

**Appeal for prayers and fund support where possible
for emergency relief response - 29th July 2020**

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Pokhara.

I am very thankful to you for continue prayers and utmost effort to help us at the times of crisis to meet the emergency needs of people in our communities affected by different disasters and pandemics like COVID-19. Here I am bringing other needs recently growing as emergency response due to landslides in the hills and floods in the terai (plain) of Nepal. I am here sharing about some of them for your continue prayers and support where possible.

1. Flash Floods/Landslides:

1.1. Situational overview: Within a month of time, there has been many flash floods that caused landslides mainly eastern, central and western part of Nepal. It is recorded around 200 people have died in the landslides and many are still missing. Hundreds of houses are damaged and thousands families have been displaced who need support for re-placement and rehabilitation. The first landslide was in Gulmi (3rd July) that killed 2 people and left 3 missing. In Kaski, just below the Srankot (10th July) a family was celebrating a birthday of a girl and many relatives were gathered. Landslide rolled over the house at night and killed whole family and also the visitors that night. Likewise, in Khorako-mukh, near Hemja chowk by the Seti River, a house was swept and all together 10 people were killed. Myagdi district, the north district from Baglung was hit worst by flash flood this year. Mainly three rural municipalities, Dhaulagiri, Malika and Raghuganga were the worst struck by landslide this year. There was the first landslide on 9th June in Raghuganga that left 2 dead and 2 houses fully destroyed. On the 7th July, there were different incidents of landslide in Dhaulagiri and Malika that killed 31 people with missing 4 and 30 houses were totally destroyed¹. In Dhaulagiri ward no. 6, there are Marang, Kalleni, Ramche, Rikha and Kumri villages which were hit by the landslides and including the ones with fully damaged houses, there are 350 families displaced. Similarly, in ward no. 7, Takum (where INF's clinic used to be many years back), Dharapani and Kafaldanda 146 families are displaced. In Durlung village of Kushma Municipality ward 3 in Parbat district, on the Saturday night of 14th June, the landslide killed 9 people of two families as the houses were totally buried in the mud². Tanahu District was also severely hit by landslide during the 2nd week of July in different wards of Byash Municipality leaving 11 dead and 71 houses totally destroyed. It is pity to have one of those locations was Odhare where there is a small church in the Chepang community. On the 13th of July, at



Remaining parts of the houses after the landslide in Myagdi



Recovered dead bodies of children from landslide in Myagdi

¹ <http://drrportal.gov.np/>

² <https://risingnepaldaily.com/nation/eight-killed-in-parbat-landslide>

around 6:30 morning, this incident happened that killed Padam Chepang, a leader of the local church. The landslide that morning was triggering his brother's house, and he went to block the initial flood and take to other side and suddenly, the hill above them was rolling down, Padam cried out to others who were with him to run away, but sad, he himself buried in it in an eye-blink. Now the families in such conditions are in the need of emergency relief support for survival. While writing this, it is on the news that a landslide in Kalikot killing 9 people and 6 missing. On top of the human loss, many of the families have lost their livelihoods, cattle, donkeys, crops and land. Roads were damaged and most of those villages were disconnected from others and access from outside has been limited. There will be need for support for recovering and for rehabilitation following after the immediate response now.



After hard search, Padam was found dead in mud

1.2. Response update: Update has been received regularly. Normally, during the initial phase in such disasters, people move to give and supports for daily necessities are available. Villagers, local government and the people in abroad of the relevant villages also help and this is the case in those affected areas as well. We have had contact with the local leaders and they say that, all the affected families, have tarpaulins (tent) and food supplies to meet the current emergency needs. Such support will not continue at the same pace, thus, the families will be left gradually on their own to struggle. There has been forecast for continue rains in the next weeks and obviously, August and September it is even worse. Therefore, there to survive this monsoon is essential.

1.3. ACN's plan for response: We keep receiving requests from the affected families and also from the local governments, if we could do something for those families. We didn't step out in the initial stage to help, as said above, they have been helped by many other organisations, forums and government. ACN has to ask questions, what happens when they finish the food supplies after a month and the tents they have over their heads are not enough to cope the heavy rain that is still expected to come. Therefore, we plan as funds are available to support with food supplies after around a month to help them for the next month and provide tin sheets that will help the families to be protected from the rain and heat now and also they can use those sheets when they have to build new houses.



Dead body of Padam being carried to funeral

We aim to cover 150 (out of 500) most needy families out of those affected families. For each family, for food supplies it costs around Rs. 4000 and for tin sheets (approx. 18 sheets), Rs. 20,000. So the total need for financial support would be Rs. 36,00,000.



