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**This report covers the
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*Community and
community-based health
and first aid (CBHFA)
volunteers involving ward
level committee members
taking part in a health
meeting in Surkhet district.
Photo: Nepal Red Cross
Society.*



Overview

During the reporting period, Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) received a number of new contributions through International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) for programmes in nearly all of the core areas of support, with additional funding proposals in the pipeline waiting for final approval. As most of the funding has been received quite late in the year, many activities are only just getting underway and this reporting period was largely taken up with preparing or revising project proposals and logframes. Nevertheless, there have been some significant achievements in a number of areas reaching over 7,000 people directly and around 120,000 people indirectly.

Key accomplishments:

Business Line 1: To raise humanitarian standards

- Following the adoption of the NRCS 6th Development Plan 2011-2015, NRCS has been undertaking a re-engineering/restructuring process to better align its governance and administrative structures with the new strategy/plan. It has also reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening overall management systems, legal base, quality and accountability. IFRC has been providing strategic guidance on this process in a number of areas as requested by NRCS.
- Following the commitment of the NRCS 41st General Assembly in April to work towards strengthening accountability, IFRC is currently planning support for the development of a new accountability framework for NRCS to commence in the coming quarter.

Business Line 2: To grow Red Cross Red Crescent Services for vulnerable people

- IFRC/NRCS have been making strong effort to ensure that the most urgent needs of disaster-affected communities are met in a timely manner. Already this year some 1,800 households have been affected by various hazards and NRCS has distributed over 1,400 non-food relief item (NFRI sets). With funding from USAID, the IFRC has supported

procurement of 2,000 NFRI sets and a further 3,500 are in process, as a contributing towards ensuring sufficient stocks for the remainder of the year, particularly during the monsoon.

- Significant progress has also been made towards strengthening the overall disaster preparedness of NRCS and Movement partners, through a number of workshops, planning meetings and training events, including a National Disaster Response Team Shelter training.
- In the next half of the year, a number of specific preparedness activities will be implemented including the improvement of warehouse management, emergency shelter training, a Movement earthquake simulation exercise and an update of the NRCS Earthquake contingency plan.

Business Line 3: To strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to development

- NRCS implemented a number health programmes making progress in the area of Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) in four districts, the first phase of a national measles-rubella catch-up campaign in four districts and a workshop to discuss the development of the NRCS emergency health programme. The IFRC and NRCS have also been making preparations to procure and pre-position two Emergency Water and Sanitation Kit 5's in the east and west regions of the county and NRCS has completed the final evaluation of the livelihood project in Banke district. Additionally, there have been significant efforts to strengthen the management support services of NRCS in particular in the areas of PMER capacity building and the roll out of new finance software (Navision Microsoft).
- Many projects will be scaled up or commenced from next quarter. These projects included the final phase of implementing the volunteer database at district chapter level, the strengthening of the Junior/Youth Red Cross network, piloting disaster preparedness kits for schools via junior/youth Red Cross, the phase out of the current HIV programme and the commencement of a new three year Community Resilience project which will integrate a number of components including Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR), health, and livelihoods.

Business Line 4: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work

- IFRC has stepped up its role in the multi-partner Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium through the engagement of two volunteers to support the coordination of Flagship 4 on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction. The profile of NRCS and the Federation as leaders in this field has been significantly enhanced, including through the recent district-level consultation process, and has led to greater harmonization of CBDRR efforts across the country among the various government, donors, UN and I/NGO agencies involved. The Federation has also been supporting NRCS in exploring opportunities for greater resource mobilization, improving beneficiary communications and advocacy efforts on a number of humanitarian issues.
- Discussions are underway for holding one or more high level meetings during the second half of 2012 to generate additional donor support the Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium. NRCS is also expected to increase engagement in the issue of Beneficiary Communications through the development of a strategy or framework and is exploring partnership opportunities with the local telecommunications operators in Nepal.

Business Line 5: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability

- The IFRC has been working to maintain the high collaborative spirit among Movement partners, involving those based in Nepal as well as those supporting NRCS remotely. Regular Movement coordination meetings, information sharing via email, as well as the facilitation of a number of thematic discussions and partner visits have helped to ensure a good commitment to coordinated partnership. New bilateral MOUs have been concluded by NRCS with Australian Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent with some additional new partners in the pipeline. The Federation Country Office has also introduced new Security regulations, updated its National Staff Regulations and has been assisting with the extension or conclusion of new Integration Agreements with PNS and providing the related services.
- In the coming quarter, Movement partners will be working towards the conclusion of a new Movement Cooperation Agreement, which will incorporate principles of partnerships for both development and emergency response and strengthen current coordination mechanisms such as the Cooperation Management Meetings and the Information Sharing Meetings. Planning will also commence for the Nepal Partnership Meeting planned to take place from 22-23 November 2012.

