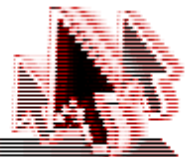


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ActionAid Campaigned Global Day of Action on Climate Change

Global Day of Action on Climate Change December 6th 2008 on the Saturday midway through the UN Climate Talks in Poznan, Poland, a fourth Global Day of Action on climate with demonstration and events took place all around the world. The Global Day of Action has been called to demand urgent action through a fair and effective climate treaty that will ensure coordinated international action to prevent a global catastrophe and protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.



A Climate Run and Climate Pared has been organized on the occasion of Global day of Action on Climate Change on December 6th 2008 in Capital Kathmandu and Chitwan.

In this connection "Run for Climate" was organized at the same day in Kathmandu in coordination with 29 organizations. The basic aim of the program was to aware people on climate change and demand world leaders to take the urgent action that is required to prevent the catastrophic destabilization of

global climate. More than 250 participants participated in the run from Jwalakhel to Basantapur Durbar Square and

hundreds of people participated in the demonstration on Basantapur Durbar Square.

Similarly more than 17 different social organizations have joined the rally in Chitwan. All the participants from different levels (from villages and the urban areas) have been gathered at Lionschowk in Narayanghard and the mass started the awareness rally at 11:30 am on 6th December 2008, the world climate change day. Total about 350 people including the members of NGOs, CBOs and other social organizations working in the field of climate change, the scholars, businessmen, college students, and farmers also were attended in the rally.

A one day Climate Run and Climate Pared has been organized on the occasion of Global day of Action on Climate Change on December 6th 2008 in Capital Kathmandu and Chitwan. The program was held among the partner agencies like CCNN, AINCCTF, ECO, WWF, youth groups in Kathmandu as well Ecological Service Center, Practical Action Nepal, Youth Society Nepal, Rampur Agriculture Campus, Seed Tree Nepal, Environmental and social Organization Nepal, Baghesowri Community Forest, Lions Club of Bagheswori, Disaster Management Group Kabilas, Prabhat Kiran Sewa Samaj, Organic Agriculture Groups from the district level stakeholders.



Nepal Global Day of Action on Climate Change 2008



Slogan chanted Climate Pared 6th December 2008

Koshi flooded the Nepali village in East Nepal

ActionAid Nepal Responded Flood Emergency:

On August 18th the Koshi River located in Eastern Nepal broke through the eastern retaining wall roughly 10 Km north of the East West Highway. Closure of most of the doors in the Koshi barrage had caused the flooding in



The Koshi embankment breach of Aug 18, 2008 created a Disaster to East Nepal, displaced over 50K HHs

the villages and with the initiatives of the local administration, 40 doors out of 56 was opened to provide outlet to the water. The locals began to flee from the immediate areas before and after 2 p.m. on 18th August as the water started to swamp the villages. The floods damaged two spurs, no. 1209 and 1210, endangering a dozen VDCs as the flood caused the embankment to crumble.

ActionAid Nepal immediately responded to the disaster from day one, 18th August, 2008, by mobilizing local volunteers and providing basic needs to specially women and children. AAN also supported Nepal Police by providing 700 meter of nylon ropes and life jackets for rescue works as well mobilized 70 local volunteers to support the emergency response work in at least 25 temporary camps set up in the district of Sunsari. Approximately 40,000 people were displaced by the Koshi floods in the district of Sunsari and Saptari.

Due to the urgent need created by the disaster ActionAid Nepal, with the support of ActionAid Emergency and Conflict team, immediately initiated its relief efforts in the areas that could be accessed mobilizing its partners. Immediate emergency needs had to be provided to the people affected by the floods which basically consisted of special nutritional needs of vulnerable groups, rescue materials and non food items in the district of Sunsari.

AAN is presently responding to the needs of the displaced people in the district of Sunsari and working in 22 camp sites in partnership with UPCA, a local NGO, and in coordination with other government and non government agencies in the area. The people displaced by the floods have been placed in 29 different emergency camps mostly comprising of schools, mosques, community buildings and temples. This is having an adverse effect in the lives of the local children in terms of continuing their schooling and the people in terms of continuing their religious practices and customs. The displaced people will be required to move to temporary camp sites soon to avoid further issues with the host community as well as to ensure their basic needs and rights, protection, systematic management of camps and systematic response programme implementation. AA Nepal will be supporting two of the camps located in Laukahi and Narsimha in the construction of one thousand temporary shelters for one thousand flood affected families in coordination with the Nepal Red Cross Society.



