1. Summary

Following the relief phase, Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been implementing earthquake response operation (ERO)-integrated recovery programme in partnership with International Federation of Red Cross and red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Partner National Societies (PNS) in 14 districts. The operation includes four plus one components; shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, livelihood and institutional capacity building (ICB).

Major achievements of March 2018 include:

- A total of 73 households received first tranche, 244 households second tranche, 206 households third tranche and 320 households received fourth tranche.
- A total of eight drinking water supply systems (DWSS) were completed benefitting to 2,650 people from the community.
- A total of 573 household toilets were completed in March 2018. In addition, 23 toilets of Sindhuli completed in February but missed in last update has also been added in this update.
- A total of 1,623 families received first instalment of livelihood and 1,675 families received second instalment of livelihood support.
- More than 585 people were trained/oriented on shelter, WASH and livelihood.

2. Sectorial Progress

2.1 Key Figures (Cumulative figures)

- 6,807 families received first tranche of shelter cash grant and 3,075 houses completed
- 147 drinking water supply schemes completed
- 5,600 households constructed
- 1,39,463 people reached through sanitation and hygiene promotion activities
- 25,901* families received cash grant support
- 15,183 people trained/oriented on livelihood

*B This include number of families who have received cash support for seed and tool, at least first tranche of livelihood conditional cash grants and 262 special cases (families having no active member with age-18-59)
2.2. Shelter
As of 31 March 2018, NRCS has supported 6,807 households with first tranche, 4,442 households with second tranche, 2,219 households with third tranche and 1,776 with fourth tranche of cash grants in seven districts (Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Okhaldunga, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchok Rasuwa and Sindhuli districts). District wise progress has been presented in chart 1.

Following the cash grant, 5,470 households have completed construction up to damp-proof course (DPC) band level, and 3,075 families have already completed the house construction. While 2,180 households are waiting for certification from Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) for second tranche and more than 445 households for third tranche. Therefore, additional efforts need to put in place to expedite certification process.

2.3. Water and Sanitation
In March 2018, eight DWSSs were completed in Gorkha, Sindhupalchok, Kavre and Nuwakot districts. The completed drinking water supply scheme is delivering clean drinking water to 2,650 people including 1,269 female of 530 household of the above mention districts. Chart 2 shows district-wise progress of DWSS construction in March 2018.

A total of 573 toilets were constructed in March 2018 in Sindhuli, Rasuwa, Kavre, Nuwakot, Okhaldunga, Makwanpur, Sindhupalchok and Ramechhap districts. Chart 3 shows district-wise progress of toilet construction.

In addition, 23 toilets of Sindhuli completed in February, but missed in the last update has also been added in the cumulative figure of toilet construction in this update.

Total number of toilet constructed in Ramechhap district is comparatively higher than other districts as the Government had fixed date to declare Manthali municipality as ‘Open Defecation Free (ODF) Zone’ in March 2018. A total of 219 toilets were completed in Manthali in March 2018. In order to get this result, Red Cross provided toilet construction and carried out door to door visit to sensitize community about uses of toilet and construction deadline for ODF. Likewise, WASH technical staff carried out technical monitoring and provided technical support for toilet construction.

Total number of toilet construction in Sindhuli and Rasuwa districts is comparatively low. In case of Sindhuli, maximum number of skilled human resource are being mobilized in shelter construction. While in Rasuwa district, only a few number of households had received toilet construction materials resulting in fewer number of completed toilets in March 2018.
2.3. Health facilities
As of 31 March 2018, a total of 18 health posts were reconstructed or rehabilitated and one hospital was reconstructed with the support of Red Cross. Refer to ERO infographic issue # 15 and ERO March dashboard for additional information.

In March 2018, NRCS headquarters received health service data from five health posts of Sindhupalchowk and Sindhuli districts. A total 1,445 people including 866 female received health services from these health posts. Chart 4 shows sex-wise disaggregated number of people served by each health post in March 2018.

It is notable that the number of female seeking health services is comparatively higher than the number of male. According to health post in-charges, key reasons include; access of ante-natal, post-natal care and family planning services by women and migration of male population for employment.