Timely confirmation of funding for 2012 resulted into delay in the commencement of programmes and discontinuation of some key staff for programmes. Security situation in the lead up to the deadline for the new national constitution also resulted in some programme delays as the country faced nation-wide and localized strikes and protests, also leading to the postponement or cancellation of several regional workshops and meetings during May/June.

This situation also impacted on the ability to take issues forward with national and local authorities, which have been focused on the current political crisis and have not been able to fully engage on a number of key programmes or issues of concern to the Red Cross. Nevertheless, relations with the government remain strong and positive.

During the reporting period, Nepal also faced a number of small to medium scale disasters such as avalanches, fires, lightning strikes, land slides and flash floods and floods due to torrential rain have taken 84 human lives and left 2,229 families (12,260 people) affected in different parts of the country.

On 5 May an avalanche triggered a flood of the Seti river in Kaski district, north of Pokhara killed 12 people and resulted in 49 people still missing and 131 families displaced. On the same day, in Siraha district affected 1,075 houses and displaced 347 families in Aurahi village development committee. Efforts are being made to speed up implementation and overcome these challenges during the second half of the year.

Working in partnership

Partner national societies which contributed in the long term planning framework through IFRC included: American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegians Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross as well as USAID and DFID.

Progress towards outcomes

Business line 1: To raise humanitarian standards

Outcome 1: NRCS is supported to strengthen its governance and management capacities and achieve organizational growth at all levels, to enhance its performance in reducing vulnerability in Nepal.			
Output 1.1: Strategic support and legal base Provide overall strategic advice and guidance to NRCS leadership to strengthen the overall capacities and positioning of NRCS through the development of strategies and approaches to strengthen organisational development, management and governance as requested, and support NRCS to advocate for the establishment of NRCS legal base.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS constitution is amended and compliant with Movement requirements.	NRCS has a draft proposal for the amendment of its constitution with input from internal stakeholder, IFRC and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS has established a working committee and has been undertaking district-level consultations on the constitution revision process, however the lack of political consensus on a new national constitution has hampered the process. 	Some delays due to the national political situation.
NRCS is officially recognised by an Act of Parliament.	NRCS is supported by the Nepal government to establish its legal base.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS has completed baseline work and undertaking discussions with government however the process has been delayed due to the political situation in the country. 	Some delays due to the national political situation.
Not specifically included in LTPF	NRCS continues to develop and improve strategies and approaches for organizational development with support from IFRC as needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federation has been providing strategic guidance to NRCS particularly in some key areas related to the NRCS re-engineering / restructuring process. 	On track
Not specifically included in the LTPF	NRCS is supported to develop an accountability framework to further strengthen transparency and accountability at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions are underway with preliminary steps identified. 	On track

Business line 2: To grow Red Cross Red Crescent services for vulnerable people

Outcome 2: NRCS programmes are adequately resourced and developed to enable NRCS to save lives, protect livelihoods and strengthen recovery from disaster and crisis.

Output 2.1: Planning

Promote linkages and resourcing of the NRCS Disaster Management Strategic Framework among key stakeholders within and outside the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
Strategic partnerships and resources have been established for all priority areas in the NRCS Disaster Management Strategic Framework.	NRCS core disaster management programmes receive additional resources through the development of strategic linkages with partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several new CBDRR projects have commenced or are in development during the reporting period. 	On track
	NRCS completes an integrated disaster management planning process which takes into account the capacities and plans of NRCS, Movement and external partners and government, and includes detailed sectoral analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lessons learnt, best practices and challenges across all NRCS disaster management programmes recorded in the 2011 joint review meeting have been addressed in the planning of projects for 2012. 	On track

Output 2.2: Preparedness

Provide fund technical guidance, information and good practices to support NRCS implement key preparedness activities such as the strengthening of emergency funding at national and district level, development and testing of contingency plans, needs assessments, personnel capacities, logistics and information sharing systems as well as on implementation of key international standards, guidelines and tools.

Project: Strengthening preparedness, shelter, DDRT and livelihood recovery capacities

LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS has developed/updated comprehensive disaster response guidelines and contingency plans at national and district level, which are regularly tested.	See Project: Strengthening preparedness and earthquake contingency planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS has updated its response and assessment guidelines and 2012 earthquake contingency plan. A new 'generic' disaster response plan and draft NRCS blood bank earthquake contingency plan has been developed. 	Good progress
NRCS has established an effective and sustainable funding mechanism to manage prepositioning of emergency stock for small-medium scale disasters.	<p>See Project: Pre-positioning of non-food relief item (NFRI) sets</p> <p>See Project: Strengthening preparedness and earthquake contingency planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,000 NFRI kits have been procured with a further 3,500 in progress. Plans to establish a sustainable mechanism for NFI prepositioning were developed during a Movement preparedness meeting/workshop held in first week of July 	Good progress

