722 households through safe shelter construction messages in all of the programme VDCs and Melemchi Municipality Ward No. 12 and 13.
- Ongoing 50-day on the job training with the participation of 12 participants including seven female of Nawalpur VDC Ward No. 2. Participants will construct two houses during the training period.

Dolakha

- Completed construction of intake for seven water supply schemes.
- Distributed 282 mother baby kits to the mother who have child/children less than one year. Out of which, 115 were distributed in Lapilang VDC, 98 kits in Suspa Chhamawati VDC and 69 in Dolakha bazar.
Gorkha

- Completed one-day water quality testing training to 26 people including junior engineers and sub chapter members.
- Completed 53 events of hand washing demonstration sessions reaching to 853 people from the community.
- Completed two-day school first aid orientation in Mirkot, Bakrang, Manakamana and Harmi VDCs reaching to 98 school students.
- Completed construction of 356 goat sheds in Thalajung VDC. In February alone 272 goat sheds were constructed.
- Organized training of trainers (ToT) on total sanitation for 26 people including staff and sub chapter volunteers. The trained facilitators will be mobilized to train WASH volunteers for implementing total sanitation interventions in programme VDCs.

Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur

- Distributed conditional cash grant for livelihood to 643 families of Kathmandu (144), Lalitpur (50) and Bhaktapur (447) to selected households through vulnerability assessment.
- Distributed mother baby kit to 8,182 mothers who have child/children below one year in Kathmandu valley districts; 2,420 in Kathmandu, 2,000 in Lalitpur and 3,762 in Bhaktapur.
- Provided orientation on start and improve business to 50 families who received conditional cash grant for starting small enterprise in Lalitpur district. Following the orientation, they submitted business plan to NRCS for their small enterprise.
- Visited 750 households to disseminate safer shelter messages and distributed participatory approach for safer shelter awareness (PASSA) booklets in Bhaktapur district.
- Conducted four events of school sanitation and hygiene awareness orientations in Nagarkot municipality Ward No. 5, 9, 11, and 13. A total of 197 people from the community including 122 female were reached through this activity.

Makawanpur

- Completed one event of community based health training with the participation of 15 volunteers including 10 female. Following the training, the volunteers conducted eight community sessions on nutrition, pneumonia, family planning and psychosocial support in programme areas. A total of 96 people including 72 female had participated in the sessions.
- Completed construction of 77 household toilets whereas the construction of three more toilets is on progress.
- Marked iodine month by distributing 15 flex in the community with a message of importance of iodine. Furthermore, Iodine related jingle was also aired in a local FM radio station "Radio Awaj" Palung in Makwanpur district.

Nuwakot

- Conducted basic first aid training for 24 Red Cross volunteers and social mobilizers in Suryamati and Haldekalika VDCs. Out of them, 17 participants were female. At the end of training, the participants were provided with first aid kit so that they can provide first aid service in their respective community.
- Conducted two events of pre-construction training to 43 water user committee members two DWSSs in Laychang VDC.
- Completed construction of 15 household toilet whereas, construction 65 household toilets is on progress at Lachyang VDC Ward No.1.
Kavre

- Completed participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) rollout in the programme VDCs reaching to 656 people from the community including 406 female.
- Organized three events of open day with various games and recreational activities for school students in programme VDCs. Objective of the events is to promote learning environment in the schools. In the same event, 724 students were provided with school bags.
- Completed one day orientation on business plan preparation. A total of 16 community volunteers including nine female participated in the orientation.
- Conducted 19 events of business plan training reaching to 500 people from the community including 239 female participate in the training.
- Completed one day anti-corruption training for 29 participants including Red Cross volunteers and staff.

Rasuwa

- Completed two events of public audit and DWSS pre-construction trainings in Saramthali and Bhorle VDCs. A total of 54 participants including 26 female had participated in the trainings.
- Distributed 90 first aid kits to different stakeholders: 23 first aid kits to social mobilizers, 63 to community volunteers, one in district chapter, one for ambulance and two for Kalika Himalaya Higher Secondary School.
- Conducted seven events of PSS orientations and 17 events of health sessions about neo-natal care, nutrition and immunization in Rasuwa district. A total of 483 people including 352 female have participated in the sessions.
- Completed renovation of an irrigation canal in Thulogaun VDC directly benefitting to 207 households from Thulogaun VDC Ward No.1-5.

Sindhuli

- Conducted one event of pre-construction training to 52 water user committee members.
- Conducted hand washing training for 58 participants including members of junior Red Cross circle, students and teachers.
- Installed temporary water lifting supply system in Sittalpati VDC Ward No.1. This system will be benefitting 28 households of Sittalpati VDC Ward No. 1 for shelter reconstruction.
- Conducted hand washing and hygiene promotion campaign at Sittalpati VDC in coordination with village-WASH-coordination committee. A total of 78 people from the community were reached through this campaign.
- Conducted ward wise pneumonia awareness orientation in coordination with health post and FCHVs. Total 304 people from the community participated in the orientation.
- Organized injury management and first aid orientation for 112 masons who were trained by NRCS and have been working as mason in the VDC. Purpose of the orientation was to create awareness on first aid and minimize risk of injuries to the masons.
- Conducted three-day pig farming training for 18 people from community to develop their skills and techniques on professional pig farming.
- Distributed first instalment of cash grant (NPR.6000) to 52 farmers who were trained on off-seasonal vegetable farming. Many of them

"Currently I am earning NPR 1,200 a day" says Sharmila Regmi of Kharelthok VDC Ward No.4. Gleamingly happy Sharmila further stated that "this is a really good opportunity for me to earn on my own". Nepal Red Cross Society have provided her support of NPR 10,000 as cash grant for livelihood. Before this support, she used to operate small stall in an open place and had low income, but, after the support, she has expanded her shop with additional items and shifted to a tin-roofed shop.
have started to construct tunnel for off-seasonal vegetable farming.

