

## Editorial Team

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## Loss of lives this monsoon

Baglung	24
Bajura	11
Salyan	5
Dang	2
Banke	2
Chitwan	1
Udayapur	1
Saptari	1
Missing	7

## Flood affected people, Banke



21-7-2007, Bankatawa, Banke

## Our Words

Disaster Watch is a joint initiation of Media Consultancy Nepal and ActionAID to stay vigilant and to disseminate accurate and updated information on water induced disaster of Nepal. Due to the primary causes of co-ordination gap, inaccessible to disaster sites, it is always challengeable to acquire appropriate information on disaster.

We would try to surface the prevailing scenarios of the disaster, scale of its hazards, key needs of the affected and at risk people. We would render our best effort to raise the issues behind the scenes such as situation on disaster preparedness, laxity and problems. Disaster Watch will be a peephole to view the disaster landscape of Nepal. We hope this attempt will aware and influence the governmental and non governmental sector actors related with disasters. Similarly, we expect the media professionals will also have an advantage from this website.

We will have privilege on availability of information, pictures and related contents. We seek information, suggestion and feedback from the viewers.

## Highlights

- Amidst the monsoon rainfall, the patients of viral fever is surging in Jhapa, Parsa and Saptari districts.
- Flood rendered 25 hundred family to displace in Saptari.
- Remote areas of Okhaldhunga are facing scarcity of daily consumer goods due to rain disruption of Katari-Okhaldunga road section
- Karnali highway has been disrupted since a week by flood in Ramagram Khola, Dailekh.
- A dozen village inundated in Saptari due to burst in Bhim Dam.
- An incessant rainfall has blocked flight from Simikot Airport, Humla since three days.
- A group of Indian tourists, returned from Mansarowar, stranded at Simikot.

## Flashback (Meghauri, Chitwan)



A Flooded House (August 2002)

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**From last ten days, the several parts of the country have to cope with landslides and floods. According to the available media and agencies reports, 47 persons died in this monsoon to this date. Everyday, new destination has been triggered by the flood and landslides. Terai regions are hard hit by the physical damage, inundation, sweeping of arable lands, displacement whereas landslides cause for the human losses in hilly regions.**

**Citing the media reports, the victims (for e.g. in Parsa) are blaming government and non governmental apparatus for disparity on emergency aid to the far and remote people. Their voices should be heeded on. As the monsoon is in initial phase, we have to make ourself more prepare and alert.**

**Salyan:** Five persons of a family were killed when a landslide triggered by rains buried a house at Kavrechaur VDC-3 of Salyan district Thursday. The landslide buried the house of Dhal Bahadur Ramjali killing himself, his wife and his three children. In Bajhang, Sita Devi Bohora, 40, of Syadi, died when a landslide struck her house the same day. In Bhukduwa of Saptari, Lalan Das' daughter Mamta, 16, drowned in the Mahuli Khola. Ganesh BK of of Bardiya drowned in the Pedani Khola at Khajura, Banke. *(Posted on 27th July)*

**Banke:** The normal of Banke has remained paralysed since Thursday. Around one hundred families in flooded Nepalgunj have fled their homes after the water level rose up to 4 feet. The town in mid-western Nepal witnessed 151.1 mm of rainfall. According to the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, the flood in the Rapti River has risen up to 5 feet and 20 cm and is just three meters below the danger level, and the water level is rising further. Moreover, two boats have been sent to the banks of the river to aide the emergency rescue operations.

The residents of Chaupheri village across the Rapti River have urged the local administration to relocate them to safer areas. Six villages of Holiya VDC are on the verge of being submerged by the flooding river. As many people living at the banks of the river have been facing floods for years, they have moved to higher areas. More than two dozen displaced families have been forced to take shelter at a pre-primary schools in Salyanbag and 18 families are taking refuge at the municipality building. Dozens of families displaced due to inundations in the town have complained that they have not been rescued so far. Majority of the schools have also been closed since Thursday. Elsewhere in Banke district, 15 families of Titahariya village are taking shelter at a local school as the Rapti River swells.

In neighbouring Bardiya district, the overflowing Babai River has waterlogged hundreds of houses in Mohamedpur and Suryagauri villages. The local administration added floods in Babai and Karnali Rivers have displaced around two thousand people. *(Posted on 27th July)*

**Dang:** Flood claimed two lives in Dang district Wednesday. Forty year old Sabitra Gharti of Dang's Dhikpur-2 drowned in the Larena river at noon. Her body was recovered around 400 metres away from her house. The body of 24 year old Nimraj Khanal of Halwar-3, Matera, who was swept away by the flooded Kalakhola was found today, the district police, Dang said. The Ghorahi- Tulsipur and the Ghorahi-Lamahi road sections were blocked Wednesday due to floodwaters. *Posted on July 26*

**Banke:** Most parts of Nepalgunj have been flooded. Roads have been obstructed due rising water levels, in some areas up to 3 feet following continuous rainfall throughout Wednesday. The Nepalgunj bus park area is under water. Around five homes have been badly affected by the water while some owners have been forced to flee their homes. The Tibhuwan Chowk area has been reportedly inundated up to knee level. The locals have asked the government for immediate help. *Posted on July 26*