Project: Warehouse capacity building and logistics technical support

NRCS has expanded its warehouse capacities by 25% and all warehouses are	See Project: Warehouse capacity building and logistics technical support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for this project has commenced, but main activities are 	On track
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retrofitted to withstand flooding/earthquake.		planned for quarter3&4	
NRCS has a minimum of 25 trained District Disaster Response Team (DDRT) personnel in all 75 districts.	Not included in 2012 Plan of Action because no funding received for this activity in 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFRC Regional Disaster Preparedness Senior Office has provided in-country technical support for the development of a new DDRT training package for roll out. 	Some progress
NRCS successfully co-convenes the preparedness activities of the emergency shelter cluster with the Government of Nepal, and has doubled the number of personnel capable of delivering emergency shelter.	See Project: Strengthening preparedness, shelter, DDRT and livelihood recovery capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National Disaster Response Team Shelter Training was completed during quarter1 involving 22 participants and shelter cluster coordination meetings were conducted during first and second quarters. A Shelter Advisor for Pakistan and Nepal is based in Kathmandu for an initial period of 3 months and further strengthen NRCS shelter capacities. 	On track
NRCS has scaled up the number of personnel trained and delivering emergency health and emergency water and sanitation at national and district level.	This target has now moved to Business Line 3, see below		
Output 2.3: Response Support NRCS to increase the scale, speed and effectiveness of its disaster response services to affected communities by providing fund and facilitating effective communication/information exchange with key stakeholders during emergencies, and when national capacities are exceeded, through the mobilisation of DREF, Emergency Appeals and coordination of international assistance to NRCS.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
IFRC Country Office has a comprehensive emergency contingency plan in place to effectively support NRCS during large scale emergencies, which is regularly updated and tested.	The systems and capacities of the IFRC country office to support NRCS during large scale emergencies are enhanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final DREF report for the Taplejung Earthquake Operation has been completed, with positive feedback from IFRC colleagues in Geneva. Finalization of Federation Nepal Country Office Earthquake Preparedness and Response Guidelines, including roles/responsibilities for integrated PNS 	Good progress
IFRC response to all requests for emergency support from NRCS within 12 hours and ensures fast and effective communication with external stakeholders.	IFRC and NRCS are coordinating effectively with internal and external partners before, during and after disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFRC/NRCS organized partners' coordination meeting for disaster management, health programme, and water and sanitation programme In February. Movement preparedness meeting/workshop held in first week of July for monsoon preparedness 	Good progress
Output 2.4 Recovery Support the strengthening of NRCS capacities to provide timely and quality recovery services through the provision of technical			

support, information and good practices for the development of recovery guidelines including cash transfer, livelihood and psychosocial support.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS has updated/developed comprehensive recovery guidelines which include cash transfer, livelihood and psychosocial support.	NRCS has updated policies and guidelines in place to support effective recovery operations, in coordination with internal and external stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS had developed livelihood operational guidelines in 2010-11 through several consultation meetings among the NRCS staff and governance volunteers. During the reporting period, the guideline has been approved by the NRCS senior management. 	On track
NRCS delivers quality recovery support to an additional 25 disaster-affected communities.	Completion of evaluation of livelihood recovery programme in Banke district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation was successfully completed in first quarter and available from the NRCS disaster management department. 	On track

Business Line 3: To strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to development

Outcome 3: NRCS is supported to contribute to sustainable development through the promotion of safer, resilient and healthy communities.			
Output 3.1 Volunteer, youth and branch development Provide financial and technical support to NRCS to develop dynamic and functional organizational units at different levels, with a focus on volunteer, youth and branch development.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
50% of NRCS district chapters and 25% of sub-chapters are well-functioning according to IFRC and NRCS criteria.	The NRCS volunteer database system has been updated and established in 23 new districts and the sustainability of the Volunteer Management programme in NRCS district chapters is assured through appropriate budget allocations and written commitments from each district chapter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has just commenced so indicators will be reported in third and forth quarters. 	On track
NRCS Junior youth circles increase by 30%, and 30% of circles are well-functioning according to the NRCS Junior Youth Directives.	NRCS has developed a common framework for the sustainability of the Junior/Youth RC network supported by appropriate infrastructure and management and there is an increased capacity of Junior/Youth RC members and volunteers to provide more effective and qualitative services to vulnerable communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has just commenced so indicators will be reported in third and forth quarters. 	On track
Output 3.2 Management support services Support NRCS to improve and streamline its management support services to enable effective service delivery, in particular through the provision of technical support for strengthening finance and resource management, PMER, logistics and IT capacities across the organisation.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report	LTPF progress to

