1. Summary

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been implementing earthquake response operation (ERO) in partnership with Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners in 14 districts. The operation include four plus one components; shelter; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, livelihood and institutional capacity building (ICB).

Major achievements of December include:

- A total of 31 households received first tranche, 319 households second tranche, 219 households third tranche and 280 households received fourth tranches.
- A total of 39 drinking water supply systems (DWSSs) were completed.
- A total of 847 household toilets were completed;
- A total of 1,276 families received first instalment of livelihood and 1,129 families received second instalment of livelihood support;
- More than 1,787 people were trained on health, WASH and livelihood in programme community.

2. Sectorial Progress

2.1 Key Figures (Cumulative figures)

- 6,683 families received first tranche of shelter cash grant
- 134 drinking water supply schemes completed
- 4,115 families* constructed household toilets
- 1,20,564 people reached through sanitation and hygiene promotion activities
- 21,789 families** received cash grant support
- 13,228 people trained/oriented on livelihood

Note:

- *This number includes 375 toilets constructed in Gorkha in December 2017, but the number was not added in December Dashboard as the data was verified from district only in mid-January 2018. This number also includes 709 household toilets that were constructed in November but not reported due to delay in data verification from field.
- **This number includes 5,811 families that were support for seeds and tools in Kathmandu valley districts in early 2016.
- Families and households have been used interchangeably in this report.
2.2. Shelter
As of 31 December 2017, NRCS has supported 6,683 households with first tranche, 2,702 households with second tranche and 1,591 households with third tranche and 1,011 with fourth tranche of cash grants in seven districts (Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Okhaldunga, Ramechhap, Sindhupalchok Rasuwa and Sindhuli districts). VDC/municipality wise progress has been presented in chart 1.

Following the cash grant, 3,690 households have completed construction of damp-proof course (DPC) band level, and 1,979 families have completed the house construction. While 3,863 households are waiting for certification from Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) for second tranche and more than 1,087 households for third tranche.

NRCS plans to support 7,000 households for shelter construction in seven districts; Sindhupalchok, Ramechhap, Okhaldhunga, Sindhuli, Nuwakot, Makwanpur and Rasuwa. However, only 6,885 households were enlisted by National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) as eligible households for shelter cash grant. In addition, discussion is ongoing between NRCS and partners to incorporate 508 eligible households from grievance list.

2.3. Water and Sanitation
In December 2017, 39 DWSSs were completed; Okhaldunga, Kavre, and Gorkha districts. In addition, construction of one DWSS is ongoing in Makwanpur district in December 2017. The chart 2 below shows district-wise detail of DWSS. Total number of DWSS completed in Gorkha is fairly higher than other districts. Gorkha district chapter hired and mobilized six skilled community technicians, efficient in plumbing, pipe cutting, fixing and reservoir tank fixing across programme village development committee (VDC) as per need. In addition, Gorkha district chapter in-coordination with local elected bodies, conducted intensive monitoring of DWSS and toilet construction.

A total of 847 toilets were constructed in December 2017 in Gorkha, Dhading, Ramechhap, Sindhuli, Nuwakot, Makwanpur Sindhupalchoc, and Kavre district. Chart 3 shows district-wise progress of toilet construction.

Total number of toilet constructed in Gorkha district is comparatively higher than other districts. Main triggering factor for higher achievement in the district was fixing December 2017 as deadline for toilet construction. Then, ERO staff, steering committee and people from the community worked together for meeting the deadline.

Total number of toilet construction in Sindhuli, Lalitpur and Kavre remained comparatively lower as community took shelter construction as their top priority. Similarly, the number of toilet on progress is higher in Makwanpur district as the district chapter could distribute toilet construction materials to the target households, and construction started right way.
2.3. Health facilities

In December 2017, the five health posts of Sindhupalchok and Sindhuli districts provided health service to 2,907 people from the community. Disaggregated number of people served by each health post in December 2017 has been presented in chart 4.

It is notable that number of female seeking health services is comparatively higher than the number of male. According to health post in-charges, key reasons include ante-natal, post-natal care and family planning services to women and migration of male population for employment. No data was received from Bhotenamlang health post in December 2017 due to transfer of the health post in-charge. The data will be presented in January update.

