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More eight added to disaster death toll

Recurring disaster led incidents are continuously taking lives in different parts of Nepal. Downpours started from second week of July is regularly triggering ravages. On Saturday, floods and landslides hit Kaski and Nawalparasi districts of Nepal which have killed at least six persons. One each lost their lives in Makwanpur and Chitwan district.

Loss of lives this monsoon

Baglung	29
Banke	26
Gulmi	19
Bajura	11
Darchula	9
Bardia	9
Ramechhap	9
Baitadi	8
Dang	8
Pyuthan	7
Salyan	7
Mahottari	7
Rautahat	7
Kailali	6
Udayapur	5
Jajarkot	5
Siraha	5
Kalikot	5
Arghakhachi	5
Jumla	4
Surkhet	4
Makwanpur	4
Jhapa	4
Chitwan	4
Kaski	4
Dhanusha	3
Sunsari	3
Morang	3
Saptari	3
Nawalparasi	2
Sarlahi	2
Sindhuli	2
Parsa	2
Palpa	2
Bara	2
Bajhang	1
Panchthar	1
Tanahun	1
Sindhupalchowk	1
Lalitpur	1
Myagdi	1

Four persons were killed and over 120 families have been displaced by landslides at Pokhara and nearby Sagarnkot VDC in Kaski district. Two persons each died near the Lake Side area in Pokhara and Sarankot VDC. The dead are Nara Bahadur Kunwar, 55, and Rekha Timilsina, 15, the residents of Seri village near the Lake Side, and Bishnu Maya Thapa, 50, and Murali thapa, 85, of Sarankot VDC-8, the local police said. Landslides falling down from nearly 500 metre height from the Gasti hill swept away 15 houses and damaged another dozen houses at Seri. Nearly dozen were injured in the landslides there.

Among the injured, four are undergoing treatment at the local Manipal and Western Regional Hospital in Pokhara. Among the injured, Sher Bahadur Nepali is in a critical condition. A huge human casualty was averted as the people left their houses as soon as the Seti River started to overflow. Many houses at the banks of the Seti River have been waterlogged. The floods have swept away dozens of cattle.

Locals said that they had never seen such deadly floods and landslides in their life. They are taking shelter under the open sky in a nearby jungle and other safer places. The Red Cross-Kaski has started providing relief packages to about 50 affected families. Properties worth millions of rupees have been destroyed. Even electricity-poles have been damaged at many parts of the sub-metropolis. Hundreds of passengers are stranded after landslides blocked Pokhara-Baglung road at Himcha.

Meanwhile, two people died in another two separate incidents in Nawalparasi. One Lal Bahadur Nepali, 65, of Deurali VDC-5 died when swollen Keru River swept him away while another Sukmaya Bika, 25, was buired to death in landslides at Raikabhanjyang in Rakuwa-1 VDC.

A girl of Churiyamai VDC in Makwanpur district died after a log crushed her to death on Friday. A log crushed 18-year-old Urmila Bamjan from Ratmate of the village development committee to death, police said, adding she died on the way to the Hetauda Hospital.

In Chitwan, a seven year-old Ujjawal Lamichhane who was a student of grade I at Jyotinagar-based Jaman Singh Rastriya Primary School drowned to death in the Anjanatal stream on Friday evening. Ujjawal fell into the stream from a guava tree in the field.