		period	date
NRCS headquarters has standard finance, inventory and procurement software in place and shows significant improvement in external audit results.	NRCS is supported to finalise, install and implement the Navision Microsoft Dynamic software and to train staff in its use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navision Microsoft Dynamic software has been installed in NRCS. Finance and warehouse staffs have been trained for the use of it. 	Good progress
NRCS has ensures quality control of all its programmes and services through the development of PMER guidelines which are effectively implemented across all levels of the organisation.	NRCS successfully develops and implements new PMER policy/guidelines and a generic PMER framework and the capacity of NRCS PMER focal points are developed through training and onsite mentoring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May, two resource persons from IFRC PMER provided onsite mentoring as observers in an evaluation of a drinking water and sanitation project in Kathmandu as part of a wider effort to provide mentoring support to NRCS. IFRC supported the NRCS reporting officer to participate in the PMER ToT at Geneva in June. 	Good progress
NRCS logistics services are standardised across the organisation and increase in efficiency and cost effectiveness.	NRCS is supported to review its current logistics and IT structure and processes with a view to further streamlining and sharing the cost burden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans developed for IFRC Asia Pacific (AP) Zone Logistics Unit to visit NRCS in third quarter to discuss ongoing logistics support needs and further refine the implementation plan. 	On track
NRCS Digital Divide project successfully implemented	Not included in Annual Plan due to funding constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the Digital Divide assessment and plan developed in 2011, discussions have been ongoing with IFRC Geneva and some partner national societies to explore the possibility to take it forward. 	Some delays due to funding constraints.
Output 3.3 Health Support NRCS ensure better personal and community health and more inclusive public health systems through the provision of fund, technical support, information and good practices in the areas of prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases, maternal, reproductive and child health, first aid and voluntary, non remunerated blood donation.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS Central Blood Transfusion Service has a well functioning referral service in line with WHO standards, expands the distribution and utilisation of blood service equipment to an additional 20 districts and phases out the exchange/replacement blood donation system.	NRCS blood service is expanded to an additional 6 districts, with a strengthened Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation Programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although IFRC support was not provided, NRCS has been successful in mobilising support from the Government of Nepal to expand the Blood Service to a further 8 districts, which included a component of safe motherhood training in some districts. At the request of AusAID, NRCS/IFRC/Australian Red Cross prepared a proposal to support the strengthening and expansion of blood services in the capital and at district level, however the proposal was finally not selected for funding. Regional Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation workshop is 	On track

		planned to be hosted in Nepal during forth quarter by IFRC South East Asia Delegation.	
NRCS expands access to first aid services to an additional 25 districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacities of NRCS and target communities are increased for providing first aid services and applying effective health promotion, disease prevention and safe motherhood practices through CBHFA approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS provided basic first aid service to around 300 people (30% of annual target) and around 600 people with first aid, sanitation and hygiene propotion message in four CBHFA project districts (Gulmi, Khotang Surkhet and Siraha) NRCS is implementing CBHFA programme in six districts (in the new VDCs of ongoing districts (Gulmi, Khotang Surkhet and Siraha) and two new districts; Doti and Humla) with the support of Australian Red Cross bilaterally. 	Good progress
NRCS programmes increase the correct and consistent use of condoms by 15% among young people and by 30% among populations at risk (injecting drug users, female sex workers and migrants) in identified target areas.	NRCS empowers community groups and increases awareness about measures to prevent HIV infection, reduces discrimination and stigmatization about HIV to high risk populations such as migrants and sex workers as well as dissemination of the NRCS HIV workplace policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the reporting period, NRCS volunteers reached out to 103 new female sex workers in the target areas to promote great awareness of STI/HIV prevention. 	Baseline data still to be collected.
NRCS expands health-related capacity building activities to an additional 300 communities (wards).	NRCS contributes to the three-phase National measles-rubella catch-up campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS successfully participated in phase 1 during second quarter; however there have been some delays in the Government announcing the start of phases 2 and 3. 	Some progress
Output 3.4 DRR Support NRCS reduce exposure and vulnerability of communities to natural and human-made hazards through the provision of technical support, information and good practices in areas such as vulnerability and capacity assessment, community-based approaches, food security and small scale mitigation.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS community-based DRR projects are expanded to an additional 150 communities.	NRCS expands the implementation of CBDRR projects to 30 additional communities and shares best practices and success stories at national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals are currently in progress for the expansion of CBDRR projects to an additional 10 VDCs which include a component of Last Mile Community Based Early Warning Systems, but funding is yet to be confirmed. 	Some progress