As of 31 December 2017, a total of 13 health infrastructures constructed/rehabilitated (One semi-permanent hospital and nine prefab health posts constructed and two health posts) renovated in Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Sindhuli and Kavre districts with the support of Red Cross. Out of them, six health posts have already been providing services and service from newly constructed Dhunche hospital will start from January 2018.

2.4. Livelihood

In December 2017, a total of 1,315 families received first instalment of livelihood support in Makwanpur (294), Nuwakot (112), Rasuwa (191), Okhaldunga (260), Sindhupalchok (116), Lalitpur (88), Gorkha (231) and Kavre (23). Similarly, 1,138 families received second instalment of livelihood support for livestock rearing, small enterprise and agriculture support. Number of families supported with livelihood interventions is given in chart 5.

Number of families reached with first instalment of livelihood support in Makwanpur district is higher as compared to the other districts. The final list of beneficiaries was finalized in the first week of December and the cash grant started right way in Makwanpur district. Similarly, number of families reached with second instalment of livelihood support is higher in Kavre district as compared to other districts. A total of 495 families of Sarsyunkharka VDC of Kavre district received first instalment of livelihood support in November out of which 437 received second instalment in December 2017.
3. Training/orientation

3.1. Trainings and orientations for communication
During the reporting period, more than 58 orientations/ trainings were conducted as part of capacity building of community in programme area. Livelihood remained the major sector with 35 orientations and livelihood technical training for 1,070 people in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, Nuwakot, Makwanpur, Dhading and Sindhupalchok, districts. NRCS has been providing livelihood supports for selected families in 13 districts. Livelihood technical training was provided to the representatives of all selected families for developing their skills on proposed livelihood activities.

Similarly, three mason training events were conducted in Sindhupalchowk district for 96 semi-skilled masons in December 201. So far, 5,036 semi-skilled masons were trained on DUDBC curriculum in 14 ERO districts. It was found that about 89 percent of them have been engaging in masonry work following the training.

Similarly, five events of carpenter training were conducted in Gorkha and Okhaldunga districts for 140 semi-skilled carpenters. Main objective of the training is to produce skilled carpenters who will contribute in earthquake resistant infrastructure construction together with trained masons in community. This activity has also been linked with livelihood as there is higher possibility of trained carpenters getting employed than the ones without training.

In addition, one event of menstrual hygiene management training was conducted for 181 participants in Lalitpur district. The training was organized to create awareness to minimize looming taboo related to menstruation and to promote sanitation and hygiene practices during menstruation.

Apart from that, five events of pre-construction and post-construction trainings were conducted for 164 water user committee members in Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts. The training was conducted for orienting the water user committee members on their roles and responsibilities during and construction of DWSS. Chart 6 provides summary of number of people trained/oriented in different sectors in different districts.

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

Kavre
- Visited 38 houses by 10 Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) volunteers and disseminated 10 key messages of safe shelter construction.
- Completed 16 events of sanitation promotion events as part of Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) implementation plan reaching out to 500 people including 170 female in programme communities.
- Conducted 13 events of one-day menstrual hygiene management orientation in three schools of Kharelthok, Dolalghat and Jyamdi Mandan VDCs reaching out to 332 students including 204 female students.
- Constructed four washing platforms in four households of Jyamdi Mandan VDC Ward No. 2 benefitting to 20 people including nine female from the community. Similarly, distributed 32 sets of toilet construction materials in Jyamdi Mandan and Sarsunkhark VDCs.
- Completed 19 events of maternal and child health sessions reaching out to 417 people including 381 female members of community mother health group of Jyamdi Mandan, Kharelthok and Dolalghat VDCs.
- Provided first aid services to 70 people including 37 female from the community by 25 first aid trained volunteers.
- Distributed four sets of winter mother baby kit to four mothers with institutional delivery in health post of Jyamdi Mandan and Dolalghat VDCs.
- Distributed 27 sets of dipping ponds to 27 community disaster management committees of Jyamdi Mandan, Dolalghat and Kharelthok VDCs. The pond will be used for removing parasites of goat and promoting goat farming business in community.

**Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap and Sindhuli**

- Completed three events of school sanitation and hygiene education sessions in three secondary schools reaching out 636 students including 369 females in Okhaldhunga. The sessions focused on sanitation and hygiene, water purification method and hand washing.
- Established four agricultural groups in Rampur VDC of Ramechhap district. The groups were established to promote group farming in the VDC. Altogether 86 people including 72 female members in four groups.
- Completed toilet at Siddheswor Primary School, Ramechhap district benefitting to 43 school students including female students. The toilet consists of separate toilets for boy as well as girl students, ramp for disability, sanitary pad burning place, urinary stand is short for primary child.
- Altogether 1,078 people including 655 female were reached through hygiene promotion activities in Ramechhap (25 sessions) and Sindhuli (15 sessions) districts.

**Nuwakot, Makwanpur and Rasuwa**

- Community based infrastructures including foot trails have been benefiting people in community in three districts.
- Declared Naukunda rural municipality including Saramthali, Bhorle and Yarsa VDCs of Rasuwa district as open defecation free. NRCS supported 732 households for toilet construction.
- Conducted four events of sanitation and hygiene promotion sessions reaching out to 214 students including 160 female in Gautam Buddha High School of Saramthali VDC in Rasuwa district.
- Reached out to 161 households through home owner training receiving shelter support. The training includes messages on build back safer, sharing of shelter drawing and designs prescribed by Government of Nepal along with estimated budget and shelter technical guidelines.
- Created five saving groups (two in Nuwakot and three in Rasuwa with 81 members (26 from Nuwakot and 55 from Rasuwa). The groups will conduct regular weekly meetings and collect money NPR. 25 to NPR. 125 in

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Madhav Prasad Pokhrel, a farmer of Prapcha VDC, in Okhaldhunga district, has improved goat shed. He had reconstructed the shed with financial and training support from Red Cross in June 2017. Expressing his happiness, Madhav Prasad said, ”I had only five goats before, but now it has reached to 25“. He further added, “I will sell some of them in next 10 months and earn around NPR 100,000. I will invest some of them for my children’s education”.

He also has completed his new house construction with the financial and technical support of Red Cross. He had lost his goat shed and house due to devastating earthquake in 2015.

Photo and story collection: Indra Pathak, PMER Officer, NRCS Okhaldhunga district chapter.
weekly basis. The collected money will be mobilized within the group members as per need. Part of this collection will be utilised as emergency fund as well.

- Altogether 631 people were reached through hygiene promotion activities in three districts.

Dhading

- Declared Kalleri and Katunj VDCs as open defecation free VDC. NRCS provided subsidy and technical support to households for construction toilets in the VDCs.
- Completed construction of one waste bin for Kalleri health post.
- Reached out to 1,312 people including 710 female from Kalleri (223) and Katunj (1,089) through hygiene promotion activities such as hand washing demonstration and practice sessions for communities and schools.
- Conducted 20 events of health sessions in the VDCs reaching out to 445 people including 144 female from the community. In the meantime, six mother groups were re-established in Katunj VDC with the purpose of creating health awareness in the community.
- Conducted one event of one-day psychosocial support open day reaching out to 285 people including 156 female from the community.

Sindhupalchowk

- Completed construction of eight earthquake resistant houses by NRCS during the training conducted in Melemchi Municipality Ward No.12.
- Provided in-kind livelihood support for blacksmith to 16 households belonging to Dalit group. The households were selected in coordination with the elected local body and were supported with livelihood support of NPR. 27,312.5.
- Reached out to 183 people including 64 female from Thangpaldhap and Thangpalkot VDCs through build back safer messages and National Reconstruction Authority 10 key messages on safe shelter construction.
- Provided livelihood in-kind support of improved forge house equipment worth NPR 27,312 to 16 households belonging to Dalit group. The selected households were practicing traditional blacksmith art.
- Reached out to 366 people including 220 female from the community through hygiene promotion activities such as disease transmission, blocking route and sanitation ladder based upon Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation implementation plan.
- Reached out to 310 people including 125 female from the community in community based health and first aid interventions such as; first aid injury sessions, message dissemination on nutrition, prevention and household remedies for prevention of pneumonia and malnutrition.
Gorkha

- Completed construction of 751 washing platforms in programme VDCs. As of December 2017, 952 washing platforms have been completed in Gorkha district as part of PHAST intervention.
- Completed construction of 10 child gender and disable friendly toilets in schools of Mirkot, Mannakamana, Shreenathkot, Barpak and Jaubari VDCs.
- Completed construction of NRCS sub-chapter building in Mirkot VDC.

Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur

- Conducted 16 events of health and hygiene sessions reaching out to 575 people including 445 female from communities of three districts. The sessions were focused on pneumonia, first aid, water borne diseases, mosquito borne diseases, immunization and nutrition, first aid and psycho-social services.
- Reached out to 515 people including 340 female through 13 events of sessions on community led total sanitation and school led total sanitation in three districts. The sessions were focused on total sanitation, environmental sanitation, triggering method and solid waste management.
- Completed one event of two-day resource mapping and sustainable planning workshop with the participation of 39 participants including members of sub chapter, district chapter and project staff. The planning meeting has provided a draft road map for the district chapter to move forward.
- Marked World HIV/AIDS Day reaching out to 163 people including 72 female through four events of awareness sessions.
- Completed insurance of 101 livestock from 55 households of Lalitpur district.

5. GESI and CEA

5.1. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

- Conducted three events of Minimum Standard Commitment to Gender and Diversity orientation for 79 people including 20 staff of disaster management department and 59 people including 20 female from programme community in Bhaktapur district.
- Completed two events of “16 Days Orange the World Campaign” with motive of expressing solidarity on ending violence against women, reaching out to 239 people including eight females from the community of Kavre and Bhaktapur districts.
- Conducted WALKATHON with the motive of providing warm clothes to 32 children of Brick kiln of Lalitpur district. Conducted post distribution monitoring (PDM) of assistive device distribution in Kavre district. A total of 77 people living with disability (PWD) who had received assistive device were interviewed in programme area of Kavre district.
  - People have been using the assistive device;
  - Many of them are happy and satisfied using the devices and materials and have basic information of disability rights and issues.

5.3. Community Engagement and Accountability

IEC materials street drama

- Installed 90 pieces of PASSA related flex in public places of Sarsunkhark VDC. The flex contains 10 key messages on Build Back Safer (Kavre).
- Conducted six events of street drama in Jyamdi Mandan (two), Kharelthok (two) and Dolalghat (two) VDCs. The drama was focused on health and hygiene. A total of 308 people including 145 female watched the drama (Kavre).
- Distributed 3,174 pieces of Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials related to community based health and first aid in Ramechhap district. The materials were distributed to the community.

Radio Programme

Five episodes of radio programme on house reconstruction, was aired through Red Cross radio programme: “Together for Humanity” in December 2017.

Number of IEC materials distributed Ramechhap district.

- First aid pocket book: 485 pieces
- Pneumonia leaflet: 749 pieces
- Typhoid leaflet: 485 pieces
- Malaria leaflet: 485 pieces
- Menstruation (reuse): 485 pieces
- Menstruation (disposal): 485 pieces

NRCS volunteer has been carrying out household visit with health, WASH and build back safer message in Manthali Municipality.

Photo credit: NRCS Ramechhap district chapter.
Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130
In December 2017, a total of 86 calls were received. Number of calls per sector has been provided in the chart 8. The highest number of calls (34 calls) were about hotline service itself followed by the calls (12) on shelter and general NRCS information and blood bank (6). Major issues are:

- Shelter support from grievance list of Sindhuli district.
- DWSS construction progress in Jyamdi Mandan VDC of Kavre district

In case of livelihood, majority of feedback were related to the timing of cash grant and selection criteria, while for shelter the main issue was about the second and third tranches of the grants. All of the calls were from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Gorkha where livelihood support is ongoing.

All of the 86 calls, monthly queries, received in Namaste Red Cross Hotline were resolved. The process of resolving queries includes; hotline team try to resolve the queries immediately and if they cannot, the team passes the questions to respective sectors and district chapter. As soon as the hotline team are provided with answer, they call back to the callers with answers.

Facebook Page Likes
Social media visitors of NRCS face book page have decreased by 22 compared to November 2017. In December 2017, total likes of NRCS face book reached to 143,972. Most popular posts for December was "International Volunteers Day- Award to Two Red Cross Volunteers " reaching out to 10,767 people with 282 likes, three shares and 16 comments.

6. Our Partners

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