

# Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Newsletter



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## Cash Assistance in Emergencies

### Cash Support for Flood and Landslide Affected Households in Jhapa District

In October 2025, caused by heavy rainfall triggered widespread flooding and landslides across the country, causing 43 deaths and severe damage to infrastructure. The most affected districts were Ilam, Jhapa, Sarlahi, Mahottari, and Rautahat. After immediate floods, NRCS closely coordinated with technical departments of government authorities and mobilized volunteers for search and rescue. NRCS provided 1,198 Non-food and relief items (NFRI), 3,455 dignity kits, 1,650 kishori kits, 1,000 winterization kits and ready-to-eat food to the most affected families in Ilam, Jhapa, Sarlahi, Mahottari, and Sunsari Districts. Among these, Jhapa was the most severely affected district. NRCS mobilized 117 volunteers who were engaged in conducting assessments and distributing relief materials, evacuating the affected people in the temporary shelter.



Multi-purpose cash support to flood affected woman in Jhapa



Post-distribution monitoring and discussion with flood affected beneficiaries in Jhapa

Based on the detailed assessment and analyze the response options, NRCS supported multi-purpose cash assistance amounting to NPR 7,500 per house to 421 fully damaged houses in Jhapa Rural Municipality of Jhapa District in the last week of November and first week of December 2025. In total, NPR 3,157,500 was provided with financial support of the British Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, and American Red Cross. The support was based on the Schock Responsive Social Protection (SRSP) Guideline standards. Cash assistance was provided through different delivery mechanisms, including cash in hand, individual bank accounts, and remittance companies. For recipients who already had bank accounts, cash assistance was transferred directly to their bank accounts. Recipients who did not have identity cards received cash in hand upon recommendation of local government. Recipients who had valid identity cards but did not have bank accounts received cash assistance through remittance companies.

# Cash Assistance for Development Programmes

## **Strengthening Livelihoods through Cash Support in Kalikot District**

Integrated Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction (IRDRR) Program was implemented in Tilagufa Municipality of Kalikot district through a collaboration between NRCS and Luxembourg Red Cross from November 2024, to December 2025. The program primarily targeted Dalit households, low-income families, single women, and persons with disabilities with the objective of improving income generation opportunities and strengthening sustainable livelihoods.

To promote self-reliance and economic recovery, 55 vulnerable households were provided with cash-based livelihood support. Each selected household received NPR 20,000, which was directly transferred to their individual bank accounts to ensure transparency and accountability. In total, NPR 1,100,000 cash was provided through individual bank accounts. Receipts were encouraged to invest the support amount in locally feasible and sustainable income-generating activities of their choice. As a result, beneficiaries-initiated livelihood activities such as goat rearing, chicken rearing, grocery businesses, and tailoring.



A recipient manages a small grocery shop established with cash-based livelihood support

## **Livelihood Cash assistance to Support Migration Impact in Bajura and Achham Districts**

Strengthening Action for Fostering Resilience through Individual, Community and Institutional Readiness in Nepal (SAFER) Project is implemented in Achham and Bajura districts of Sudurpashchim Province from January 2024 to December 2025 in partnership with the American Red Cross and the British Red Cross.

To support households, adapt livelihoods activities and minimize the economic impact due to migration, conditional cash grants amounting to NPR 40,000 household was provided to 24 households of Achham and Bajura Districts based on their business plans. In total, NPR 960,000 was provided through the individual bank accounts.

## **Cash-for-Work Support in Kalikot District**

The Nepal Red Cross Society, under Integrated Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction (IRDRR) Programme, successfully implemented Cash-for-Work scheme in Tilagufa Municipality. This program was designed to provide immediate income opportunities to ultra-poor households while addressing critical community infrastructure needs. The initiative focused on construction of three water schemes.

By this program, three water schemes were constructed by 141 community people. They received NPR 950 per person (total NPR 133,950) through cash-for-work modality. This initiative not only provided immediate financial support to the daily workers but also improved access to clean and safe drinking water for 186 households, benefiting the wider community. Recipients reported using their earning to purchase staple food items, repay small debts, and meet other urgent household needs. The newly constructed water schemes now provide a sustainable and easily accessible water source, significantly reducing the time and physical effort required for water collection.