NRCS successfully pilots projects involving community based early warning systems.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning is underway for a new Community Resilience project in an additional 3 communities to commence during Q3&4 using pooled funding from a number of different donors, which integrates aspects of DRR, CBHFA and other community health issues. 	
NRCS has established strategic partnerships and strengthened its technical expertise in the areas of vulnerability and capacity assessment, early warning and food security.	Capacities of key NRCS district and headquarters personnel are increased in the areas of food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS has been conducting different training and workshops to increase district and headquarters personnel in the areas of food security, livelihood, CBDRR and programme management with the support of different partners. During the reporting period, NRCS organized food security training/workshop with the support of World Food Organization. One CBDRR workshop was held in April to enhance exchange of experience. 	On track
NRCS increases community awareness on earthquake safety, particularly in urban areas.	Not included in Annual Plan because this component is funded bilaterally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS has started an earthquake preparedness project which includes community bases disaster risk reduction and response capacity building focusing on three districts of Kathmandu valley with the support of DFID/British Red Cross bilaterally. 	Good progress
Output 3.5 Sustainable living			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support NRCS to promote greater public adaptation of environmentally sustainable living in particular through the provision of fund, technical support on water and sanitation (including in urban areas), adaptation to climate change and alternative energy sources. 			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS successfully delivers on its water and sanitation strategy and expands its reach to a greater number of communities.	NRCS strengthens its capacities in emergency water and sanitation through the pre-positioning of two WatSan Kit 5s, expanding training programmes in WatSan and PHAST and developing/disseminating WatSan policies, strategic plans and guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IFRC Household Water Treatment Manual translation has been completed and the translated documents have been sent to the water, sanitation and hygiene project implemented districts. In June, NRCS conducted a PHAST TOT at Nagarkot involving 24 participants from 17 different districts and headquarters. Procurement of two WatSan kit 5s has commenced, with some of the internationally procured items currently en route to Kathmandu. The local procurement process has also commenced. 	Good progress
NRCS has scaled up the number of personnel trained and delivering emergency health and emergency water and sanitation at national and district level.	NRCS has an Emergency Health policy and ToT manuals in place, with two units established at district level		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS Emergency Health Policy and TOT manuals under development, to be finalised in Q3&4. 	
NRCS integrates climate change adaptation into its comprehensive VCA guidelines and pilots projects in at least three districts.	NRCS strengthens its capacities in climate change adaptation (CCA) through CCA projects in three districts and further develops the knowledge and capacities of key personnel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific funding has been received for climate change activities however the Federation Regional DDR Advisor is providing facilitation for a climate change adaptation workshop organised by the NRCS Community Development Department during third quarter. Exploration with the Nepal Dept of Hydrology and Meteorology on possible collaboration is underway. 	Limited progress due to lack of funding
NRCS increases sustainable livelihood activities by 25% for women and socio-economically marginalized groups.	NRCS develops its capacities in cash transfer and micro-economic initiatives through the development of guidelines, tools and pilot projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific funding has been received specifically for gender and social inclusion activities. NRCS has been initiating micro-economic initiatives through different projects such as gender and social inclusion and livelihood projects. In these projects, NRCS has established community level revolving funds to enable economically disadvantaged people to take a low interest loan to invest in income generation activities such as small scale businesses and livestock. NRCS has developed a new fund mobilization policy/guideline to provide guidance for the management community revolving funds. The new IFRC-supported community resilience project is also planned to include provisions for micro-economic support to the project communities. 	On track, but limited funding for gender and social inclusion activities.

Business Line 4: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work

Outcome 4: The Federation, in particular NRCS, is respected and recognised as a neutral, impartial, humanitarian actor and is well positioned to promote principles, values, policies and legislation in favour of humanitarian action in Nepal.			
Output 4.1 Resource mobilisation Support NRCS achieve diverse and sustainable resource mobilisation to enable the expansion of its humanitarian programmes through the provision of technical support, information and good practices for the development of a resource management plan, institutional capacity for resource mobilisation and facilitation of an expanded network of partners and donors both domestically and internationally.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report	LTPF progress to date

		period	
NRCS develops/updates and implements a Resource Mobilization Plan with clear and achievable targets to expand its domestic and international resource base.	NRCS develops and commences implementation of a Resource Mobilization Plan with clear and achievable targets, including the use of social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although no direct support was provided by IFRC, NRCS is developing both sectoral and integrated models for its resource mobilization plan. A focal group comprising of governance members and technical personnel will be established at national headquarters by the end of 2012. In April, NRCS successfully concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Yeti Airlines Domestic Pty. Ltd, which includes a commitment by Yeti Airlines to donate three Nepali Rupees per coupon issued for every flown passenger to NRCS. NRCS launched its new face book page on World Red Cross Day and has been using social media such as radio, website and short messaging service to disseminate its activities and plans as well as for collecting feedback from the public through an short message service system. 	Some progress
NRCS establishes five new long term partnerships with national/ international partners.	Initial engagement is made with at least three new potential long term partners for NRCS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With support from the IFRC Country and Regional Office, NRCS has concluded MOUs with two new PNS – Australian Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent. Discussions have been initiated with several additional partners which hope to be successfully concluded during Q3&4. 	On track
Output 4.2 International representation Represent the interests of the Federation and NRCS to external stakeholders and provide linkages to enable NRCS and Partner National Societies to plan, fund and coordinate their activities with government, donors and the humanitarian and development community, including through mechanisms such as the Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium, Humanitarian Country Team and Cluster System.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
Awareness of NRCS, IFRC and PNS activities is increased among key stakeholders and profiled in all relevant global, regional and national events.	Awareness of NRCS, IFRC and Partner National Societies (PNS) activities increases among key stakeholders and is profiled in all relevant global, regional and national events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS and IFRC have been participating in different regional and international level meetings and conferences and sharing lessons learnt and good practices from different programmes and approaches. In particular, the work of NRCS in the areas of WatSan, CBDRR and 	Good progress

