Situation Update

With the signing of Payment Service Agreement (PSA) with banks, first tranche of cash grants was distributed to 4,236 families in Ramechhap, Sindhuli, Okhaldungs, Nuwakot, Sindhupalchok and Rasuwa districts for shelter construction by the beneficiaries themselves. Following the cash grants, 71 families have started construction. Red Cross is preparing for second tranche of cash distribution. Mason training is coming to an end except in few districts where additional trainings have been planned as per the need and request from community.

Similarly, significant progress has been made in livelihood, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health activities, and distribution of solar home system and improved cooking stove (ICS). Highlights are below.

Key Achievements

- 3,995 people** reached with build back safer training (Mason)
- 4,236 families*** received first tranche of shelter cash grants & 71 families started shelter construction
- 15537 people Benefited with health and WASH awareness activities in 14 districts
- 2086 people benefited from a reconstructed Health Post at Sindhupalchok after handing over to the Ministry of Health
- 1062 people* Benefited by cash for work for activates in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts
- 9279* families received ICS
- 38102* families received Solar Home System
- 79* community plans were developed and being implemented in Rasuwa, Nuwakot Makwanpur and Kavre districts
- 1046 People were sensitized on Agriculture and enterprise development at Kathmandu valley districts

Note:
*Cumulative figure,
** Cumulative figure including pilot mason training
District Highlights

This section includes district wise update which are not covered in the Key Achievement section.

Nuwakot, Makwanpur and Rasuwa:

- Marked Nepal Red Cross Day and World First Aid Day through different activities such as blood donation programme and rallies with banners and placards highlighting Red Cross activities.
- Government of Nepal declared Dandagaun Village Development Committee (VDC) of Rasuwa district as Open Defecation Free (ODF) Zone. Red Cross carried out social mobilization activities for sensitizing the community for constructing and using toilet, and mass mobilization and coordination activities such as organizing coordination meetings for declaring the VDC as ODF Zone.
- 24% (132 m out of 550 m) of foot trail construction was completed under cash for work programme in Thulogaun VDC of Rasuwa district.
- Presented community plan (Hamro Yojana) to the VDC office in Dandagaun of Rasuwa district, and Namatar VDC and Thaha Municipality of Makawanpur district.
- Completed baseline survey in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts and conducted baseline survey training in Makawanpur for 22 staff and volunteers.

Kavrepalanchowk:

- Conducted assessment for child protection and resilience in three schools and four community disaster management committees of programme VDCs.
- Distributed second installment (NPR 1,000) to 69 households for fruit plantation.
- Completed feasibility study of seven drinking water schemes. The schemes will cover 286 households in 3 VDCs.

Sindhuli:

- Formed ward level reconstruction committees in Sitalpati VDC.
- A total of 71 families, who received first tranche of cash support, have started shelter construction in Sitalpati VDC.
- Established blood transfusion service Centre in Sindhuli on 29 September 2016.

Okhaldunga:

- Completed preconstruction management training for three ongoing water schemes in Siddhicharan Municipality.

Ramechhap:

- Marked World First Aid Day through inter school oratory competition and first aid drama in Rampur VDC. The oratory competition was participated by 10 students and observed by 270 students from two schools. While the drama was observed by 34 people.
- Commenced construction of 80 earthquake resistant toilet in Rampur VDC.
- Completed commercial goat farming training for 25 people from Rampur VDC.
- Completed design estimation of three water schemes in Rampur VDC.

Dolaka

- Completed baseline survey and school WASH survey.
- Completed detail survey and design estimation for rehabilitation of Child Gender and Disability Friendly latrine in two schools in programme VDCs.
- Completed design estimation for six water scheme (four in Suspa and two in Lapilang) for their rehabilitation.
- Completed cooking stove training for 20 people from programme VDCs.

**Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur:**
- Conducted Cholera awareness campaign in coordination with Lalitpur Sub Metropolitan City, Health Division, District Public Health Office, and other stakeholder working under WASH in Lalitpur district.
  - Tested coliform of water sources in 16 wards of Lalitpur district (report of the test is being collected from field).
  - Chlorinated 2 lakh liter capacity tank in Godamchaur, and public water tanks in Ward No. 10 and 11.
  - Carried out bucket chlorination demonstration in Karyabinayak Ward No. 10 and 13.
  - Distributed soap and Piyush (Chlorine solution) for water purification at household level (data is being compiled)

- PSS activity has been rolled out in programme communities and schools of Kathmandu valley. Various activities such as art competition, first aid demonstration, games and entertainment programmes have been conducted as a part of roll out.