All surrounding, paddy field sank in the flood-water

2. Floods in Nawalparasi:

2.1. Situational Overview: The government of Nepal in their website warns with the forecast of heavy rainfall during this week in some of the provinces and asks public to stay alert³. Flood has always been a trigger for lives in Terai and whereas

³ 20200729 <http://drrportal.gov.np/>

landslide in the hills. Heavy rain, loosened land by the earthquakes 2015 and the dams constructed by India on the borders to control the flow of water are the main causes for the monsoon disasters. Government records, in June and July this year of 193 deaths, 58 people missing, 299 injured, 1581 families displaced along with other losses that includes houses, infrastructure, crops and land of NPR 350 million 10 districts both in Terai and hills.

Sarawal, Nawalparasi which is one of the existing working areas of ACN that is inundated due to incessant rainfall in Nawalparasi. The flood has destroyed many houses, livestock, killed and injured number of people, many families have been displaced and ward nos 6 and 7 are highly affected⁴. Only in Sarawal Rural Municipality, There have been 4 time heavy flood in last two weeks. Around 50 houses are totally destroyed and one individual got his leg fractured while trying to save his goat from the flood. Due to poor financial status, his treatment has been in critical state. However, local people and his neighbour have managed to support with few contribution on their own. ACN is also taking part in his treatment. Around 2529.3 metre square of land grown with crops has been totally destroyed.



Paddy field destroyed/dried due to heat of water in stem

Mostly 3 villages from Sarawal RM, Nawalparasi have been affected. (Approx 400 people). The paddy fields have turned grey as they were covered by water and due to heat the crops died. People from the flood hazards, have lost their homes and belongings. They have no food left to eat and are staying in combine, cooking in one place. The flood has covered all road and lands around. The water flowing inside the houses destroying stock of food, clothes and everything they had. The continuous rain for almost whole night for several days has sunk the local walking roads, destroyed transportation infrastructures, affecting mobility of humans as well as the vehicles. The road blockage has challenged on reaching with relief activities. Hence they are at risk of contamination of viral influenza and waterborne diseases now among the flood survivors due to lack of proper health hygiene and care. Corona is becoming more risk in those places.

2.2. Response update: Being located on the border side, Sarawal is one of the highly affected areas by COVID-19 and they have used their resources in responding to COVID-19 response, such as running quarantines for hundreds of people and supporting their needs for survival. When we approached them if they would need help at that time, the local government people said that they were managing the COVID-19 response at the minimum level, and asked us to help if there is flood during the monsoon. There are around 500 families highly affected by the flood who lost their livelihoods and all food stock needing emergency help for survival. The local government is not able to respond to those needs and therefore, requests us to help to those people to overcome hunger they are going through at this moment. There will be livelihood recovery needs to be addressed later.



Nothing left in the house, all swept by flood

2.3. ACN's Response plan: ACN for the current emergency needs, is aiming to provide food supplies with some hygiene items to 400 families depending on the availability of funds. For each family, this will cost approx Rs. 4000 that will

⁴<https://www.ganledarpan.com/%e0%a4%97%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%89%e0%a4%81%e0%a4%aa%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b2%e0%a4%bf%e0%a4%95%e0%a4%be-%e0%a4%b8%e0%a4%b0%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b5%e0%a4%b2%e0%a4%95%e0%a4%be%e0%a5%87-%e0%a4%b5%e0%a4%a1%e0%a4%be>

cost in total NPR 16,00,000. This is an emergency response as people are suffering, therefore, as soon as the funds are available, the procurement and distribution process will be carried out.

3. Project implementation: To complete this projects both landslide and flood response 4 months will be needed at the following stages.

- 3.1. Planning and approval - 1st week August 2020
- 3.2. Food relief support to flood survivors in Nawasparasi (very urgent) - 1st and 2nd week of August 2020
- 3.3. CGI tin support to the landslide survivors - August 2020
- 3.4. Food relief to the landslide survivors - Sept/October 2020
- 3.5. Project closure and final reporting - November 2020

4. Summary of the Funds Required:

1. Landslide Relief Response -			
1.1. Food supplies:	150 families @ Rs. 4,000	Total Rs	6,00,000.00
1.2. CGI Sheet (Tins):	150 Families @ Rs. 20,000	Total Rs	30,00,000.00
<u>Total</u>		Rs.	<u>36,00,000.00</u>
2. Flood Relief Response:			
2.1. Food supplies:	400 families @ Rs. 4,000	Total Rs	16,00,000.00
<u>Total</u>		Rs.	<u>16,00,000.00</u>
3. <u>Total cost for Projects 1 and 2</u>		Rs.	<u>52,00,000.00</u>

Note: Detail budget and plans are ready and will be shared as needed.