		shelter and beneficiary communications has been highlighted.	
IFRC supports the successful implementation of the Nepal Risk reduction Consortium Flagship 4 work plan.	IFRC supports the successful implementation of the Nepal Risk reduction Consortium Flagship 4 work plan. (Refer to project: Flagship 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer from Finnish Red Cross commenced in March (through the EVHAC programme) to provide additional support, particularly in area of information management for a period of 6 months. • An information platform has been established at: www.nrrc.org.np • 9 Characteristics of Resilient Communities in Nepal have been finalised and endorsed by the Advisory Committee and wider consultation group, supported by a flyer, promotional notebooks and Nepali translations, with a handbook in progress. • A total of 19 district-level consultations have been held involving a total 740 participants, facilitated by the Ministry of Federation Affairs and Local Development and the relevant local district authorities • Flagship 4 was represented in an NRRC promotional video prepared by World Bank. • USAID / RAP field visit to view CBDRR projects and promote Flagship 4's disaster resiliency characteristics 	Good progress
IFRC is a significant contributor to the development and implementation of the Humanitarian Country Team objectives and Emergency Shelter Cluster work plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC is a significant contributor to the development and implementation of the Humanitarian Country Team objectives and Emergency Shelter Cluster work plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRC Country Representative has been actively participating in the work of the Humanitarian Country Team through Operations and Principals meeting, in coordination with NRCS. • During Seti River Flood and Siraha fire situations, the IFRC Country Representative worked with NRCS to collect and distribute information to/from shelter cluster members to improve the response recovery efforts. • Plans are underway to revise the Shelter Cluster Work plan and Contingency plan for 2012. • A draft proposal on alternative sheltering options for the potential Kathmandu Valley 	Good progress

		Earthquake which is under consideration by the donor.	
Output 4.3 Principles and values Support NRCS to update existing education and training tools and develop new IEC materials for dissemination of information about Red Cross, Fundamental principles and humanitarian values and implement effective communications strategies using both traditional and innovative media such as social networking.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS increases participation in its membership, volunteer base, public campaigns, service delivery and safer access to vulnerable group throughout the country.	NRCS expands the reach of its dissemination about Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding has been provided through IFRC; however NRCS has been continuing its disseminating Red Cross Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values through various means including website, Face book, newsletters and the radio programme which is now being broadcast by 12 different stations across the country in different local languages. 	Limited progress due to lack of funding.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS increases the capacities of its national and district level focal points in communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although no specific support has been provided by IFRC, NRCS has been implementing its communication strategy which prioritises media relations, communications capacity, and consistent visibility of NRCS as part of better response in emergencies. In March, a three-day communication capacity building training was conducted in Chitwan district for 16 NRCS district chapter officers to enhance basic skills for the preparation of news, features, press releases as well as good photography. The IFRC has supported the preparation of a draft concept paper to strengthen NRCS capacities in beneficiary communications including the use of new technologies such as SMS during emergencies, following a visit of the IFRC beneficiary communications team during Q2. The IFRC Country Representative and a representative from the NRCS Disaster Management Department also participated in the global beneficiary communications workshop in Geneva. 	Limited progress due to lack of funding.
Output 4.4 Social inclusion, non-violence and peace Support NRCS to better integrate minorities, ethnic groups and disadvantaged people within communities through the provision of technical support, information and good practices for the development of policies, mainstreaming and humanitarian diplomacy efforts on social inclusion, diversity, tolerance, gender, non-violence and discrimination.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report	LTPF progress to date