(Posted on 9th September, 2007)

Highway blockage continuing

The Siddhababa section of the Siddhartha Highway is yet to be cleared after the

(As of 9th September, 2007)

Major Displacements

Saptari	10000 family
Siraha	6000 family
Mahottari	3700 family
Bardiya	2500 family
Dhanusha	2050 family
Parsa	2000 family
Rupendehi	2000 family
Sunsari	1000 family
Banke	750 family

Total displacement: 48000 family

Total affected population:

Around 4 lakh 72 thousand (as of 6th September, 2007)

Sources : NRCS, Media reports/MCN

Disaster Related Reports

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- [WHO SITREP \(5-19th Aug, 2007\)](#)
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- [Flood scenario of Saptari, 2007](#)
- [Report on relief, Mahottari, 2007](#)

Snapshots



A scene of the damage caused by floods and landslides in Kaski, on 8th August, Saturday. (GS Photo)

Our Words

The monsoon rage is not over yet. Incidents of flood and landslides are still taking lives, dislodging people and rendering thousands into terrible ordeal. Despite of several appeals by national and international humanitarian organizations, relief supply activities are being obstructed. Intermittent protests and strikes by dissident groups throughout the country and political, ethnic interest induced unrest in Terai, are continuingly appeared to be the main stumbling blocks for the relief activities.

landslides blocked the road three days ago. After the small dozer could not remove all the landslides, passenger buses and all other vehicles bound from and to Butwal from Palpa, Gulmi, Syanja, Pokhara and Arghakhachi have been grounded in Butwal. According to Police Inspector Dipak Shrestha, they expect to clear the road by Sunday afternoon.

Butwal-Narayangarh stretch of the Mahendra Highway also remains blocked for the last three days.

In Sindhuli, the construction of the BP Highway in the section of Sindhuli-Banepa has been hindered with the frequent heavy rainfall at its final stage. Although 28 km of roadway is completed in Sindhuli, it has been difficult to continue the construction as the landslide occurs with the rainfall. It seems almost impossible to finish the construction on time though aimed to be accomplished six months before the estimated time. The roadway is being constructed with the help of the government of Japan.

In Baitadi, Baitadi-Darchula road section obstructed for last more than two months has resumed from Saturday. Satbanj-Gokuleshwor road section of Baitadi district has obstructed from the last week of June due to the landslide triggered by the heavy rain. Locals of Darchula have to use Indian road for transportation for last two months following the obstruction of road caused by landslide at Srikot.

Local people, transport entrepreneurs and police have been clearing the road for last three days following its obstruction. In Sankhuwasabha, Local people faced trouble for the movement due to the landslide that took place between ward no.4 and 7 of Chepua VDC, remote part of the district. People of Kimathanka and Chepua VDC have experienced difficulty in their movement following the obstruction of road due to the landslide.

Movement has been obstructed in the VDC, some 40 km far from the district Headquarter for last two days when the clearance of landslide was not possible due to the incessant rain.

(Posted on 9th September, 2007)

One more body found of boat tragedy

The body of one more victim of the Govarghat boat tragedy in Rapti River that occurred recently was recovered on Saturday. Most of the victims were from Belaspur village of Baijapur VDCs 1 and 2. Locals found the body of a young woman near Maduwa of Kachnapur VDC and informed the police, said Banke deputy superintendent of police Krishna Hari Sharma. DSP Sharma said that the woman had not been identified as her relatives were yet to arrive.

The bodies of 15 of the 28 who drowned on Wednesday in Rapti River have been recovered while those of 13 others are still untraceable. There was one man among the victims while the rest were women, young girls and children.

(Posted on 9th September, 2007)

Floods displaced 16 families in Kanchanpur

Some 16 families from the south-east of the district have been displaced due to the river flood caused by the incessant rainfall for the last four days. As the flood in the Sanbora river flowing through Jhalari Pipaladi eroded the nearby places, the locals of Ranipur from the Pipaladi-4 have been displaced.

Thus, the disaster response of Nepal sound serious as the victims are deprived of basic requirements and delay in rescue operations. For instance, five hundred displaced flood victims of Kailali district are downcast with governmental and non governmental agencies as they are being deprived of water (Disaster Watch- 30th August report). Emergency relief materials are inadequate comparing with multitude of disaster victims in several districts, as media reports. The UN World Health Organization (WHO) has also stressed on increasing risk of diarrhoeal and vector borne diseases after flood situation.