**Sindhupalchowk:**
- Completed one -day cash for work implementation process orientation on 20 September 2016 in Chautara.
- Organized Teej Singing and dancing programme in Kunchok VDC to convey knowledge and support improved practices of psychosocial support mechanisms for improved general wellbeing. A total 107 community members (mostly mother's group members and FCHVs) had participated in the programme.
- Completed first aid awareness sessions for 179 community members (85 male, 94 female) in Kunchok and Badegaun VDCs.
- Formed 19 Actions Groups in Kunchok and Nawalpur VDCs and Melemchi Municipality Ward No. 12 and 13 for implementing recovery activities.
- Conducted four sanitation campaigns 3 in schools and 1 in a community have been organized with 153 participants including 63 females.

**Dhading:**
- Conducted 21 sanitation and hygiene awareness and practice events (14 hand washing practice and demonstration sessions, two sanitation and hygiene education class and five sanitation campaigns) and reached around more than 980 people in different school and community in Katunje and Kalleri VDCs.
- Completed technical survey of two water schemes for their rehabilitation in Kalleri VDC.

**Gorkha:**
- Conducted planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) training/ orientation for 58 staff and volunteers (PMER orientation for 30 governance volunteers from district chapter and sub-chapters and PMER training for 28 staff including social mobilizers)
- Distributed basic first aid materials to 72 students in three VDCs.
Volunteer Mobilization and Capacity Building

511 staff and volunteers were trained/oriented on shelter, WASH, health, PMER and community mobilization. Detail of which has been presented in chart 3.

386 volunteers were mobilized for conducting programme activities in 14 districts

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

- A total of 608 including NRCS volunteers, staffs, in-country Partner National Societies representatives and their visitors signed Child protection Code of Conduct.
- Included one session on GESI in PMER training held in Gorkha in September 2016. A total of 28 staff including social mobilizers had participated in the training.
- Conducted one-day “Child and Disability Risk Assessment Workshop” in Sindhuli on 29 September. A total of 70 participants form headquarters staff, district chapter steering committee members, district GESI committee members and community participated in the workshop.

Women participation in Cash for Work

Cash for work programme has been implemented for debris clearance in Kathmandu valley. This programme has directly supported to increase income of selected families including women headed families. This activity has provided them a way to get engaged in the community contributing debris removal of their own damaged houses and on the other hand earning some amount. They have appreciated cash for work initiative of Red Cross.

Community Engagement and Accountability

Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130

- A total of 328 calls were received in September. Most of the calls were from Kathmandu, Sindhuli, Bhaktapur and Ramechhap districts.
- Shelter remained the most common sector of enquiries, with particular focus on shelter cash grants and banking requirements for accessing the grants. Other general queries recorded by the hotline include Red Cross membership process, blood bank and blood transfusion services.
Dissemination of IEC materials and information sharing

- Installed flex with information about ways to contact Red Cross and commitment towards community in public places such as health post, and municipality and ward offices in Kathmandu valley. Purpose of flex installation is to provide relevant information to public and promote accountability to communities.

- Organized two KSOIK events; one in Kathmandu district during Indrajatra (a festival particular to Kathmandu valley) and another in Anantalingeswor of Bhaktapur on 4 September 2016. More than 500 people were reached by awareness activities such as information on health and hygiene and information dissemination of information relating to Earthquake Response Operation during the events.

Radio Programme

A radio episode was aired on reconstruction theme through Radio Programme (Together for Humanity) on 24 September 2016. Key topics covered by the episode were:

- Report about people’s query on why they were not selected for shelter cash support although they were affected by earthquake (Report from Sindhuli);
- Report about people’s query on why there was delay on distribution of first tranche of shelter cash distribution in district (Report from Nuwakot);
- Interview with Ram Thapaliya, the NRA Speaker about queries from districts and situation of reconstruction in Kathmandu valley.

Facebook Page Likes

- Total likes until 30 September 2016: 110,894
- No. of likes in September only: 18,811
- Most popular post: Hotline promotion (paid post): 901.8 K
- Second popular post: Solar distribution in Sindhupalchok: 18.4 K

Newspaper column

- Five inserts (weeks) were about Earthquake Response Operation in Annapurna post.

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