



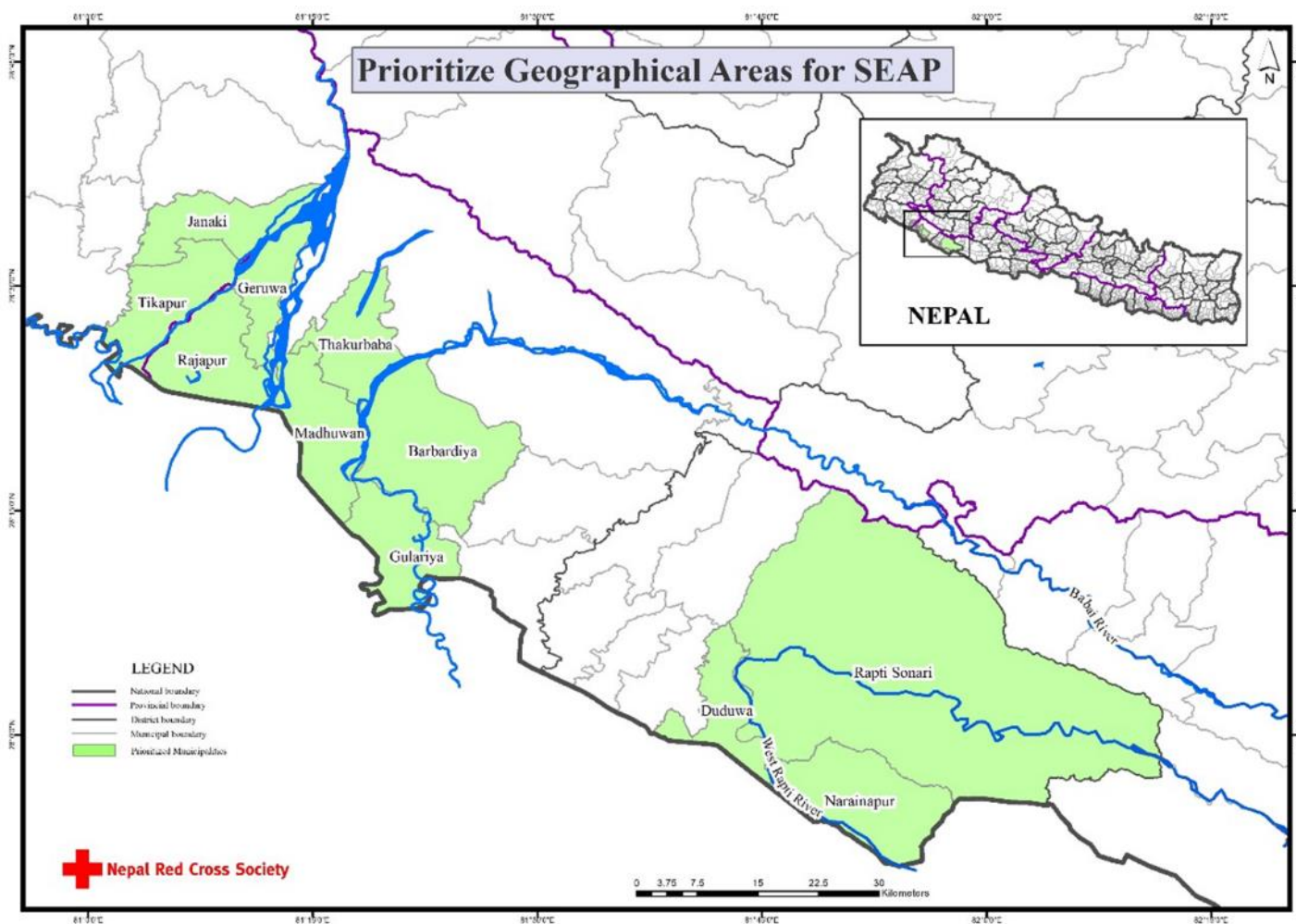
Volunteers disseminating early warning messages during door-to-door visits in Banke Districts after the activation of the Simplified Early Action Protocol. **(Photo: Nepal Red Cross Society)**

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sEAP approved: 04/06/2024	Early action timeframe: 48 hours	Timeframe covered by this update: 04/06/2024- 30/09/2024

Budget: 28,736 CHF
To assist: 5,454 people

SIMPLIFIED EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL

Summary of revisions to the operation



The latest episode of monsoon rain started on 26 September and lasted for three days. One week earlier, the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology issued an alert, warning that many parts of the country would experience heavy rains resulting in water-induced disasters.

In response to this alert, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) activated its Simplified Early Action Protocol (sEAP), which was technically led by the IFRC/Danish Red Cross. This activation followed a decision made during an advisory committee meeting, comprising NRCS and IFRC representatives, on 26 September 2024. The sEAP was triggered to support communities living in the Babai and West Rapti river basins in the western part of the country.

As part of the early actions, 102 NRCS volunteers (72 in Bardiya and 40 in Banke) informed local communities about the potential flooding and helped them prepare for evacuation. Volunteers also arranged shelters at pre-identified evacuation sites, ensuring that relief items and transport vehicles were kept on standby. Through these efforts, a total of 3,600 people received early warning messages under Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives. However, no additional early action activities were carried out in the targeted communities.