The discrepancy between flood and landslides victims in terms of response and recovery can be easily noticed. Apparently, landslides areas are geographical far and remote. Moreover, the institutional strength of related organizations such as NRCS in those districts are not well enough to furnish adequate support. Thus, the landslides victims are being overlooked there. The scourge of disaster is not less for them, instead its tougher due to the irrecoverable property demolition. The magnitude of the affected population from landslide may not be as that of flood but victimized are utterly ravaged.

Nepal is on the eve of festive season. Teej, festival of Nepalese women has already knocked the door, which will be followed by Dashain and Tihar. On one hand, disaster victims are starving for two square meal but on other hand rest are making merry on festivals. Disaster victims will be not in festive mood this year, but at least they should be ensured on having basic requirements: appropriate food, safe drinking water and shelter before they will be transferred into resilience mode.

The displaced are taking shelter at a nearby Janaki Community Forest with the help of locals. Moreover, the river erosion quickened by the flood at Thursday night has swept away their homesteads with maize and other cereals. Even the whole village is in risk of erosion. Forty-eight other households are being displaced as the river flood is still vehement.

Meanwhile, the same river has eroded Jonapur area of Pipaladi-5 which made five families shift away and six other are to leave the place soon. Not only the crops but also their houses are being destroyed and swept away by the river. The locals expressed their plight that none from any sectors has heeded for their relief and rescue.

In Shankhuwasabha, twenty households of Hatiya-8 of Shankhuwasabha district have been displaced due to the landslide caused by the incessant rainfall. The landslide occurring for the last two days at Namose of Hatiya made the households leave their houses and take shelter to their neighbours.

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Minister surveyed flood hit areas

Finance Minister Dr Ram Sharan Mahat today surveyed the floods-hit areas of Bardiya district. He sought information on the damage caused by the floods and sought details of the havoc wreaked by the Babai River.

In a memorandum to Dr Mahat, locals pointed out the urgent need to build embankments along the Karnali and Babai rivers in order to prevent floods and land erosion. Dr Mahat assured them that the work of building embankments would be prioritised.

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ERD to support three flood ruined districts

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is supplying emergency assistance to people affected by severe flooding in three districts in Nepal.

ERD is partnering with Action by Churches Together (ACT) International to provide emergency relief to families in districts most affected by the floods -- Bardiya, Banke and Kailali in southwest Nepal. ERD's support is delivering critical aid such as food and cooking supplies, blankets, clothing, educational materials for children and pumps for drinking water. Farmers will receive seeds and vulnerable families who are landless, female-headed or include disabled members will be offered livelihood opportunities in small livestock such as raising pigs and rearing poultry.

"Despite the heavy challenges in accessing the flood-affected villages, our local partner will support 3,750 families in 15 villages through the relief stage of this response," said Nagulan Nesiha, ERD's program associate for Asia.

To help people affected by the floods in Nepal, a donation can be made to ERD's "Emergency Relief Fund" online at <http://www.er-d.org/>.

(Posted on 9th September, 2007)

Five more died of flood

Flood caused by incessant rainfall claimed three more lives in Dang and one each

Highlights

Tribhuwan Highway, one of the major roads linking capital with other parts of the country had damaged at the Naubise-Simbhanjyang stretch due to the landslide since Thursday. (7th Sep)

The Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers has received Rs. 500,000 from Employees' Provident Fund, for the victims of disaster. (6th Sep)

Landslides occurred at Laghuwa of Tansen-Tamghas road section has disrupted vehicular movement since Tuesday. Passengers bound for Gulmi are left stranded. (5th Sep)

74-year-old Bhim Bahadur Pakhrin of Padampokhari VDC drowned in the flooded Rapti river, Monday. The elderly man was swept away by the current while trying to cross the river. (4th Sep)

In Banke district 2,500 flood-hit locals of Holiya VDC have started coming down with many diseases as they have not been provided any relief material as yet. Locals complained that the foodstuff provided by the Red Cross Society was also inadequate. (4th Sep)

