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Cash Support in Emergencies

Sudurpashchim Earthquake Response Operation

The Sudurpashchim earthquake-2022 of 6.6 Richter Scale struck Doti, Achham, Bajhang and Bajura districts of Nepal on 9 November 2022 at 2.12 AM local time. The Khaptad Chhana Rural Municipality of Doti district was the epicentre of the earthquake. Six people recorded died and eight people seriously injured in Purbichauki Rural Municipality of Doti district due to collapsed houses. Due to the earthquake and subsequent aftershocks, altogether 10,732 families affected, 1,882 houses fully damaged and 6,181 households partially damaged in Achham, Bajhang, Bajura and Doti districts. After the earthquake, affected people were living in open spaces and relatives' houses.

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) with the technical and financial support of the IFRC, Danish Red Cross and American Red Cross, implemented earthquake response operation in Doti, Bajhang and Achham districts from November 2022 to May 2023. The core areas of operation were for transitional shelter, WASH, health, PGI and CEA sectors.



Newly constructed transitional shelter through CVA modality in Mangalsen Municipality, Achham district

NRCS supported cash NPR 73,600 (Seventy three thousand and six hundred only) to each household to construct 333 transitional shelters and NPR 15,000 (Fifteen thousand only) cash as multi-purpose use to these said number of households. Similarly, NPR 10,000 (Ten thousand only) to each household of 300 households (beneficiaries of transitional shelter) to construct toilets. Further, NPR 4,000 (Four thousand only) per household basis was provided to 103 households for the construction of hand washing stations. Likewise, NPR 15,000 (Fifteen thousand only) on an individual basis was provided to 398 people (male-126 and female-272) for those who have special needs (pregnant and lactating women, people with disability, small children, elderly people, people with chronic illness, etc.). The cash was provided through their own opened bank accounts. Remaining 8 beneficiaries received cash in envelopes. Those who did not have bank accounts and others supportive documents only received cash in their hands. In total, cash support in various sectors is listed in Table 1 below.

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Upcoming Events of CVA Program

- CVA province orientation
- CTWG meeting
- CVA SOP endorsement
- Translate CVA SOP in Nepali
- Cash refresher training
- CVA sensitization meeting to NRCS management

Table 1: Cash Support Details to Beneficiaries

S. N.	Cash Supported	District			Cash Support per Household in NPR	Total Cash Support (NPR)
		Doti	Achham	Bajhang		
1.	Transition Shelter Construction	233	50	50	73,600	24,508,800
2.	Multi-Purpose Cash Grant	233	50	50	15,000	4,995,000
3.	Toilet Construction	200	50	50	10,000	3,000,000
4.	Handwashing Station Construction	70	18	15	4,000	412,000
5.	Multi-Purpose Cash Grant (PGI theme)	198	103	97	15,000	5,970,000
Total cash support						38,885,800

Bajura Earthquake Response Operation

An earthquake of 5.9 Richter scale hit far western Nepal on 24 January 2023. The earthquake's epicentre was located in Himal Rural Municipality Bicha of Bajura district. The tremor was also felt in neighboring districts (Achham, Mugu, Jumla and Bajhang). One person died in Gaumal Rural Municipality whereas 5 were injured due to collapsed houses in Hamali and Gaumal Rural Municipality respectively of Bajura district. After the earthquake and its impacts, 220 houses were fully collapsed and 845 houses were partially destroyed in Bajura district.

In response to earthquake-affected families, NRCS with financial support of Danish Red Cross supported multi-purpose cash grant NPR 15,000 (Fifteen thousand only) per household to 220 earthquake fully damaged houses in March and April 2023. All the cash was provided to beneficiaries through their own bank account.

Dolakha Fire Incident

On 1st February 2023 at 11:25 PM, fire incident happened in Katuwachaur, market place of Kalinchowk Rural Municipality, Dolakha district. Altogether, 16 houses were affected (9 houses fully destroyed) due to fire and fortunately there were found no human casualties. After this devastation, displaced population were residing in their neighbors' houses as a temporary basis. After the incidence there was cut-off electric lines along with they lost their shops and individual houses. Immediately after the incident, a fire brigade from Charikot, local security forces and local community were mobilized and involved to douse the fire. A team comprising of security personnel, local government, and NRCS's representatives collected initial status of the situation and shared it to concern stakeholders in respond to them via humanitarian assistance.

NRCS with financial support of American Red Cross was supported to 16 fire-affected families in Dolakha district in March 2023. "The multi-purpose cash NPR 15,000 (Fifteen thousand only) per household was provided to 16 fire survivors' families through their bank account to fulfil their basic needs. The beneficiaries' selection process was conducted by NRCS in coordination with District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) and Kalinchowk Rural Municipality of Dolakha district. A total of 65 people (female-29 and male-36) benefitted by the cash support.

