Nepal Food Security Cluster

13th May 2015
Kathmandu
A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on 25 April at 11:56.

Large scale damage and many casualties.

Number of landslides and avalanches-challenges.

Based on preliminary assessment, 6.5 million people have been affected, with 3.5 million people estimated to be in need of food assistance.

Out of this, it is estimated that 1.4 million people will be in need of priority assistance that the FSC partners will be supporting over an initial period of three months.
New earthquake measuring 7.3 magnitude struck yesterday at 12:50 local time.

The epicentre was southeast of Kodari (Sindhupalchowk District), 76 km northeast of Kathmandu – an area already affected by the 25 April quake.

Landslides were reported in Langtang Region in the Himalayas. Many areas around the epicentre are particularly susceptible to landslides.

Aftershocks continued during the night (5.2 magnitude)
ASSESSMENTS:

• NeKSAP’s Food Security District Network activated, and are currently contributing to the needs assessment

• Ministry of Agriculture NeKSAP, WFP, FAO and other cluster partners finalized the questionnaire

• FSC conducting a joint needs assessment in all 11 districts prioritized by the government

• The assessment, which is expected to be finalized by 25 May
CLUSTER ACHIEVEMENTS:

• To date partners over a million people have food in-hand

• However, it is important to highlight that affected population have been provided so far with an initial one off distribution of basic food ration that will need to be followed by a more diverse and continuous food support.

• Procurement of agricultural inputs is also on going based on funding availability.
FSC FUNDING STATUS:

• Current earthquake response primarily funded through partners’ emergency reserves that will need to be supplemented.

• Flash appeal requirements stands at 128 million USD.

• Funds received by the cluster account for 4,896,484 USD

• Unmet requirements of 123,103,516 USD.
FSC FUNDING STATUS:

• The use of advanced internal funding for the response and the low percentage of funding received under the flash appeal by the FSC (4%), makes it particularly urgent to advocate for the immediate release of funding to enable FSC actors to address the food needs of the affected population.

• Given the short wind of time available for the next planting season it is also extremely critical to provide agriculture and livestock input assistance to the affected farming families.
COORDINATION STRUCTURE:

• **National coordination:**

  1 FSC Coordinator (KTM based) In support of MOAD
  1 FSC Information Management Officer (KTM based)

• **Sub-National Cluster Coordination:**

  1 Sub national cluster focal point roving among districts supporting the district level focal points
  2 FSC focal point in each of the Humanitarian hubs Gorkha (SC) and in Sindhupalchok (WFP)
  1 FSC focal point (SP) in Dhading
COORDINATION STRUCTURE

NEXT:

• Possible opening of another humanitarian hub
• Possible need for district level Focal point
• Partners involvement for the hub full time
• Other districts part time
FLASH APPEAL PROCESS:

• HCT decided to release it within 72 hours
• A meeting MoAD on 27 April and discussed the priorities
• Cluster Meeting held on 28 April and less than 48 hours were available
• Partners were requested to submit few sentences with activities, geographic coverage and a $ figure within 24 hours
• Only four partners provided their inputs
• US$ 128 million appealed for the cluster
• Partners are requested to be ready for the revision due to happen within next 3 weeks
FLASH APPEAL CHALLENGES:

- Only few agencies responded though there was a presence of known ‘players’
- Confusion started when few clusters started revising the figures within few days
- FSC partners started uploading templates on OPS increasing the ballpark figure
- Requested OCHA to be consistent on the process to avoid any confusion
- Still not clear position on Flash Appeal revision, nature or time frame
- Proper vetting necessary to prioritize actual needs and meet the gaps