As a post flood consequence, fever patients are crammed in district hospital of Syangja. At least 60 patients of fever used to come for the checkup daily. (3rd Sep)

A landslide triggered by three days of heavy rainfall has blocked the Kusma-Baglung section of Pokhara. (1st Sep)

The cases of encephalitis and meningitis viral fever are rapid in Nepalgunj aftermath of flood and inundation. Till now four persons were died of encephalitis and more than 30 were affected. (30th Aug)

As a consequence of flood triggered circumstances, at least 60 persons are affected from viral influenza in Narayan Khola VDC-3 of Sarlahi district. (30th Aug)

in Lalitpur and Bara district Thursday. In Dang, Ram Bahadur Khadka, 45, of Manpur VDC-1 and five-year-old Supriya Pokharel of Hapur VDC were swept away by the flood in separate incidents on Thursday. Khadka drowned in the flood at Chauwa River while Pokharel died after being swept away by a canal while returning home from school. According to police, the dead bodies of the two were recovered on Thursday evening. Flood had killed one Thag Bahadur Rawat of Dhanauri VDC-9 of the same district on Wednesday.

In Lalitpur, a child was killed and four injured Friday at Chapagaon-4 of Lalitpur after a house collapsed due to incessant rainfall in the Valley for the past three days. Five-year-old Pratip Maharjan was killed, while Prakash Maharjan, Sushma Maharjan, Sumitra Maharjan and Reshma Maharjan were injured in the house collapse.

In Arghakhanchi, locals on Thursday found the dead body of 13-year-old Manju Khadka, who had drowned while trying to cross a local stream on her way home on Wednesday. The deceased was an eighth grader at Baidhanath Secondary School in Nunthala VDC.

Baldev Chaudhari, 45, of Inarwasira-8 of Bara, who was swept away by Kathohakhola on Thursday, was found dead in Bashantapurgoth of Inarwasira-7 on Friday, the Bara District Police Office said. Jayaram Chepang, 25, of Bhunglichowk-8 of Gorkha, has gone missing in the Trishuli river. Chepang went missing as he fell into the river while crossing the bridge linking Jogimara of Dhading with Hiklung of Gorkha on Thursday, locals said, adding that they are conducting a search for Chepang.

RSS reports that four persons were hurt and seven houses were damaged at different VDCs of Bhaktapur yesterday due to incessant rainfall. House of Arjun Prasad Pokharel in Chhaling VDC-2 and house of Shyam Prasad Gelal of Jhaukhel VDC were damaged, police said. Two other houses were damaged and two persons were hurt at Changunarayan VDC. The Bhaktapur DDC said Shailendra Sarki and Sukram Sarki were hurt when a house was damaged at Mijartole.

(Posted on 8th September, 2007)

Highway still blocked in east and west

Transportation remained disrupted since Tuesday along the East-West and Mahendra Highway in Rautahat district after flood in the local river damaged the Dhansar bridge in the bordering area of Rautahat and Bara districts on Tuesday. Stranded passengers have been forced to stay in the area as the temporary road diversion built by Department of Road near the damaged bridge is not reliable.

In Butwal, landslides caused by continuous rain disrupted the East-West, Mahendra and Sidhartha Highways. Transportation along the Butwal-Narayangarh road section of the highway has come to a complete halt since Thursday after flood swept away 50 meters of the road near Chormara of Nawalparasi. Following this, hundreds of passengers have been stranded.

Similarly, in Palpa, vehicular movement along the Sidhababa road section of Sidhartha Highway in Dobhan VDC-5 remained disrupted till Friday. According to traffic officials, the boulders could not be removed as the Department of Roads has not provided dozers for the purpose. Officials say the landslide debris in the area will be removed on Saturday after a chain dozer reaches there.