The west flood also hit hard to the AAN working DI and project area where there most dwellers are AAN rights holders like the Free Kamaiya Settlement, Badi Community, and Disadvantaged Dalit and Ethnic Minority Groups.

ActionAid Response to Flood Victims of Pratappur

AAN PNGO FAYA team is already in the

disaster affected area for rescue and rapid assessment. All board member, staffs, volunteers and general members are mobilized for the same. AAN is immediately responding to flood affected with RTE Food and Trampoline to most affected area at Khailad for 350 families and at Pratappur for 518 Families through its EDM PNGO FAYA Nepal.

AAN is immediately responding to flood affected with RTE Food and Trampoline to most affected area at Chandani and Dodhara VDC through it EDM PNGO OCCED Nepal to cover about 500 HHs.



Rapid Response through PNGO FAYA Kailali



Interaction on Dam and Disaster in Nepal:

An Interaction program on "Dam and Disaster in Nepal" has been organized by Disaster Management Network Nepal (DIMAN) on 21st Of August 2008 soon after the breach of koshi embankment that led to displacement of over 50,000 people and caused severe damage of infrastructure and property in Nepal and India. The interaction was able to attract the attention of high level official, politicians and the civil society to look at the DRR aspect of

Development and Humanitarian issues of the large constructions. The interaction later led a series of discussion and lobbying for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Koshi and against unilateral management of Koshi by India claiming the time have come to review the agreement.

Full report is available at www.dimann.org.np

EPP Training at Suryapatuwa, Bardiya



PVA during EPP Training at Suryapatuwa, Bardiya

from NDRC and ActionAid Safety Net Activists. Use of PVA and development of Contengency Plan for the respective DMCs are the out come of the Training. The Participants are now confident initiating DP works and claiming rights for their protection and security.

Emergency Preparedness Training organized for AustCare Partners in Siraha and Bardiya:

A 5 day Training on Emergency Preparedness has been organized in Lahan Siraha in collaboration with DJKYC and and Bhurigaon, Bardiya in collaboration with RHERI Bankey and ActionAid Nepal jointly. The Training started from October 21 -25 and October 31 Nov 5, 2008 respectively for both event having a total of over 50 participants including local DMC Member, PNGO volunteers, VDC and Red Cross Representatives and from Safety Net Campaign. The Training was facilitated by the Trainers

Interaction on Realizing HFA and Civil Society in Nepal:

An Interaction program on "Realizing Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) and Civil Society Initiatives in Nepal: An alliance on Disaster Free South Asia Movement" has been organized by Disaster Management Network



Nepal (DIMAN) on 28th Of July 2008 in Kathmandu. The purpose of the program was to call all the civil societies groups in Nepal to collaborate the Disaster Management initiatives in Nepal and incorporate HFA in their activities as well as give the solidarity with Disaster Free South Asia Movement that is called during 15th Summit of SAARC in Colombo, Srilanka. The program was participated over 50 participants from different 30 civil society groups and NGOs concerned with Disaster Management issues in Nepal. The program has been addressed by representatives of NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN), Disaster Preparedness Network Nepal (DPNet), Association of INGOs in Nepal (AIN), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal (MOHA/GON) and independent expert and academia including NGOs. DIMAN is one of the partners of ActionAid Nepal since 2005.



EDM Participatory Review and Reflection Process Organized with Partners in Nawalparasi:

A 3 day EDM PRRP has been organized in Nawalparasi where the Safety Net Campaign, AustCare, DRRSP and DIPECHO partner and ActionAid Nepal staff jointly reviewed the Key learning of the Theme in 2008 first half. An assessment of EDM theme achievement and outcome and impact has also been shared which will help AAN to revision of its policy and strategy in CSP III mid way. Altogether 25

PNGO representative and 12 Staff participated the PRRP. The outcome of PRRP will be presented in upcoming AAN PRLM in July.

HFA Talk Program organized under DRRSP

A one day talk program was held among the district level stakeholders. During the program more than 45 people from different organizations were presented includes NSET, DPNet, Nepal Red Cross, Eco-nepal, Municipality, DOE, SWC, DMCs, school & CDYN. The main objectives of the program were to gain knowledge on HFA, to provide knowledge on HFA to district level stakeholders and to explore the way to incorporate activities based on HFA. Various concerns were kept among the concerned people and the representatives of the organization. Overall program seems very effective and interactive. All the participants including government agencies representative felt it very effective and need to give it continuation. And many of them felt that this sort of forum provide opportunity to gain knowledge in various issues in all level like school, teacher, community and other district level stakeholders.