2.4. Livelihood
In March 2018, a total of 1,623 families received first instalment of livelihood support in Lalitpur (828), Bhaktapur (355), Ramechhap (238), Gorkha (178), and Okhaldunga (24) districts. Similarly, 1,675 families received second instalment of livelihood support for livestock rearing, small enterprise and agriculture support. Number of families supported with livelihood interventions is in chart 4.

Number of families reached with first instalment of livelihood support in Lalitpur district is higher as compared to the other districts. It is because the second lot of beneficiary selection was completed in January 2018 and first instalment of cash grant for livelihood support was started in February and continued in March.

On the other hand, number of families reached with first instalment is lower in Okhaldhunga district as compared to other districts. Although the households were selected for the livelihood cash grant support in November 2017, the households were able to construct the sheds in March only. They received cash once they completed the sheds.

Similarly, number of families reached with second instalment of livelihood support is higher in Kathmandu district as compared to other districts. It takes around six weeks for start-up of livelihood activities according to the business plan, monitor the activity for second instalment and provide second instalment. The reporting period witnessed completion of start-up time and completed monitoring for the second instalment. In addition, effective coordination with the sub-chapters also triggered for the achievement in Kathmandu district.

Similarly, number of families reached with second instalment of livelihood support is lower in Bhaktapur district. First instalment monitoring of these households were scheduled in February 2018, however, none of the household were presented during the monitoring. Hence Bhaktapur district chapter conducted the first instalment monitoring of these households in March 2018. The household were found out to be implementing livelihood support as according to their business plan. Hence they receive second instalment in March 2018.
3. Training/orientation

During the reporting period, 26 orientations/trainings were conducted to develop skills and capacity of 728 people in different field in programme area.

A total of 11 livelihood orientations/technical trainings were conducted for 319 people in Dhading, Sindhupalchok and Kathmandu districts. NRCS has been providing livelihood supports for the selected families in 13 districts. Livelihood technical training is provided to the representatives of the selected families for livelihood support.

Likewise, four events of livelihood related training were conducted for 319 people from the community in Dhading, Sindhupalchok, Kavre and Kathmandu districts.

Similarly, nine events of pre/post construction trainings were conducted reaching out to 203 people from the community in Dhading, Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Sindhupalchok districts. Likewise, three events of water user committee orientation were conducted in Dhading district. In addition, two events of basic first aid trainings were conducted in Kavre district reaching out to 48 people from the community. Training detail has been demonstrated in chart 6.

4. District Highlights

This section includes district-wide highlights which have not been included in other sections.

Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap and Sindhuli

- Reached out to 532 people from community including 307 female through orientation awarness on build back safer on shelter in Okhaldhunga and Ramechhap district. Also, people received 10 key messages for safer shelter awareness booklets.
- Reached out to 2,994 community people by hygiene promotion activities like hand washing from Okhaldunga (707), Ramechhap (2,005) and Sindhuli (282) districts.
- Completed two irrigation canals in Okhaldhunga and Sindhuli districts namely Beli chameli and Thedi Khola irrigation canal respectively. The irrigation canal in Okhaldunga district is irrigating 51 hectares of land of 350 households and in Sindhuli district it irrigates six hectares of land of 70 households.
- Conducted 17 sessions of community based health reaching 392 people including 301 female from the community of Ramechhap district. The sessions focused on nutrition, prevention and home remedies for prevention of pneumonia and malnutrition and communicable diseases.
- Construction of shelter is at its high pace in three districts. Detail of the shelter progress is available at http://mis-nrcs.com/ero

Chart 6: # of people trained/oriented in the community in Mach 2018

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Glimpse of shelter construction in Rampur VDC of Ramechhap district. Photo: NRCS Ramechhap district chapter
Nuwakot, Makwanpur and Rasuwa