- Completed construction of 27 household toilet whereas, construction 63 household toilets is on progress.

**Okhaldhunga**

- Completed construction of 65 household toilet whereas, construction 25 household toilets is on progress in Prapcha VDC.
- Completed construction of 60 goat sheds in programme areas. Following the completion of goat sheds, each of 60 families NPR 15,000 from Red Cross as part of livelihood cash grant.
- Completed three events of health education sessions benefitting to 714 people from the community including 557 female.
- Provided first aid service to 64 people including 29 female in community by the Red Cross volunteers who were trained on first aid in November 2016.
- Conducted eye care camp benefitting to 408 people including 239 female Gamnagtar, Pokali and Ragani VDCs.
- Provided mother baby kit to 352 mothers who have child/children below one year.

**Ramechhap**

- Conducted off seasonal vegetable farming training to 26 people including 18 female from the community. Following the training, the participants will be provided with certain amount of cash support to start off-seasonal vegetable farming.
- Completed three events of goat shed construction orientations for 81 participants. It was organized in coordination with district livestock development service office, Ramechhap.
- Conducted shelter inception training at Manthali municipality Ward No.2. The training was organized for 35 technical staffs (junior engineers and assistant junior engineers) including eight female.
- Established blood bank at NRCS Ramechhap district chapter.
- Insured 197 livestock in Rampur VDC Ward No. 1, 2 and 3.
- Provided cash grant of NPR.10, 000-20,000 to 25 households for construction of goat shed. NPR. 20,000 was provided to 22 households who had completed their goat sheds whereas, remaining three households received NPR 10,000 only. They will receive the remaining NPR. 10,000 after they complete construction of their sheds.
- Completed construction of 80 household toilets and one waste bin in Rampur VDC.

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**Volunteer Mobilization and Capacity Building**

**244 Staff
& Volunteers**

Trained/ oriented on shelter, WASH, Health PMER and community mobilization.

**279 volunteers**

Mobilized in programme activities

**CHART 3: CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

- Vulnerability assessment training: 23
- ToT on total sanitation: 26
- Community based helath training: 135
- Business plan orientation: 36
- Anit-corruption training: 29
- Shelter inception training: 35
- Water quality testing training: 26
- Basic first aid training: 24
- MIS training to staff: 42
- ToT on total sanitation: 33
- Anit-corruption training: 34

**PMER and CEA**

**PMER**

- Completed annual review and planning meetings for all 14 districts. Achievement and challenges of the previous were reviewed and plan for 2017 was finalized through discussion among district, headquarter and partners in the meeting.
- Completed vulnerability assessment training to 17 community volunteers and six social mobilizers of Yarsha and Saramthali VDC including nine female participants.
- Conducted baseline survey of livelihood in Lachyang and Chaturale VDCs of Nuwakot district. The data is being analysed.
Conducted management information system (MIS) training for 109 participants including social mobilizers, district chapter staff and governance volunteers in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Makwanpur. Following the training, the social mobilizers and staff have been sending reports and data through web based MIS.

**CEA and social mobilization**

- Conducted eight events of street drama in Bhaktapur and Okhaldunga districts to provide information about Red Cross and earthquake response operation activities and Pneumonia prevention messages to the community. Approximately 750 people from community had observed the drama events. At the end of each event, audience were allowed to provide feedback about the drama. It was found that majority of the audience enjoyed and understood content of the event.
- Completed six events of community engagement and accountability orientation in six programme VDCs of Rasuwa district. The orientation was about five ways through which community could link with Red Cross including Namaste Red Cross hotline 1130, suggestions box and Facebook page of Nepal Red Cross Society.
- Conducted one event of Kiosk at Tarkeshwor Municipality Ward No.15 in Kathmandu district. Approximately 600 people including 200 female and 150 children had visited the stall. During the event, 500 pieces of IEC material such as posters, booklets, visiting card and pamphlets about water, sanitation, safer shelter, Red Cross Hotline Pneumonia were distributed to the visitors.
- Installed hoarding board with the information on safe reconstruction and health awareness at five different places of Sittalpati VDC in Sindhuli district.

**Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130**

- In February, a total of 80 calls were received. Livelihood was the most common sector for enquiries, with particular focus on conditional cash grants for livelihood at Kathmandu valley districts. In earthquake response operation areas, most calls were received from Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Okhaldung and Bhaktapur, whereas fewest calls were received from Dhading, Dolakha, Gorkha, Makawanpur, Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts.

**Radio Programme**

- Four episodes of Radio Programme on reconstruction and conditional cash grant for livelihood were aired through Radio Programme (Together for Humanity) in February 2017.

**Newspaper columns**

- Four inserts (weeks) were about earthquake response operation in *Annapurna Post*, the national daily newspaper in February 2017.

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