Flood in the Kala River of Dang swept away a Nepalgunj-bound passenger microbus on Thursday. However, no casualties were reported in the incident as locals rescued the passengers shortly after the event. Remote villages including Purandhara, Baghmare, Pawanagar and Dhanauri VDCs have been deprived of

Seven thousand residents of Kusma, district headquarter of Parwat, are suffering from water scarcity as the pipe line of main supply center was swept away by the landslide. (25th Aug)

The Thai government has extended an assistance of Rs 3.9 million for flood victims on Friday. (25th Aug)

The Women Foundation (WF) on Thursday provided shelter boxes worth Rs 10 million to 129 flood victim families of Balaha Sabhara VDC at Dahanusha. (24th Aug)

Marwadi Service Trust, Birgunj handed over relief materials worth NRs. Five lakh Rupees to NRCS Parsa chapter. (23rd Aug)

NRCS Makwanpur distributed relief materials to 16 flood displaced family of Dhiynal VDC. (23rd Aug)

All Banks and financial institutions of Chitwan together ventured to solace disaster victims and collected NRs Sixty Thousand Five Hundred. Money was handedover to NRCS Chitwan. (23rd Aug)

Five thousand houses were damaged in Bardia due to the flood of Babai and Karnali river. Out of them 144 houses were fully damaged. (22nd Aug)

Janapriya Campus of Pokhara announced free education in all faculties to the flood and landslides victims of Guaulichaur and Jaljala of Baglung district. (21st Aug)

Eighty percent of the farms in Dhanusha and Mahottari districts havebeen washed off by flood. (20th Aug)

Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) has provided Rs.225,525 to flood victims through Kantipur Flood victim Relief Fund. (18th Aug)

Road links between rural areas and district headquarters Gaur, Birgunj have been respectively severed in Rautahat and Parsa district. (18th Aug)

700 people are displaced from Rajapur Tapu in Bardia, fearing of flood. (17th Aug)

transportation due incessant rainfall.

(Posted on 8th September, 2007)

Poor roof of school hits students' days

Students of Adarsha Lower Secondary School at Tasarpu VDC in Dhading district are facing difficulty in the monsoon season owing to lack of properly managed school buildings. Roofs of the school building have been damaged so students are compelled to wet when rainfall starts. The school building is also on the verge of collapse soon, said Prem Negi Lama, Chairman of the School Management Committee.

The building was constructed in 2050 BS with the labour support of the locals. Repairing of the school building has been affected due to lack of budget, said Lama. Most of the students of this school are from the Tamang community. Due to the ineffective system of the government this community run school is facing difficulty, Lama said. There are eight teachers, including two government quotas, and 286 students in the school, said a teacher Bishnu Prasad Gautam.

(Posted on 8th September, 2007)

Kin of boat capsized victims complain of govt indifference

The bereaved families of Baijapur who lost their relatives in the Govarpur Ghat boat capsized in the Rapti river in Banke district on Wednesday have complained that neither the district administration nor the government has cared to even show concern for their plight. Kothrewa Tharu of Belaspur in Baijapur-2, who lost two daughters in the boat mishap, said. "No official from the district administration office, police office or army base has bothered to visit us." Lotan Chaudhari, whose eighth-grader daughter drowned, said: "At least the CDO should have paid a condolence visit and heard our woes."

Nineteen persons from Baijapur VDCs 1 and 2 drowned in the river in that mishap. Locals also vented their ire at the government saying it had shown no concern about the boat disaster. Saraswati secondary school and Janjagriti primary school near the village have closed down to mourn the deaths.

Nepali Congress district leader Prem Raj Shrestha said: "Relatives of the victims are in a state of mental shock. There is no arrangement by the administration for their health care." Locals said news reports about a search operation being carried out by the police and army were wrong. Meanwhile, a team of district leaders of the eight political parties returned after an inspection of the mishap site. CPN-UML district leader Dev Raj Bhar urged the administration and police to provide relief.