4. Appeal/Requests:

1. Prayer Support: There is a community of people with lower status (mainly Dalits) around 8 km northern part of Damauli bazaar (way to Kathmandu). Many of that villagers arrived from work in India with much difficulties during the lockdown. They had stayed in quarantine in India and also in Nepal when they arrived. They had 2 months without any payment in India and just wanted to meet families at any cost and decided to come home. This community went through lack of support during the COVID-19 and on top of that during second week of July a landslide affected their lives. We received request through various people to help these people, but we didn't have any fund for that. We had all COVID Response Funds already allocated and this was not in the plan. We prayed and decided to step out for help having confidence in God that 'He loves the poor and needy people and therefore He will provided for them'. We were heading to the village with supplies on 24th July, and the previous evening a message appears on my skype, saying that there is Rs. 70-75,000 in the church collected, with hesitance, it further says that this was a small amount will not meet the big needs. I with much thankful heart replied, 'this is what is needed for tomorrows trip, 25 families, with Rs. 2500 each family and Rs. 75,000. That was the amount exactly needed. Such situations have taught us to pray and trust in God who moves hearts of people for the people in needs. Therefore, I earnestly value your prayers and appreciate all prayers.



BP Bhanjyang in Tanahu, serving the poor communities, 24 July.

2. Funds support where possible: No amount is less, as a drop makes ocean. At the organisaitonal level there might be more funds, but in the past many individuals also have given so much out of their own needs. Kindly, do not feel

burdened with this request if it is not possible. However, little gift helps the families who are now going through another hardship along with corona crisis, for their relief to some extent.

Special request - May I, with much appreciation for all giving, kindly request all to fill in the form enclosed in the link below, that helps us to identify givers and submit this document to the government line-agency for approval. This helps us to be transparent to all the concerned for the funds we receive.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/iruvourovd1wbyt/Funding%20Intention%20Letter%20Format.docx?dl=0>

With kind regards,

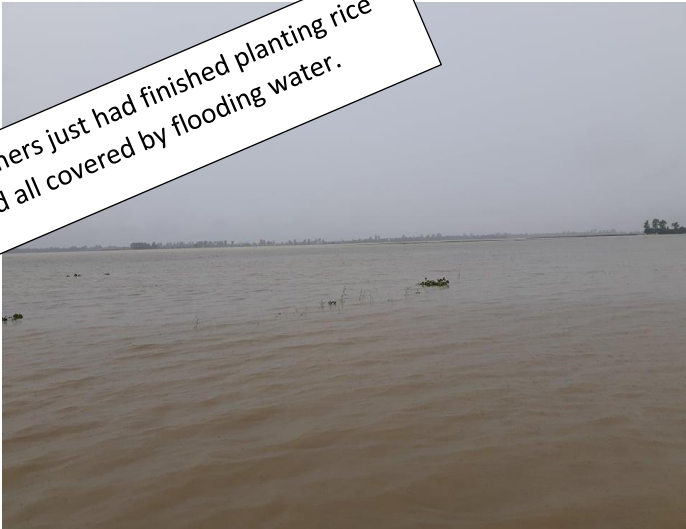
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Google map for:

1. Landslide affected Rural Municipalities - Dhaulagiri, Malika and Raghuganga of Myagdi District :
<https://www.google.com/maps/search/dhaulagiri+rural+municipality/@28.52741,83.3569709,71643m/data=!3m1!1e3>
2. Flood affected Rural Municipality - Sarawal Rural Municipality, Nawalparasi District:
<https://www.google.com/maps/search/sarawal+rural+municipality/@27.4900556,83.6582025,18084m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1>

Photos: Flood in Sarawal, Nawalparasi

Farmers just had finished planting rice and all covered by flooding water.



As the rivers nearby flooded in that brought fish, and people are fishing.



Most of the ordinary houses in terai are built of mud, straw, bamboo and soil-tiles. Once the houses are broken, people are displaced.



These photos are from Sarawal ward 6,7 mainly. There has been 4 times such heavy rain and flood. All rice fields are drowned in the water, and people could do fishing as flood brought them. Houses are collapsed and mainly the poor people are displaced and in need of immediate relief support. Lost livelihoods.



Toilets and septic tanks are mixed with water that is spreading everywhere.



The flood has broken toilets, septic tanks and water sources. Due to this, water is contaminating affecting hygiene of people. Health of people is at high risk.



Mr. Chaudhari fractured his leg while trying to rescue goats from drowning in the flood. People have donated money for his treatment and now is in a hospital.

Photos: Landslides in Myagdi



Landslides sweeping villages on the mountains



Houses damaged by the landslides



Recovered dead bodies from the landslides



Rescuing the injured casualties



A dead body buried in the debris of landslide



Preparing for dead bodies +10