Unexpectedly, heavy rainfall was recorded in the Kathmandu Valley and nearby eastern areas, which were outside the sEAP-targeted western regions. During 26 to 30 September, very little rainfall was recorded in the sEAP target area. Consequently, the sEAP was de-escalated on 28 September after being active for 48 hours.

Despite the de-escalation, the communities remain prepared. Volunteers are on standby, and prepositioned stock is available in case similar actions are required in the coming weeks or months. The sEAP will remain active until the next trigger, which is valid until May 2026.

As part of readiness measures, NRCS conducted five drill and simulation exercise events in Kailali (two events) and Banke (three events) districts. Additionally, in July 2024, NRCS completed the mapping of evacuation centres in Kailali, Banke, and Bardiya, identifying 17 functional centres (six in Banke, eight in Bardiya, and three in Kailali) that can be used in case of an emergency. Furthermore, forecast monitoring teams in each district continued to monitor weather conditions throughout the monsoon period (June to October 2024).

Looking ahead, the NRCS is preparing for a virtual lessons-learned workshop scheduled for December 2024 to assess the effectiveness of these actions and identify areas for improvement.

Early Action Overview

PLANNED OPERATIONS

The expenditure reported for the trigger period is approximately CHF 600 mainly for volunteer mobilization in Babai and West Rapti River basin. The details will be provided in the annual report. There is still CHF 28,000 balance which is sufficient for activation of the next early action, if needed. This amount will be kept with the IFRC Country Delegation which will be utilized for next activation as needed.

 Shelter, Housing and Settlement	Female > 18: 31	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: 29	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 005
Indicator:	Number of people reached with shelter, housing and settlement in advance of a hazard		
Priority Early Actions:	1. Eight volunteers in Banke district were mobilized to manage two pre-identified evacuation sites. 2. 32 volunteers (12 from Banke and 20 from Bardiya Districts) were mobilized to inform communities about the heavy rains and possible flooding.		

 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	Female > 18: 1,051	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: 1,009	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 110, 111
Indicator:	Number of people reached with WASH interventions in advance of a hazard		
Priority Early Actions:	1. A total of 24 volunteers from Banke (four) and Bardiya (20) were mobilized to conduct hand-washing demonstrations and water treatment sessions. They conducted eight sessions four in each district to prepare communities for WASH practices during flooding situations. 2. It was planned to distribute hygiene kits in evacuation sites. However, the rainfall was not as heavy in the Babai and West Rapti river basins as was predicted initially and people didn't need to be evacuated to the evacuation centres. 3. It was the same for water testing and treatment in evacuation sites.		

 Protection, Gender and Inclusion	Female > 18: 1,836	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: 1,764	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 114, 116, 117
Indicator:	Number of people reached with PGI interventions in advance of a hazard		
Priority Early Actions:	1. A total of 3,600 people were reached from Banke (2,000) and Bardiya (1,600) through awareness messages on SGBV and child protection		

 Risk Reduction, climate adaptation and recovery	Female > 18: 1,836	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: 1,764	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 101, 103, 105, 106
Indicator:	Number of people reached with risk reduction and/or climate adaptation interventions in advance of a hazard		
Priority Early Actions:	1. A total of 3,600 people were reached from Banke (2,000) and Bardiya (1,600) through early warning messages in at-risk areas via multi-hazard sirens, hand-mikes, and volunteer mobilization for household visits. 2. As part of the readiness, NRCS district chapters coordinated with local FM stations in Banke and Bardiya districts to broadcast early actions and preparedness messages in August, September and October 2024.		

 Community Engagement and Accountability	Female > 18: N/A	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: N/A	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 129
Indicator:	Number of people reached with community engagement and accountability interventions in advance of a hazard		
Priority Early Actions:	1. A total of 12 volunteers (Banke- 5, Bardiya- 7) were deployed to mainstream CEA in all early action activities 2. It was not needed to establish an evacuation site hence, a help desk at evacuation sites was not established.		

Enabling approaches

 National Society Strengthening	Female > 18: N/A	Female < 18: N/A	CHF
	Male > 18: N/A	Male < 18: N/A	AP Code: 124, 125, 126

Objective:	NS is strengthened and ready to implement the early action once the EAP is activated
Priority Early Actions:	1. Two events of emergency coordination meeting with staff and volunteers on trigger activation were conducted in Bardiya and Banke Districts on 26 September and 27 September 2024 respectively. 2. District chapters conducted sharing meetings with local stakeholders (authorities and sub-chapters) in targeted municipalities upon confirming of trigger. In addition, District Chapters are coordinating with local authorities in regular intervals. 3. The NRCS EOC activated from the early days of Monsoon which was in early June 2024 and 24/7 risk monitoring and coordination with DHM and NDRRMA. 4. An emergency meeting of an sEAP advisory committee was held on 26 September in NRCS HQs to activate the sEAP. 5. A total of 372 volunteers from Banke- 93, Bardiya- 186 and Kailali- 62 were oriented on sEAP including their roles and responsibilities to implement early action activities in the targeted communities. They were also orientated in water treatment and purification and other programmatic aspects in July and August 2024. 6. Three events of sEAP implementation orientation were conducted for 162 staff, volunteers and municipal representatives of Banke, Bardiya and Kailali District Chapters staff and volunteers in June and July 2024. 7. Lessons learnt workshop will be conducted December 2024.

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