Banke CDO Krishna Acharya told this daily that he has been unable to visit the affected families. DSP Krishna Hari Sharma at the district police office said the bodies of two more victims were recovered today. One body was identified as that of Dilkumari Tharu. The other was found in Shravasti of India, but has not been identified as it is yet to be brought back. Till date, the number of bodies recovered is 14. *(The Himalayan Times)*

(Posted on 8th September, 2007)

Narayani burst banks, highway blocked

Narayani River along Chitwan district which has been comparatively quiet this monsoon finally broke its patience. Swollen Narayani River on Thursday, inundated dozens of villages after it burst banks and entered the villages in the

Flood of Susta river, Nawalparasi forced to displace one hundred family. (17th Aug)

Flood victims in Bardiya demonstrated in front of the Red Cross Society Thursday alleging that it was biased in distributing relief materials. (16th Aug)

Thirty thousand villagers of six villages in Rautahat are at risk due to the swollen water of Bagmati, LalBakiya and Jhanj river. (17th Aug)

Flood victims in Bardiya demonstrated in front of the Red Cross Society Thursday alleging that it was biased in distributing relief materials. (16th Aug)

Landslides induced by the continuous rainfall for two days obstructed Baitadi-Darchula stretch of Dashrath Chandra highway (15th Aug)

An engine steamer of Geruwa river of Bardia fell into the flooded water Monday. A conductor of steamer, Rajesh, went missing whereas 10 passengers were rescued. (15th Aug)

For the demand of relief materials, flood victims of Mahottari are regularly demonstrating in district head quarter Jaleswor.

32 districts of Nepal, out of 75, are affected by flood and inundation, according to the Home Ministry.

The lawmakers of Banke and Bardia, worst flood hit districts, asked the government to think about the impact of dams and barrages constructed by India along the border.

Staffers and the management of Spice Nepal Private Ltd, provider of Mero Mobile, have dispatched relief materials worth NRs. 426000 for flood victims.

Rainfall and flood destroyed seventy five percent of vegetable crops in Rupandehi.

in Mahottari, Madhesi Maitri Kendra, a civil society in the district working for the welfare of flood victims, postponed providing free-of-cost meals to victims, citing fatigues of their volunteers and lack of funds.

district.

The flooding triggered by heavy rainfall has also blocked the Nawalparasi section of East-West Highway. Floods swept away a 10-metre long section of the highway at the Choramara jungle area in the district, bringing traffic on the Narayangarh-Butwal section to a halt. Landslides have damaged and blocked the highway at Daunne hill. According to the road department, at least two days required to resume.

Large parts of Ramgram municipality and VDCs like Pithauli, Argyoli, Kolhuwa, Narayani, Kawasoti, Shivmandir, Gaindakot, Paklihawa, Guthiprasauni, Pratappur, Bhujhawa and Rampur Khadauna are submerged. Eight Musahar families of Bote Tole in Argyoli VDC were displaced after floodwaters from the Narayani River entered their settlement and have been shifted to safer places. Around 32 families of Logai in Pithauli VDC -8, and 20 families of Narayani VDC have also been displaced.

Floodwaters have also swept away the optical fibre of Nepal Telecom from the highway. Most of the telephones in Nawalparasi district have gone on the blink.

(Posted on 7th September, 2007)

Twelve dead bodies recoverd from river

Twelve bodies have been recovered from the river after a fatal boat capsized on Wednesday in Banke district. Most of the dead and missing persons are children and women. 20 others are still missing in the incident

Local police had confirmed that 42 people from Baijapur, Nawalpur were sailing through the river on their way to Gowarpur of Kachanapur in the ill-fated boat. Eight of the passengers swam to safety while locals rescued two girls.

The rescue operation has been affected due to the flood in the river. Some rescued persons were taken to the Bheri Zonal Hospital, Nepalgunj for treatment, said the hospital sources. Among the dead, two have been identified as 17-year-old girl Hira Thapa and the daughter of one Suresh Basnet of Baijapur. The mother of the deceased girl is also missing.