Constructed water tap in Tilagufa Municipality, Kalikot

## Supporting Climate-Smart Farming Practices and Cash Support in Panchther District



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NRCS, with financial and technical support from the Finnish Red Cross (FRC), has been implementing the Reducing Disaster Impact through Inclusive Preparedness and Anticipatory Action (REDI) Project in Morang and Panchthar districts of Koshi Province from January 2023 to December 2025. The project aims to build resilience among highly vulnerable and marginalized communities by integrating climate change adaptation (CCA), climate-smart disaster preparedness (DP), and disaster risk reduction (DRR) into institutional frameworks. It also focuses on strengthening NRCS's capacity to provide humanitarian services to Nepal's most vulnerable populations.

The project provided cash support NPR 30,000 per household to 29 households (Morang-24 and Panchthar-5). This initiative aimed to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable and ultra poor community people by promoting climate-smart farming practices. Key livelihood activities supported through the cash grants were high-value crop cultivation, tailoring, and livestock rearing. In total, NPR 870,000 was supported to these households through beneficiaries' bank accounts.

## Cash Capacity Building Activities

### Assessment, Coordination and Kobo Training

Assessment, Coordination, and Kobo Training was organized by NRCS from 9–11 December 2025 in Dhangadhi, Kailali District, Sudurpaschim Province with financial support of the American Red Cross. A total of 23 participants (17 males and 6 females) of NRCS district and province level staff and volunteers from nine districts of Sudurpaschim Province, all of whom had already trained in CVA. The training was conducted to strengthen practical capacity in emergency assessments, coordination mechanisms, and mobile-based data collection to support timely and effective Cash and Voucher Assistance responses in disaster prone areas.

The training was delivered through a participatory and hands-on approach combining presentations, group discussions, scenario-based simulations, and practical exercises using Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) tools, NRCS MIS, and Kobo Toolbox. Participants practiced real-time data collection, analysis, and reporting, linked assessment findings to CVA response planning, and enhanced their readiness for field deployment. As a result, the training strengthened assessment quality, coordination capacity, and evidence-based decision-making, contributing to improved disaster preparedness and response readiness of NRCS in Sudurpaschim Province.

### Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Training

NRCS, Disaster Management Department organized three days CVA trainings in Karnali and Sudurpaschim Provinces in different dates of September 2025 with financial and technical support from the American Red Cross, British Red Cross and Luxembourg Red Cross. A total of 45 participants (including 14 females) from these provinces attended the training, which focused on key CVA components such as market assessment, beneficiary targeting, delivery mechanisms, monitoring and accountability, and the application of NRCS CVA Standard Operating Procedures. The training was facilitated by experienced NRCS CVA professionals using participatory and practical learning approaches. The training significantly enhanced participants' understanding and confidence in planning and implementing CVA interventions during emergencies.

## Rapid Assessments for Markets (RAM) Training

NRCS with technical and financial support from the American Red Cross and British Red Cross organized the RAM Training from 23 to 25 December 2025 in Sudurpaschim Province. A total of 23 NRCS staff and volunteers (6 women and 17 men) from Sudurpaschim, Karnali, and Lumbini Provinces participated in the training, with the aim of strengthening their capacity to conduct rapid market assessments to inform appropriate humanitarian response modalities, particularly Cash and Voucher Assistance.

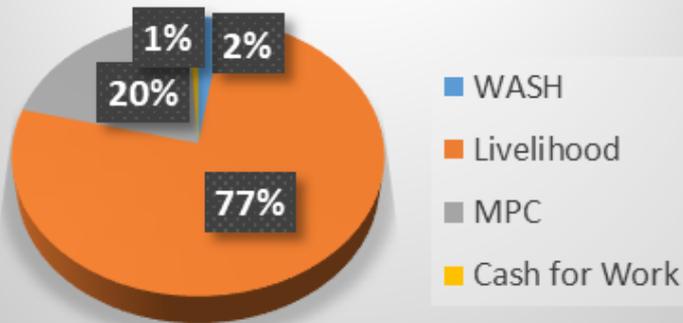


Group photo of RAM Training

The training was delivered using a participatory and practice-oriented methodology, combining conceptual sessions, structured group work, RAM tools application, simulations, and field-based market assessments. Participants practiced the full five-step RAM process, including secondary data review, market data collection, analysis, reporting, and market monitoring, using standardized IFRC RAM tools. As a result, participants enhanced their skills in market analysis, data interpretation, and RAM report preparation, strengthening NRCS's ability to make timely, evidence-based decisions on market-sensitive and context-appropriate humanitarian responses.

### Total Cash Distributed Amount NPR 15, 740, 890

#### Sector Wise Cash Support



### Cash Distribution

1,090  
Households



4,528  
People



### Delivery Mechanism

Most of the cash was provided through banking system



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