Cash Support in Development Programs

Cash Support for Livelihood

A "Resilient Livelihood Recovery and Emergency Response Program (IRER) program" has been implementing since September 2021 with financial support of British Red Cross. Under this program, conditional cash grant was provided to 646 vulnerable people for their business setup in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Kaski and Kailali districts.

A minimum of NPR 20,000 (Twenty thousand only) to maximum NPR 40,000 (Forty thousand only) cash per family was provided to selected people as per their prepared business development plan. The objectives was to support cash for restoring and improving their livelihoods and economic security of the most vulnerable households, who were impacted by Covid-19 pandemic and other hazards. The cash was dispersed to beneficiaries' through their bank accounts.

Cash Support for Livelihood (House Wiring)

NRCS DM Department implemented Integrated Recovery and Emergency Response Program (IRER) program in Naraharinath Rural Municipality of Kailikot district from March 2022 to May 2023. Under this program house wiring skill development training was conducted from 30 January to 31 March 2023. In the training altogether 27 males were participated and were from the Naraharinath Rural Municipality. The training was conducted in partnership with NRCS and Naraharinath Rural Municipality.

The process of connecting national electricity transmission line has recently been started in Naraharinath Rural Municipality as well. In the previous time there was with out access of national electricity transmission and though people were rely on solar line. Further only limited households had access to solar connection. Especially students and elderly people were facing hardships during the night. In this situation, community people have demanded house-wiring electrician training. Responding to this need, the NRCS and the Naraharinath Rural Municipality collaborated to organize a house electrician training program in Naraharinath Rural Municipality. After considering their applications, the Rara Karnali Technical Institute was selected as a vendor for the training and after that tripartite agreement amends among NRCS, Naraharinath Rural Municipality and Rara Karnali Technical Institute. The total cost of the training was NPR 900,000 (Nine Lakhs only) from which municipality's contribution was NPR 500,000 (Five Lakhs only) and the contribution from NRCS was NPR 400,000 (Four Lakhs only).

After the training, many participants started their own job and engaged themselves for the house wiring works and generating incomes for them. Among the trainee, Rabindra Budha, one of the participant, expressed his happiness and gratitude for being able to learn valuable skills in his community without going far distances for learning these skills. A Naraharinath Rural Municipality chairman emphasized the significance of skills for income generation in contributing to the local economy and may have future opportunities for being a professional in their respective fields.



One of the trainees practicing in house wiring training.

Cash Support for Needy People

Sathi Sahayog Kendriya Kosh was established in 2015 under the Earthquake Response Operation in GESI Department of NRCS. The objective of the fund is to support vulnerable people throughout the Nepal. From this fund, GESI Department has supported cash to five different vulnerable people from January to June 2023. All the supported amount was provided to them through their bank accounts. Some key actions include:

- Preju Pariyar age of 4 is a daughter of Pushpa Pariyar, is a permanent resident of Ward No. 4, Dordi Rural Municipality Lamjung district. She is a physically disabled child. Her family is economically poor. Therefore, GESI Department has supported cash NPR 25,000 (Twenty five thousand only) for her treatment.
- Cash NPR 50,000 (Fifty thousand only) was supported to a three-year-old fire burn patient Paban Aryal, a son of economically poor Madhab Prasad Aryal in Ward No. 5, Chandragiri Municipality Kathmandu district .
- Cash NPR 10,000 (Ten thousand only) was supported to a 22-year-old physically disabled patient Pawal Prakas Thapa, a son of economically poor Nagendra Thapa. He is a permanent resident of Ward No. 1, Shanishchare Municipality Morang district.
- Cash NPR 25,000 (Twenty five thousand only) was supported to a two-year-old blood cancer patient Riyance Buda, a son of Ritesh Budha. He is the permanent resident of Ward No. 3, Khaptadchhanna Rural Municipality Mugu district.
- Siriya Bishokarma age of 14 is a permanent resident of Ward No. 2, Malika Rural Municipality Gulmi district. She is a daughter of Chudamani Bishokarma. She is suffering from a blood cancer. She is from *dalit* and economically backward family. GESI Department has supported cash NPR 50,000 (Fifty thousand only) to her further treatment.

Similarly, under the GESI Department, Empower People with Disability for Inclusive Community Program is being implemented in Lamjung district. Under this program, cash was supported to 16 disabled people on the basis of NPR 20,000 (Twenty thousand only) per person. The cash was provided through to them through their own bank accounts.



