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 includes four plus one components; shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, livelihood and institutional capacity building (ICB).

Major achievements of January 2018 include:

- A total of 13 households received first tranche, 653 households received second tranche, 249 households third tranche and 216 households received fourth tranches.
- Three drinking water supply systems (DWSS) were completed.
- A total of 313 household toilets were completed;
- A total of 275 families received first instalment of livelihood and 1,288 families received second instalment of livelihood support. In addition, 1,516 families who had received support for goat shed construction and cardamom sapling in Gorkha, and support to families who have no active members have also been added to the livelihood cash grant number in this report.
- More than 1,090 people were trained/oriented on livelihood and WASH.

2. Sectorial Progress

2.1 Key Figures (Cumulative figures)

- 6,696 families received first tranche of shelter cash grant
- 137 DWSSs completed
- 4,428 families constructed household toilets
- 1,23,355 people reached through sanitation and hygiene promotion activities
- 23,580 families received cash grant support
- 13,228 people trained/oriented on livelihood

Note: Families and households have been used interchangeably in this report.
2.2. Shelter
As of 31 January 2018, NRCS supported 6,696 households with first tranche, 3,337 households with second tranche and 1,840 households with third tranche and 1,227 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, 4,787 households completed construction up to damp-proof course (DPC) band level and 2,298 families already completed the house construction. While 2,766 households are waiting for certification from Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) for second tranche and more than 1,367 households for third tranche. Therefore, additional effort is required to expedite certification process.

The NRCS had planned to support altogether 7,000 households for shelter construction in seven districts; however, only 6,885 households were enlisted by National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) as eligible households for shelter cash grant. Likewise, National Reconstruction Authority has approved 508 eligible households from grievance list in the shelter support area. Therefore, the NRCS has revised its target for shelter support as 7,393 houses.

2.3. Water and Sanitation
In January 2018, three DWSSs were completed in Sindhuli, Dhading and Kathmandu districts. A total 1,928 people from 385 households have been benefitted from the schemes.

Similarly, 313 toilets were constructed in January 2018 in Sindhupalchowk, Okhaldunga, Sindhuli, Nuwakot and Dhading districts. Chart 2 shows district-wise progress of toilet construction.

Number of toilets in Sindhupalchowk district is the highest among the others because they were started in December 2017 and completed in January 2018. While the number is least in Dhading district as focus of the households was in shelter construction than toilet in the district. Construction of 568 toilets is ongoing in ERO districts.

2.4. Health facilities
Dunche semi-permanent hospital was handed over to the Government of Nepal on 2 January 2018. Catchment population of the hospital is 43,300. The hospital has indoor, outdoor and emergency services. In January, 503 patients were treated in the hospital.

Major types patients were the ones having chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, urinary tract infection, cardiovascular heart failure, fracture and minor surgeries.
Likewise, six health posts which were reconstructed/rehabilitated with the support of Red Cross have been providing services. The chart 3 shows sex-wise disaggregated number of people served by each health post in January 2018. No data was received from four health posts of Sindhupalchowk district in January 2018 due to transfer of the health post in-charge.

2.5. Livelihood

In January 2018, a total of 275 families received first instalment of livelihood support in Rasuwa (152) and Sindhupalchowk (123) for livestock rearing, small enterprise and agriculture. Similarly, 1,288 families received second instalment of livelihood support. Number of families supported with livelihood interventions is in chart 4.

Number of families reached with second instalment of livelihood support is high in Makawanpur, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur districts as the reporting period witnessed completion of start-up time and monitoring for the second instalment. It takes around six weeks to start livelihood activities as per agreed business plan and second instalment is provided only after monitoring the of start-up activities in line with business plan.

In addition, seven families received both instalments together as they did not have any active family member of age 18-59 in Makawanpur district. Likewise, 1,516 families who had received support for goat shed construction and cardamom sapling in Gorkha, and support to families who have no active members have also been added to the livelihood cash grant number in this report.

3. Training/orientation

During the reporting period, 38 livelihood orientations and technical trainings were conducted for 1,072 people in Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Gorkha, Sindhupalchok, Sindhu, Dhading Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts. The NRCS has been providing livelihood technical training/orientation to the families who have been selected for livelihood support in 13 districts.

Similarly, one event of school based toilet management orientation was conducted for 25 members of school toilet management committee in Dhading district. The training was about school toilet design and estimate, construction procedures, and roles and responsibilities of the committee during construction of the toilet.

4. District Highlights

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

Nuwakot, Makawanpur and Rasuwa

- Conducted three events of school sanitation and hygiene promotion session reaching out to 85 students including 62 female in Nuwakot district. In addition, two sanitation kits including hand sanitizer, soap, bucket, mug, broom and dustbin, toilet cleaner were provided to the schools.
- Reached out to 345 households through home owner training. Key content of the training includes 10 key messages of build back safer, sharing of shelter drawing and designs prescribed by the Government of Nepal along with estimated budget and shelter technical guidelines.
- Reached out to 185 people including 109 female through hygiene promotion activities such as hand washing and proper use of toilet in three districts.
- Conducted 14 sessions of community based health reaching out to 272 people including 228 female from the community. The sessions focused on nutrition, prevention and household remedies for prevention of pneumonia and malnutrition and communicable diseases. Similarly, 19 houses were visited with health messages benefiting 70 people including 45 female.
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Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur

- Conducted 35 events of health education sessions, reaching out to 3,254 people including 2,160 female from Kathmandu (14 events), Lalitpur (13 events) and Bhaktapur (eight events) districts. The sessions were about pneumonia, water borne diseases and preventive measures, and nutrition.
- Conducted reproductive health camp reaching out to 85 female. Out of which, five cases were found to be critical and referred to Bhaktapur hospital for further diagnosis and treatment.
- Distributed 10 health post kits to eight health posts and two primary health care centres in Bhaktapur district. Each kit includes one digital blood pressure set, ear nose throat check-up set, non-contact thermometer and weighing scales.
- Completed one event of veterinary health camp benefitting to 937 livestock from 75 households of Bhaktapur district with free medicine and health check-up.
- Handed over Nayagaun DWSS in Kathmandu district. The DWSS has benefitted 344 people including 159 female from 69 households.
- Conducted 22 events of community led total sanitation activities reaching out to 882 people including 385 female in Kathmandu (11 events) and Lalitpur (11 events) district. Similarly, two events of solid waste management sessions were conducted in Lalitpur district reaching out to 68 school students including 23 female students.
- Reached out to 305 people from the community through Participatory Approach Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) activities in the newly added programme area of Lalitpur district.

Kavre

- Continued post training follow-up meetings with trained masons and carpenters. The result shows that 32 masons were engaged for construction of 65 earthquake resistant houses and completed six earthquake resistant houses in Sarsyunkahaka VDC in January 2018. Likewise, the trained carpenters have been using their skills to craft windows, doors, roof works in 16 newly constructed houses.
- Completed construction of a community building in Kharelthok whereas two community buildings are on progress in Jyamdi Mandan and Dolalghat VDCs.
- Reached out to a total of 801 people including 497 female from the community of Jyamdi Mandan, Dolalghat and Sarsyunkharka VDCs through PHAST activities such as sanitation campaigns of drinking water sources and temples.
- Completed construction of 74 household toilets benefitting 377 people including 162 female from 74 households.
- Supported different types of playing and creative materials to 724 school students including 393 female students of three schools as part of child resilience programme.
- Completed life insurance of 84 livestock of five households of Dolalghat and Kharelthok VDCs.

Dhading

- Completed construction of 47 household latrines in Kalleri (42) and Katunje (five) VDCs benefitting 221 people including 111 female from the 47 households.
- Completed construction of 79 washing platform in the 79 household of Katunje VDC benefitting to 420 people including 211 female.
- Completed one event of hand washing demonstration event reaching out to 18 people including 11 female from the community of Katunje VDC.
- Completed construction of health-post (Type – 1) along with staff residence at Kalleri VDC. The inspection by the Government is planned for February 2018. Following the inspection, the health post will be handed over to the Government.
Sindhupalchowk

- Completed 26 events of Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) sessions in programme area of Sindhupalchowk district reaching out to 786 people including 433 female from the community.
- Conducted three events of hand washing demonstration and clean-up campaign in two schools reaching out to total of 523 people including 285 female from the community.

Gorkha

- Conducted livelihood orientation to 392 people receiving conditional cash grant for livelihood support.
- Continued monitoring of constructed infrastructures such as drinking water supply schemes, household toilets and school toilets.

Okhaldhunga, Ramechhap and Sindhuli

- Completed Madale Swara Irrigation Canal in Rampur VDC Ward No. 8 (Kukhuretar), Ramechhap district benefitting 14 households. NRCS supported 45,000 litres tank for the irrigation canal.
- Reached out to 513 people including 291 female through hygiene promotion activities in Okhaldhunga (two sessions) and Ramechhap (25 sessions) districts. The sessions focused on hand washing demonstration, water purification, safe food and sanitation.
- Conducted 27 sessions of Community Based Health reaching out 513 people including 291 female from the community of Okhaldhunga and Ramechhap districts. The sessions focused on nutrition, prevention and household remedies for pneumonia and malnutrition, HIV and family planning.

5. GESI and CEA

5.1. Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

- Conducted two events of 2-day minimum standard commitment to gender and diversity training to 61 staff and volunteers in Kathmandu and Lalitpur districts. Similarly, same training was conducted for 30 staff of Red Cross Emergency Clinic.
- Conducted six events of minimum standard commitment on gender and diversity orientation reaching out to 2,750 people including 135 female from the community.
- Conducted one event of 5-day disability inclusion focal point approach training in Damauli, Tanahun with following purpose:
  - To build knowledge and skills of people with disabilities.
  - To ensure inclusion and accessibility of people with disabilities as a disability champion for building inclusive and accessible communities.

5.2. Community Engagement and Accountability

KIOSK and Mural

- Organized 12 events of KIOSK in Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts reaching out to 1,833 people including 730 female from the community. The KIOSKs were about health, livelihood and WASH.
- Completed one event of mural in Lalitpur district reaching out to 80 people from the community.

Radio Programme

In January 2018, two episodes of radio programme on house reconstruction, one episode of hospital reconstruction and one episode of Earthquake safety day was aired through Red Cross radio programme: “Together for Humanity”.

Namaste Red Cross Hotline- 1130

In January 2018, a total of 88 calls were received and resolved from Namaste Red Cross Hotline 1130. Number of calls per sector has been provided in the chart 8.

The highest number of calls (31 calls) were about hotline service itself followed by the calls (18) on NRCS general information, calls (16) on shelter and livelihood.
In case of shelter, queries were about second and third tranches of the cash grants. While in livelihood, major queries were about timing of cash grant and selection criteria. All calls were from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Gorkha districts.

**Process of resolving queries:** Hotline team try to resolve queries immediately. But if they cannot, they pass the questions to respective sectors and district chapters. As soon as the hotline team receive answer, they call back to the callers with answers.

**Facebook Page Likes**
Social media visitors of NRCS face book page have increased by 12 compared to December 2017. In January 2018, total likes of NRCS face book reached to 143,864. Most popular posts for January 2018 was "Youth in action, Urrabari Youths Act for Road Safety" reaching out to 15,283 people with 351 reactions, comments and shares.

### 6. Our Partners


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