First Aid Training organized for Red Cross Ratnagar, Chitwan:

A 5 day Training on First Aid has been organized in Ratnagar, Chitwan in collaboration with Nepal Red Cross society, Ratnagar branch, Ratnagar Municipality and ActionAid Nepal jointly. The Training started from May 24 have a total of 32 participants, 17 Female and 15 Male, includes local teachers, RC volunteers, Municipal representatives and from Safety Net Campaign "Prasav Kendra" REFLECT. The Training was facilitated by the Trainers from Red Cross and ActionAid Safety Net Activists. Almost all 29 who have participated full time qualified as the First Aider after completion of the course.

Community orientation on Fire, and wind In Sunsari:

Community orientation on Fire and wind has been initiated in Sunsari during March and April 2008. This season is hazard for wind and fire disaster in our marginalized community. Therefore orientation on fire, wind, safety approaches and emergency support mechanism was done in four community of Itahari. One household affected by fire got emergency support from Red Cross society as well as UPCA.

Utilization of Medical Support Fund in Damak Jhapa:

During this period, last year medical support fund was managed in our working area by providing small of amount such Rs. 5,000/- rupees victim and affected by Disaster. Fund is utilized for vulnerable person in Dharan (aging person). In Damak, 4 women were provided for emergency treatment and they raised fund about Rs. 3,160/- for emergency medical support.

DAAC Review organized:

A participatory review and reflection of the Disaster Awareness and Advocacy Circle (REFLECT) popularly known as PRASAW Kendra has been organized in Madi in the first week of March 2008 after eight successful months of operation.

The review has highlighted the urgency of DP/DM initiative to be taken for the upcoming hazards fro Fire and wild animal attacks. The review also highlighted the need of better coordination and collaboration among local government, political parties and change activists from the DAAC.

The review meeting was attended by the representatives of VDC, political parties in the area and local Red Cross. The DDC information officer facilitated the program where the chief guest of the program was Mr. Bhupal Niraula, the LDO of DDC Chitwan.

The participants appreciated the action made by Prasaw Kendra and urged for the extension for another period.

EDM Event Plan of this Month December 2008

Date	Place/Venue	Program / Activities
First week	CRC Bharatpur & KCO Kathmandu	EDM Desk work @ CRC, Global Climate Change Day
Second week	Kathmandu	Climate Change initiatives reviews, AustCare Visitors to DRR, DIPECHO projcet concept designing Meeting
Third week	Kathmandu	EDM Desk works, Climate Change Adaptation Sharing with DPNet, Reporting to AustCare
Fourth week	Kathmandu/ Pokhara	DRRSP QRM and EDM PRRP/Climate Change Concept sharing
Last week	Kathmandu	EDM work & field up dates Preparation for PRLM

Other Program Updates under EDM

Project Evaluation Study Completed:

An external evaluation of Emergency Response to South Asia Floods-Nepal Project implemented by ActionAid Nepal (AAN) with the grant support from Austcare has been completed recently. The evaluation was commissioned in April to mid of May 2008.

The project aims to ensure the right to human security in emergency through addressing the immediate needs of flood affected people and sustain the right to life with dignity of poor and vulnerable people through support of flood affected people of 7 districts (Kailali, Bardiya, Banke, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Siraha, and

Pre-Monsoon DP Workshop organized:

A one day Pre-Monsoon Disaster preparedness workshop was organized in collaboration with DPNet, Government of Nepal and other INGOs / AID agencies in Nepal.

The workshop intended to enhance the disaster preparedness mechanism at the national and some vulnerable districts and community level.

The workshop concluded with the 5 point full commitments reaffirming implementation of right-based, inclusive and community-owned disaster preparedness with appropriate and practical plan of action, adequate programmes and community-centered activities that head towards effective preparedness for mitigation, response and recovery in Nepal.

The signatories have realized and recognized the

Saptari) of Nepal with relief to improve their socio-economic condition.

The key objectives of the evaluation were to analyze overall project results on achievement, relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability; key success and constraints; and lesson learnt as well as to make recommendations for the future.