A blood cancer patient with his mother in the hospital

Cash for Capacity Development

Rapid Assessment for Market (RAM) Training

NRCS Disaster Management Department has organized a 3-day long Rapid Assessment for Market (RAM) training from 18 to 20 April 2023 at NRCS Training Centre Banepa, Kavrepalanchok district. A total of 25 participants (male-14 and female-11) participated in the training. NRCS Hqs, District Chapters' staff and volunteers along with seven provinces' volunteers participated in the training. The main objectives of the training were to strengthen the capacity of NRCS staff and volunteers in headquarters, provinces and districts level for doing market assessment and planning during the disaster response time in the humanitarian contexts. The training was facilitated by an external consultant in coordination with NRCS, Hqs and financial support of Swiss Red Cross.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) standardized course module was delivered via the training. Practical knowledge and skills delivered through experiences and engagement using different case studies for widening the market assessment understandings of participants.



Group photo of RAM Training

KOBO Training

A three-day-long KOBO training was organized from 28-30 June 2023 at NRCS Training Centre Banepa, Kavrepalanchok district by NRCS with financial support of British Red Cross. To run the training, experienced facilitators were used and were PMER Coordinator NRCS Hqs, IFRC country office Nepal Senior IT Officer and IFRC APRO IM Expert from abroad. Those who were involved as facilitators have good experience in KOBO toolbox and data collection. NRCS staff and volunteers from seven provinces and NRCS inter department staff who involved in data collection, monitoring and evaluation roles were the participants of the training. In total 19 participants (female-9) participated in the training. Before the training, all the participants had already completed IFRC online learning platform course named **The Fundamental of Field Survey**. The objectives of the training were to equip NRCS staff and volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to operate KOBO toolbox effectively for data collection, designing and collecting data and able to analyze collected data by using KOBO toolbox as per requirements.



Group photo of KOBO Training

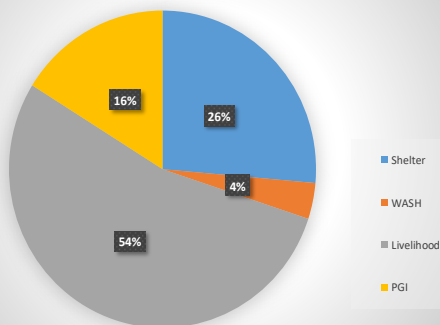
The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) standardized course module was delivered during the training. Facilitation team was able to transfer practical knowledge and skills through their experiences and engagement by using different case studies for widening the CVA understandings of participants. Trained persons are capable of doing an assessment, response, mid-term review and PDM by using KOBO tools. During the training, pre and post-test evaluations were done through online mentimeter system.

Total Cash Distributed Amount

NPR 92,853,594

Cash Distribution in 2023

Sector Wise Cash Support



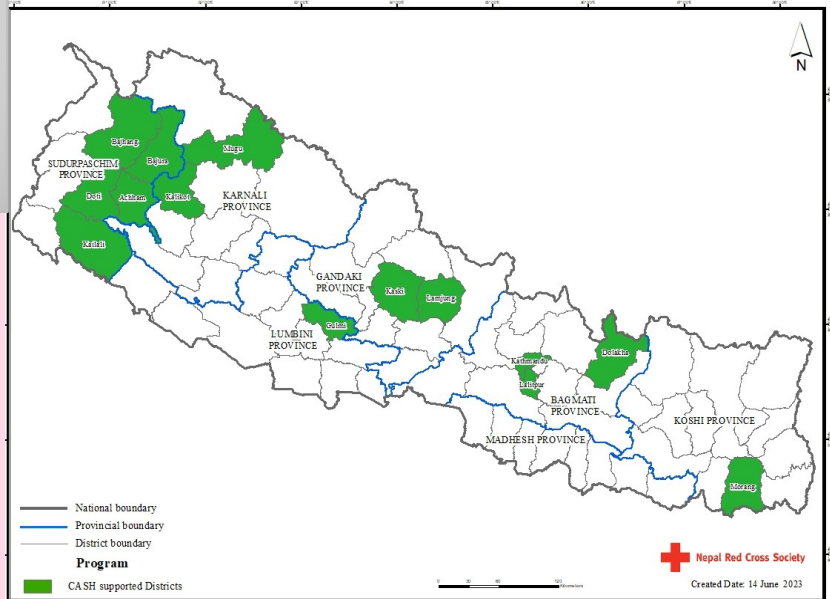
**2,497
Households**



**10,912
People**

Delivery Mechanism

Most of the cash was provided through banking system



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