

SITUATION REPORT

Monsoon flooding in Nepal

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BY THE NUMBERS

64

confirmed fatalities

16,500+

households displaced

28

districts affected

Sources:

UNOCHA Asia and the Pacific Weekly Regional Humanitarian Snapshot, July 9-15, 2019
New York Times, July 15, 2019

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Landslides and flooding resulting from torrential monsoonal rains in India and Nepal from July 11 to 14 have affected 28 eastern districts of Nepal, with the most severe damage located in Siraha, Sarlahi, Saptari, Mahottari and Rautahat districts in Province 2, and Sunsari, Morang and Udayapur districts in Province 1. Additionally, authorities have issued alerts to residents in Province 5, Karnali (Province 6) and Sudurpaschim (Province 7) as heavy rainfall is forecast to continue for the next two days in the western part of country.

Despite a recent decline in poverty, Nepal remains one of the poorest countries in the world. Nepal's rural communities are extremely vulnerable to frequent natural disasters, including flash floods, landslides and earthquakes. Communities often have few resources to prepare for or mitigate the effects of these disasters and even fewer resources to recover.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

Distribution of relief is ongoing. Local governments, district authorities, the private sector, the Nepali Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations have been delivering food, non-food items and medical assistance to affected people. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has dispatched 12,000 tarpaulins and other non-food items to Siraha, Sarlahi, Rautahat and Mahottari districts in Province 2.

The Province 2 government has disbursed one million Nepalese rupees to each of its District Disaster Management Committees (DDMC) for immediate search and rescue. The Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) has sent two medical teams with medicine and equipment to Province 2. In close coordination with local governments, district authorities have started conducting initial rapid assessments (IRAs).

International humanitarian agencies have deployed additional staff to the affected areas to support the government and are planning responses in the areas of health, protection, food security, water and sanitation. Shelter and non-food item support for the displaced remain a priority.



Community flooded in Fattepur, Saptakoshi municipality, Udayapur district.

ACTIONS TAKEN AND NEXT STEPS

The Lutheran World Relief team has completed an initial assessment in districts where we currently have active projects. We are prepared to support 500 families with food and shelter in Udayapur (Province 1) and Saptari (Province 2) and 100 families with shelter in Siraha (Province 2). We are prepared to provide seeds and other material support to 1,000 households in the Kamala (Siraha district) and Koshi (Saptari and Udayapur districts) river basins.

OUR WORK IN THE COUNTRY

Lutheran World Relief began working in Nepal in 2009 to improve food security in indigenous, Dalit and marginalized communities. We currently work with local partners on agriculture, food security, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (DRR) projects. We promote resilience and long-term development in the communities where we work by better preparing communities for natural hazards and helping families realize food security and savings.



Paddy seed destroyed by flood in Dalawa, Hanuman Nagar-Kankalini.

ABOUT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND IMA WORLD HEALTH

In January 2019, Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health combined operations to dramatically increase our impact on breaking the cycle of poverty and promoting healthier families and communities throughout the world.

With nearly 75 years of demonstrated expertise helping to transform some of the hardest-to-reach places in the developing world, **Lutheran World Relief** is an innovative, trusted international nongovernmental organization committed to those otherwise cut off from basic human services and opportunities.

We help communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being and we respond to emergencies with a long-term view. When a disaster hits – whether it's a drought, tsunami or civil war – we work alongside communities over months and years to help them recover and adjust to new realities, ensuring that they are prepared to withstand the next unexpected challenge.

IMA World Health provides solutions to health-related problems in the developing world. IMA – which stands for Interchurch Medical Assistance – was founded in 1960 by a consortium of faith-based relief agencies to provide medical supplies to the world's poorest populations. Today, IMA World Health focuses on:

- Ensuring people have access to primary health care services.
- Promoting maternal and child health through access to immunizations, malaria treatment and other lifesaving health services.
- Promoting proper nutrition, especially for very young children.
- Preventing the spread of HIV.
- Distributing medicine and supplies to prevent diseases from spreading – including malaria and Ebola – and helping communities care for those affected.
- Responding to and preventing sexual and gender-based violence.



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