The main target groups of this project were flood-hit poor, especially women and children. The project aimed to complete the following objectives to ensure the poor and marginalized communities; freed-Kamaiya, Dalits, Musahar, Muslims and other minority ethnic groups; receive relief support from the project as follows:

- Food and nutrition: (800 families).
- Non-Food items - (800 families).
- Community Shelter building and house repair: (400 families).
- Immediate repair, provision of basic furniture and cleaning up schools (5 schools).
- Health care and medical services: (1000 families).
- Livelihood support: (500 families).
- Capacity building of PNGO for disaster preparedness (7 District)

Evaluation summarises that "The project undertook different livelihood activities as per the local need with group approach. There were several evidences like community focused program; reaching the services to the un-reached; and correlation between AAN mandate, national plan and the project demonstrated that the project was relevant to the needs and constraints of the flood affected communities."

"The level of capacity building of the local people and livelihood supports in the focus of the program also contributed the project to be more sustainable. The project has brought about some significant changes in the quality of life of flood affected families to reduce their vulnerability to flood by increasing the capacity in responding effectively to flood."

In zest, the evaluation found that project as this are essential to respect the rights of the disaster affected people.

[See main report](#)

Emergency Response to Fire Victims completed

An emergency relief support to Fire Victims of

importance and significance of an early warning and disaster preparedness, it's dynamic impact on overall development and reduction in poverty and all forms of human sufferings. They have fully committed to reinforce broad-based collaboration and synergic partnerships at international, national and community levels and recognize active and instrumental role and contribution of all stakeholders of development in disaster preparedness for effective, timely and quality response to all forms of disasters.

During the program, pre-monsoon action plan has been envisaged starting from 1st week of May and ending on 1st week of June. According to the plan, Ministry of Home Affairs will send circular to all Chief District Officers on preparation before monsoon. A committee will be formed to decide about the composition of relief items (food and non-food) and the standard relief items would be decided based on the cultural context and sensitivity. A format will be analyzed and agreed that can be used by all agencies for rapid need and damage assessments. Other components of the action plan are to organize district level workshops to ensure participation of vulnerable and disaster affected VDCs. The contents of the workshop may include orientation on rapid damage and needs assessment forms and process, distribution of assessment forms, information about the standardized relief kits and their contents, preparing a data base by collecting name, address and contact number of VDC participants, DDRC members, line agencies, lead and supporting agencies, developing Appropriate Response Mechanism in the District (Resource and Capacity Mapping as well as Gap analysis), pre-positioning of contingency stocks in vulnerable communities. According to the action plan, a community level workshops in disaster affected VDCs and contents would hinge upon the context.

Badanjhula Village of Ayodhya pur VDC in Chitwan has been made to 16 HHs covering the 101 family members.

The relief items were included Food items as 7 KG of Rice, Pulses .5KG, Oil .5liter to each 101 person, Salt 3 pkt, Spices .5KG and Beaten rice .5KG each family, Similarly, 28 Women received Saree, Blouse, Pettycot and under garment each, 33 Adult Men received Shirt, pant, vest and underwares. The girl and boys children given a set of school dress, shirt, pant and frock each schoolgoing aged.

All together the relief support coverd 28 Women and 33 Men, 22 Boy and 18 Girl Child in the area.

The fire was broke on March 27th afternoon when all the adults were enaged on farm business, burnout the whole village.

The incident of Fire was due to kids ignornce with fire. Fire was gutted all the materials in the houses made of Hay and woods.

AAN in collaboration with its DI Partner CDO and VDRC, DNGOCC jointly took this relief initiation.

A small orientation on DRR, Fire safety and Disaster preparedness issues were also discussed during the period in the area.

PVA excercise completed

The Participatory Vulnerability Analysis has been completed in Sunsary, Udayapur, Rasuwa, Makwanpur, Rupandehi and Sarlahi districts. The PVA has been carried out by different PNGOs in their respective project/programs. The Manekor Society Nepal for Rasuwa and Women and Child Development forum for Makwanpur (Urban areas) under DRR, Community Environment and Energy Development Forum for Makwanpur (Rural areas) under SNC, Under Previlage Children Association for Sunsari (Urban areas), Naba Prabhat Samaj Sewi Pariwar for Udayapur (Urban areas), PRERANA for Sarlahi (Urban areas), Friend Service Council for Rupandehi (Urban areas) under DIPECHO project.

The PVA report is being developed and could be shared publicaly soon.

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