		period	
NRCS increases the participation of women, young people, minority and marginalised groups by 33 % across all levels of the NRCS organisational structure and programmes.	NRCS develops new approaches and tools to increase the number of women (including widows), young people, and people from minorities and marginalized groups across all levels of NRCS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although no funding has been received through the IFRC, NRCS has recently upgraded its gender and inclusion section into a department and recently organized coordination and cross cutting workshop in April to discuss gender and inclusion in the NRCS context and the way forward. NRCS has also been integrating inclusion issues into its programming through encouragement of a minimum percentage of women and reaching out to young people through the increased use of social media. NRCS has been conducting gender and inclusion workshops/trainings for headquarters and district staff and volunteers based on the gender and inclusion manual with the support of Finish Red Cross and ICRC. 	On track
Discrimination-based violence in all NRCS project areas is reduced by 40%.	NRCS scales up advocacy efforts to reduce discrimination based violence across all levels of society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding has been provided for this activity to enable a significant scale up, but NRCS has continuing these efforts through its various rallies, workshops and programmes across the country. 	Limited progress due to lack of funding, baseline data still to be collected.
Output 4.5 Humanitarian policies / legislation Support NRCS to advocate for a favourable policy and legal environment for humanitarian action in Nepal and provide technical support, information and good practices on policy and legislation in the areas volunteering, disaster response and risk reduction.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
NRCS plays an active role with the Government of Nepal in developing national laws, policies and strategies on volunteers, IDRL and DRR.	NRCS effectively advocates for the adoption of the National Disaster Management Act by the Government of Nepal, including the implementation of provisions relating to international assistance and for the development of disaster risk reduction legislation and policies which favour community-based disaster risk reduction efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS and IFRC have been conducting joint advocacy with relevant government focal points on a number of key issues including the provision of humanitarian support to displaced persons in Kathmandu Valley, the access of NRCS relief supplies and ambulances during national strikes, the importance of community based disaster risk reduction, the adoption of the Disaster Management Act and the development of IDRL Guidelines. Progress has been made on many of the above issues, however the Disaster Management Act remains to be enacted, due to various situations including the current political situation. 	Some progress

Business Line 5: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability

Outcome 5: Strengthened coordination and partnership with the Red Cross Movement and improved management, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of IFRC activities in Nepal.			
Output 5.1 Movement coordination Facilitate good partnerships, information sharing and coordination between Movement partners in Nepal through regular meetings and dissemination of information through various channels.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
IFRC Country Office is a respected and trusted partner for sharing of information between Movement partners in Nepal.	The frequency, timeliness and quality of Movement coordination meetings and information sharing practices in Nepal are improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFRC Country Office has been hosting monthly Movement information sharing meetings with minutes distributed to all partners by email. Meetings have focussed on particular themes such as health, disaster management and beneficiary communications. Remote-based PNS have been participating more actively in sharing information and have given positive feedback about the system. Regular Cooperation Management Meetings have been taking place and discussions are underway to conclude the new Movement Cooperation Agreement model which will also integrate aspects of the Movement Pre-Disaster Agreement. Several other thematic Movement workshops have also taken place including a Movement DM/Health WatSan meeting in February and Pre-Monsoon Disaster Preparedness Meeting in July. 	Significant progress
Output 5.2 Management Ensure that the IFRC country office and resources are managed effectively in accordance with Federation standards, policies and guidelines and provide timely support services to NRCS and integrated Partner National Societies.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
IFRC country office is well organised, 'right-sized' and 100% resourced for the provision of effective support services to NRCS and PNS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All IFRC Country Office administrative, security, financial and personnel policies, contracts, documentation and files are reviewed annually and are kept up to date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFRC Country Office has recently updated the National Staff Regulations and National Security Regulations, including a number of annexes on Earthquake Preparedness and Safety, Critical Incident Management and the Vehicle Use policy. A workshop on the updated Security Regulations and IFRC Anti-Corruption policy was held for all IFRC and PNS staff during Q2, with several recommendations on security to be implemented during Q3&4. Changes have been made to IFRC Office space to accommodate the increase in IFRC/PNS staff. A new internet service and file 	On track

		<p>server have been installed to enable better internet and file management throughout the office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some office staff turnover is expected during Q3. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS and PNS covered under Integration Agreements receive agreed services in a timely manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several integration agreements have been updated during the reporting period and a new integration agreement has been concluded with British Red Cross, with a new agreement with Japanese Red Cross in the pipeline for Q3. Some confusion over the application of services fees and the delay in the global integration agreement process has created some challenges in the provision of services and completing all agreements on time in some cases. 	
Output 5.3 PMER Ensure that all IFRC supported activities meet high standards of quality and accountability supported by good planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems.			
LTPF 4 year Target	Annual Targets	Annual progress this report period	LTPF progress to date
100% of IFRC country office supported activities meet the requirements of quality, accountability and timeliness set by the IFRC Regional, Zone and Geneva offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 per cent of IFRC country office supported activities meet the requirements of quality, accountability and timeliness set by the IFRC Regional, Zone and Geneva offices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the late receipt of funds and the high volume of reports required for 2012, in addition to the new reporting and finance systems introduced during the year and the increased number of PNS, the IFRC Country Office has been under extreme pressure to meet all reporting and finance deadlines and to conclude Project Agreements with NRCS in a timely manner. Additional in-country support for reporting was provided by the Zone PMER Unit and a finance officer has been provided by NRCS on a part-time staff-on-loan basis to ease the burden. 	On track

Stakeholder participation and feedback

NRCS has closely been involving with over 25 partners including government and other humanitarian organizations, civil society and communities. Stakeholder participation is must in all community based projects at every step of project cycle (planning, implementation, and monitoring).