- Reached out to four households through home owner training receiving shelter support in three districts. The training includes messages on build back safer, sharing of shelter drawing and designs prescribed by the Government of Nepal along with estimated budget and shelter technical guidelines.
- Completed Heping DWSS in Bhalche VDC of Nuwakot district. The DWSS has benefitted 1,221 people including 615 female in the VDC.
- Reached out to 249 people including 113 female through hygiene promotion activities such as hand washing and proper use of toilet conducted in three districts.
- Conducted 26 sessions of community based health reaching 427 people including 305 female from the community. The sessions focused on nutrition, prevention and home remedies for prevention of pneumonia and malnutrition and communicable diseases.
- Conducted 72 household visits reaching out to 246 people including 123 female from the community with health messages in Makawanpur and Nuwakot districts.
- Supported 191 emergency kits to female community health volunteers (FCHVS) in Makawanpur and Rasuwa districts.
- Construction of shelter is at its high pace in three districts. Detail of the shelter progress is available at http://mis-nrcs.com/ero

Sindhupalchowk

- Reached out to 780 people including 429 female through build back safer awareness sessions in the community.
- Conducted seven events of 1-day practical sessions on safe shelter construction for 204 masons. The sessions were facilitated by the shelter technical staff of NRCS such as junior engineers and assistant junior engineers.
- Completed four events of foundation construction practical sessions. The session includes construction of foundation of selected vulnerable household and make them eligible for getting second tranche of shelter cash grant from Government.
- Completed construction of one child gender and disability friendly toilet in Panchakanya Primary School of Kunchok VDC benefitting to 53 students including 22 female students.
- Reached out to 1,119 people including 663 female form the communities of programme VDCs through hygiene promotion activities.
- Completed landslide mitigation work to protect the Melemchi Nawalpur road. The work was completed as part of proposal based funding support.
- Distributed materials such as cupboard, plastic chairs, name board, registers and index file to Junior Red Cross circle in seven schools to strengthen their capacity to serve community.
- Organized annual district assembly in Thangpalkot VDC with the participation district executive committee members, sub-chapter representatives, Red Cross life members, ERO staff and volunteers.
- Construction of shelter is at its high pace in Thangpaldhap and Thampalkot VDCs. Detail of the shelter progress is available at http://mis-nrcs.com/ero
Kavre

- Completed eight PASSA sessions in Sarsunkhark reaching 248 people including 147 female.
- Completed construction one community building in Jyamdi Mandan VDC. NRCS has supported NPR. 600,000 for construction of the building.
- Reached out to 177 people including 66 female through hygiene promotion activities such as, village sanitation and drinking water source cleaning in Sarsunkharka VDC.
- Developed PHAST plan in seven schools of Sarsunkharka VDC. The schools have started to implement the plan.
- Completed construction of 15 community burning incinerators benefitting 12,000 people including 650 female in Sarsunkharka, Katunje and Kharelthok VDCs.
- Completed 30 events of menstrual hygiene management (MHM) orientation reaching out to 704 female. The orientations were conducted by the MHH trained volunteers.
- Distributed 13 sets of winter mother baby kit to 13 mothers with child/children below one year and with institutional delivery.
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- Completed livestock insurance of 147 livestock of 91 households of Tarkeshwor Municipality Ward No. 1 of Kathmandu district. The livestock insurance was completed in coordination with district livestock service office, local ward office and sub-chapter. Similarly one event of animal health camp was organized in Bhaktapur district benefitting to 1,918 livestock of 154 households.
- Conducted 45 events of community based health awareness sessions in Kathmandu (11 events), Lalitpur (10) and Bhaktapur (24) reaching out to 2427 people including 1956 female from the community. The session focused on water borne diseases and preventive measures, first aid session, menstrual hygiene management, neo-natal care, pneumonia and its preventive measures.
- Distributed health post kits containing blood pressure measuring machine, ear nose and throat check-up sets and weighting machine to six health posts in Lalitpur district. The kits were distributed on the basis of need identified by the district chapter.
- Reached out to 1,655 people including 220 female from 331 households of Bhardue VDC through Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA).

Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur

- Completed four events of community led total sanitation sessions in Kathamndu (one), Lalitpur (one) and Bhaktapur (two) reaching out to 387 people including 300 female from the community. Similarly, 10 events of school led total sanitation sessions were conducted in Lalitpur (four) and Bhaktapur (six) districts reaching out to 748 people including 383 female from the community.
- Completed life insurance of 147 livestock of 91 households of Tarkeshwor Municipality Ward No. 1 of Kathmandu district. The livestock insurance was completed in coordination with district livestock service office, local ward office and sub-chapter. Similarly one event of animal health camp was organized in Bhaktapur district benefitting to 1,918 livestock of 154 households.
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- Completed three events of water user committee orientation of water user committee orientation reaching out to 104 people including 52 female from the community of Kalleri VDC of Dhading district.
- Completed construction of four washing platforms and utensil driers in four households of Kalleri VDC.
- Conducted three events of hygiene promotion campaign including hand washing demonstration reaching out to 58 people including 34 female from the community of Katunje VDC.
- Completed construction of eight washing platforms and utensil driers in the eight households of Katunje VDC to transform the sanitation practice at household level. Similarly one waste bin was constructed in the premise of Katunje sub-chapter.
Gorkha

- Completed construction of three school toilets in Shreenathkot and Mirkot VDCs. The school toilet comprises of child gender and disability friendly attributes.
- Post-construction, livelihood technical and kitchen garden trainings were conducted and livelihood conditional cash grant was provided in Gorkha district. Data of the trainings have been presented in chart. 6, while the data of livelihood support has been presented in chart. 4.

5. GESI and CEA

5.1. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

- Launched a research report on "Law for Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Disasters" with the joint effort of IFRC, NRCS and the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen. This was followed with a panel discussion by representatives from the Nepal Federal Parliament, Forum for Women, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen and IFRC. Representatives from UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, ICRC, among other organizations attended the launch.
- Marked 108th International Women Day in Sindhupalchok, Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts reaching out to 598 people including 345 female from the community. The theme of this year is #Press for progress. The programme Kathmandu district chapter was organized in collaboration with headquarters. A rally was organized by the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens. It was followed by the speeches of General Secretary and Chairman of NRCS.
- Conducted three events of Minimum Standard on Gender Equality orientation reaching out to 95 people including 80 female from community of Lalitpur district.
- Completed a people with disability (PWD) friendly foot path in health post of Dolalghat VDC. It is expected that 36 PWDs of Dolalghat VDC will have easy access to get service from health post.

5.2. Community Engagement and Accountability

KIOSK, IEC material distribution and Radio Programme

- Continued airing the radio message on safe shelter construction in a local FM Radio for seven times a day in Dhading district.
- Distributed 3,500 pieces of IEC materials related to WASH, health and radio programme in the community of Bhaktapur district.
- Conducted three events of KIOSK reaching out to 350 people including 286 female from the community of Lalitpur district.
- Aired three episodes of reconstruction, one episode of women participation in Reconstruction and one episode of gender quality and protection from SGBV in disaster; Nepal Report launch through Red Cross radio programme: “Together for Humanity”.

Facebook Page

- Number of visitors of NRCS face book page have increased by 97 compared to February 2018. In March 2018, total likes of NRCS face book reached to 144,284. Most popular post for March 2018 was "Sahayog Sanjhuta ma Hastacher" reaching out to 8,148 people with 452 reactions, 17 comments and 14 shares.
Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130

In March 2018, a total of 85 calls were received in Namaste Red Cross Hotline 1130. Number of calls per sector has been provided in the chart 7. The highest number of calls (26 calls) were about hotline service itself followed by the calls (18) on shelter and livelihood (8).

Issues related to shelter was about grievance list in Sindhuli, and Sindhupalchok districts.

In case of livelihood, majority of feedback were related to timing of cash grant and selection criteria. All of the livelihood related calls were from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur districts.

All of the 85 queries received in Namaste Red Cross Hotline were resolved. Process of resolving queries: hotline team try to resolve them immediately. If they cannot answer, the team passes the questions to concerned sector team and/or district chapters. As soon as the hotline team get answer, they call back to the callers with the answers.

6. Our Partners


For specific component/project: Consortium between Danish and French RC, Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Red Cross Society of China, Singapore Red Cross, Thai Red Cross

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