**Udayapur:** Thirty years old women Khutkumari Pulami died of landslide Wednesday nearby her home in Rauta VDC-9, Tarkhola. In other incident, a woman went missing from Wednesday morning, reportedly swept away when she went to bathe in the Sunkoshi River, bordering Sindhuli and Udaypur districts. She has been identified as 24-year-old Angira Khadka of Ratnawoti VDC. *Posted on July 26*

**Mahottari:** Hundreds of people are rendered homeless. District headquarter Jaleswor has been waterlogged. Jaleswor jail has been inundated and prisoners are suffering from water born diseases. People started fleeing from the home towards safer places. *Posted on July 25*

**Sarlahi:** Southern part of Sarlahi is affected. Water level has been increased. District Administration Office is at high alert for rescue and relief. *Posted on July 25*

**Rautahat:** Jhanj River is in spate and has submerged dozen of villages. District Police Office informed that a total of 74 houses including 10 in Dharampur VDC-4 and Rajpur Pharahadawa VDC, one in Madhopur VDC, five in Ajargaiwi VDC, five in Inarwa VDC, one in Patharabudhara VDC, nine in Inarwari VDC, nine in Narkatiya VDC, six in Gaur municipality and one in Tikuliya VDC collapsed in the floods and the rains.

Business and vehicular movement movement of the Sivanagar- Katariya, Gaurda-Samanpur, Matsari-Gaur road sections are halted due to water logging. Agricultural crops of hundreds bighas were damaged. Market prices have been soared up and commodities are in scarce. District Administration Office and Nepal Red Cross Society are providing relief materials. *Posted on July 25*

**Siraha:** Flood water level is noted to be two feet. It swamped houses, plantation and civil settlements. Over a dozen huts belonging to the Dalit community at Mahisothatole of Siraha-8, collapsed due to heavy rains. Rains have also destroyed dozens of houses at Baderwatole and Basbittatole of Siraha-6. Floodwaters from the Khutti river have inundated most of the settlements in Ward no-5 and 6 of Lahan, the Lahan Area Police Office said. Floods in the Sahaja, Gagan and Maunawati rivers have inundated Laxminiya, Sanhaitha, Aurahi, Intatar, Hakpada, Chhotakitole, Khiraunar and Patherwa villages. Similarly, waters from the flooded Kamala river inundated a dozen villages, including Phulbariya, Chikana, Bhediya, Manpurtole, Kalyanpur, Bhokraha and Sikron. District hospital is also marred by the flood. *Posted on July 25*

**Parsa:** Flood in the Oriya and Sikta rivers have inundated eight villages, Viswa, Jayamangalpur, Mirjapur, Samvauta, Laxmipur, Dhobiyatola, Phajatawa, Kheshraha villages in Parsa district. Nepal Red Cross Society and District Police Office is distributing relief materials. But the flood victims were reported to be incensed accusing that relief materials were provided only on Birgunj, pokhariya and Sibariya. *Posted on July 25*

**Baglung:** Baglung is now hard hit by the post disaster repercussions. 12th July brunt on Gwalichaur and Jaljala VDCs of Baglung by flood and landslides have claimed 24 lives, injured 14 and 5 individuals are still missing. Recently, 54 families of these two VDCs are displaced fearing of further tragedy. More than 30 families are preparing to leave from their settlements owing to high risk.

Rural vehicular roads of Baglung were damaged. 50 m of Baglung-Burtibang road section has been completely swept away and 500 m has been obstructed. Twenty five irrigation canals and 21 water supply structures have been damaged.

These VDCs are at high risk of famine and epidemic. If the District Health Office does not take prompt action to deploy health personnel on the sites, the villages will be sooner affected by diarrhea and water induced diseases. *Posted on July 25*

**Gulmi:** A torrential rainfall for five consecutive days damaged a dozen rural roads of Gulmi. The road connecting district headquarter Tamghas to the west belt of Chaldi and Simaltari is obstructed. The rural areas have to face the scarcity of daily necessities and commodities. *Posted on July 25*

**Banke:** After the 16 hours of incessant downpour, 36 house holds of 217 people were totally affected at Bankatawa on 21st July. They were rescued by armed police force and Red Cross Volunteers and subsequently sheltered in schools. They were provided dry food and safe drinking water from the bank of Red Cross. They need food support for at least one week. Rapti River bank areas, like HOLIYA, GANGAPUR, BETAHANI, FATTEPUR (near by the Laxmanpur Dam.) are most vulnerable areas. *Posted on July 25*

**Kailali:** Natural canals and rivers in Kailali are in spate now causing a large number of people to leave their place. As the report till 24th July by NRCS, Kailali, there is great effect in Joshipur - 7 & 3 Lokharpur and Mohanpur respectively and Thapapur V.D.C. ward no 6, khaira by the flood in Kandha and Patharaiya river where all together 70 to 100 families have been affected.

NRCS has mobilized their volunteer of the the area and seeking support from district stakeholders, but due to the flood the areas are not accessible. So, they are facing problem to get the actual information from the affected areas and the possible scenarios. *Posted on July 24*

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