NRCS has been exploring ways of strengthening its beneficiary communications systems and making continued improvements to its services from feedback received. Recently, NRCS has adjusted the specification and items of non-food relief items based on the feedback received from shelter cluster member organizations and beneficiaries. Similarly, the national society has adapted IEC materials and PHAST tools to better suit the context of Nepal.

During the reporting period some specific feedback was received during the course of HIV awareness and prevention programme with female sex workers (FSW), in particular:

- Mobilization of FSW as peer/outreach educator is an effective way of reaching their peers with HIV/AIDS messages, for promoting negotiation skills for correct use of condoms and for referring people at most risk to voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) centre.
- Participatory learning sessions conducted with the FSWs are effective for changing the behavior of their peers.
- Most of the FSWs have high expectations: if the programme can provide some incentives, then they will make more of an effort to do a good job for the programme.
- Coordination with local mother groups, youth clubs and Hotel associations has been highly effective for sustaining the programme.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Political situation must remain stable, with no major disaster event, such as large scale flooding or earthquake.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote safer access activities through dissemination of Red Cross Fundamental principle and humanitarian values • Improve Movement preparedness and coordination mechanisms • Update earthquake contingency plan • Preposition NFRI sets in different strategic locations • Renovate warehouses
Sufficient funding and staff (at country, regional and zone level) must be available to provide the level of technical support, coordination and representation envisaged in this plan in a timely manner.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate IFRC LTPF and NRCS sixth development plan intensively • Identify partnership opportunities to support technical needs. • Prepare funding plans and proposals for potential donors.
Technical support from IFRC must be high quality and tailored to the specific needs and capacities of NRCS.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilise experts from Oone office, South Asia Regional Delegation and partners when needed and provide feedback on a regular basis from IFRC Country Office and NRCS.
NRCS must demonstrate a willingness to accept IFRC technical support and be in a position to implement the recommendations given.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitize NRCS senior management as well as programme people on the need of quality service and accountability.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

- There has been considerable progress toward to the NRCS 6th Development Plan, particularly through the restructuring/re-engineering process underway with NRCS governance and headquarters and the commitment of partners to align their programme support to different strategic priorities of the national society. Hopefully these efforts will be sustained throughout the rest of the year.
- Delay in fund confirmation has been the main challenge for completing planned activities within the timeframes initially set, and in some cases this has had a detrimental impact on the retention of key NRCS staff, which may further impede project implementation. While some of these issues are outside the control of the IFRC Country Office, efforts will be made to start discussions with potential partners much earlier in the process, before current

programme funding comes to an end. This has already been successfully achieved in the area of Community Based Health and First Aid, whereby discussions were held with Australian Red Cross in advance of the IFRC programme funds from Swedish Red Cross coming to an end. A bilateral MOU and project agreement between NRCS and Australian Red Cross has now been put in place for its smooth continuation.

Financial situation

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.



The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of nonviolence and peace.

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Annex 1

Success story: No more fear

Nisha Pun (name changed) often visits the HIV/AIDS programme support centre situated in Bagale tole, Pokhara sub-metropolitan city, Kaski district.

Nisha has been working as female sex worker in the city for a number of years. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) HIV programme outreach educator had met her in a restaurant in Pokhara in 2009. Since then, she has been in regular contact with the outreach educator to get information about HIV/AIDS.

She participated in HIV/AIDS prevention and control sessions organized by the HIV programme. She is now aware on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STI).

She said, "I got knowledge about HIV/AIDS and STIs from Red Cross. Prior to this, I had a big fear of HIV/AIDS and wanted to know about it. But I had no idea where I could get the information/knowledge without exposing my identity.

"Now I have a platform to discuss my problems without hesitation and get knowledge about different STIs, including HIV and ways of their prevention. I also learned how to negotiate to use condoms with male partners."

Nisha added, "Recently, I was appointed as peer educator (HIV programme volunteer) for Pokhara. As a peer educator, it is my responsibility to disseminate HIV knowledge among the colleagues at high risk of HIV. Many of them are still not aware on proper use of condoms in preventing HIV and other STIs.

"Big thanks to Red Cross for implementing such relevant programme in our city. I am happy as I know how to protect myself and my colleagues from HIV," Nisha said.