Meanwhile flood in the Kathoha river swept away Baldev Chaudhari, 35 of Inarwasira-7 on Thursday while crossing the river. The flood in the Bangari River swept two houses of Mahendra Hajara and Bhanu Hajara at Bhulahi Bharwaliya-8 on Wednesday night.

(Posted on 7th September, 2007)

Two dead in Makwanpur

Landslides and floods propelled by incessant rainfalls since Monday in Makwanpur district following heavy rainfalls had injured three and killed two people.

Landslides hit at least three houses at Kandrang village in Chhatiwani VDC-4 leaving one man died and three injured. Similarly, floods swept away at least one person at Khumaltar-6, of Hetauda Municipality. None of the dead have been identified. The floods lashed and destroyed at least seven houses, including a local school, and affected more than one hundred other houses at Kandrang and surrounding areas.

(Posted on 7th September, 2007)

Support from Nepalese diaspora

As a part of the global Non Resident Nepalis Association (NRNA) effort to support the flood victims in Nepal, the Nepali Americas Council (NAC) on Wednesday collected US\$2,300 and sent it to the NRNA office in Kathmandu. The NRNA headquarters will arrange for distribution of the relief fund.

The money was donated by Calgary Nepali Community Association, Canada, Friends of Nepal, New Jersey, America Nepal Women's Association (AWNA) and many individuals. NAC said it will send more support in the next few weeks.

Armed Police Force (APF), Nepal handover NRs 2.5 million for disaster victims on 2nd August.

55 VDCs of Mahottari is affected from flood. Properties and infrastructures worth NRs 70 million has been lost.

Dharampur VDC of Jhapa suffered a loss of NRS 30 million.

Home minister advised the local administration to form an all sided team to carryout relief and rescue operations.

Danda dam and embankment unilaterally made by the Indian government inundated 6 VDCs of Rupandehi district.

Rainfall is significantly higher this year than 2006, according to Meteorological Forecasting Division.

Lawmakers blamed Indian dams for floods in the contiguous areas of Nepal.

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CRWRC to feed 50,000 flood victims

(Reliefweb, Switzerland)

Fifty thousand lives capsized by floods in India will eat two square meals a day after a \$275,000 proposal for food aid penned by the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (www.crwrc.org) was given the green light on Friday, August 31, 2007.

"Sometimes the scale of a disaster can be overwhelming," says Ken Little, CRWRC senior relief project manager. "I am very encouraged that we can provide this important emergency food package to these families."

Indians in the Bihar districts of Sitamrhi, Supaul and Samastipur - 80% of whom are Dalit poor - will receive staples such as rice, wheat, beans, salt and oil as early as September 10.

It is intended that the food aid will also provide a sense of food security so impoverished families can avoid borrowing money or selling possessions just to stay

Meanwhile, NRN Australia has also collected Australian \$3212.50 (as of Sept 06) for the flood victims. According to a statement by them, they have appealed to all Nepalese residing in Australia for cash donations to the Flood Victims Relief Funds in Nepal.

(Posted on 7th September, 2007)

At least seven died on boat capsized

Slim chance to find missing alive

At least seven persons drowned and 26 others went missing in Banke when a boat on the Rapti river capsized Wednesday at Govarpur Ghat in Kanchanpur VDC-1. The boat passengers from Baijapur were going towards Govarpur village in the VDC to watch a Lakhe dance programme. The survivors said boat overloading and flooding in the river resulted in the accident. The boat had a maximum capacity of a dozen persons.

"There is slim chance of finding the missing alive," said Damodar Rokaya, who helped rescue some of the survivors and took them to Bheri Zonal Hospital. "The boat was overloaded," said Karmi Thapa, 15, of Baijapur, one of those rescued. "It was tilting. It suddenly overturned due to the strong current." She also said that her elder sister Mina and Nisha Chaudhary and Samjhana Chaudhary are among the missing.

Deputy superintendent of police Uttam Karki said the bodies of seven passengers were retrieved, while a search is on for the missing persons. He added that there were more than 40 persons piled on the boat. The rest of the passengers managed to swim to safety, he said. Most of the missing were women and children. Tika Giri and her son were identified among those dead.

Ten persons from the family of Jaluram Tharu of Belaspur of Baijapur VDC, two from the family of Prem Giri of the same VDC, two from the family of Khem Bahadur Basnet of Kanchanpur VDC, six persons from the family of Bhagiram Tharu, of Nawalpur village in Baijapur VDC-1 and two persons from the family of Dandbir Nepali of Baisa village of the same VDC are missing. Laxmi Pariyar from Lalpur of Baijapur-9 and Karmi Thapa were rescued by locals. Laxmi said the boat sank in the middle of the river when water flooded it.

Police teams are engaged in searching for the missing persons. The mishap site lies three kilometres from Agaiya of Banke district.

In similar incident before, five students of Saraswati Lower Secondary School of Rukum district drowned to death after a boat they were rowing in Syarpu Lake at Bafikot capsized on 26th August. The boat capsized from same reason as fresh Banke mishap, it was overloaded beyond capacity.

(Posted on 6th September, 2007)

One killed in Chautara landslide

One died and one injured as they buried in the landslide in Liping bazaar of Tatopani VDC of Sindhupalchok district. Container cleaner Chyangba Tamang of Ramche-3 died as the landslide covered him along with the container (Na 3 Kha 4147) at the premises of Tatopani custom office.

According to the Area Police Office Barabise, driver Bijaya Kumar Chalise, who sustained minor injury, went home after the treatment at local health post. Meanwhile in Gulmi, the flood in the Dahare river of Johang VDC of Gulmi district following the incessant rainfall swept away a loaded jeep today.

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CRWRC's food aid for India response is from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank ([www. foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca)). Distribution of the food will be handled by EFICOR, CRWRC's long-time relief and development partner in India.

Food aid for some of the 2.5 million flood victims in Pakistan is also part of CRWRC's ongoing flood relief efforts. A list of 10,000 beneficiaries is expected to be completed by September 15, after which a food-for-work project through local partner Interfaith League Against Poverty (ILAP) will begin in the Southwest area of the Balochistan province.

"Whole sections of villages are gone," writes CRWRC International Relief Manager Fred Knip in an email from Pakistan. "People are starting to move back to where they used to live, taking their tents with (them)."

The record 2007 monsoon season impacted more than 35 million people in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Those most affected have been the poor.

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The Jeep registered with the Number Lu. 1 Ja 1158 was sank in the Dahare river at first but later the river swept it away while heading to Ridi from Bhuwachidi of the district. The river has been sweeping away at least one vehicle each year.

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Flood wreak havoc in Rautahat

Bridge swept away, transportation halted

In Rautahat, inundation triggered by ceaseless rainfall swept away Dhunsar bridge located in the area bordering Rautahat and Bara districts, Wednesday. Transportation along the area is completely halted after the flood dislodged the bridge. The flood also eroded over 100 meters of riverbank where the woods of the dismantled bridge had piled.

Passengers bound for various destinations including Kathmandu are stranded. Telecommunications in and around Chandraniga-hpur VDC is out of service as the flood also swept away the optical fiber lines. The flood has also swamped over 12 villages of the district. Floods demolished 10 houses in Karkach Karmach and 9 houses in Maryadapur VDCs on Wednesday.

Similarly in Rasuwa, landslide looms over villages of Haku VDC-9 following heavy rain in the past few days. The landslides have disrupted drinking water supply in ward number 4, 8 and 9 of the VDC, while landslide at Koltan area has put nearly 300 households at risk. Similarly, landslide swept away a sports hall, three watermills and a wooden bridge at Dada Gaun VDC-7.

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