



# A CRISIS SITUATION IN NEPAL

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With the arrival of the monsoon season in Nepal, there have been reports of massive flooding all over the country. This year the Department of Hydrology and meteorology of Nepal have already declared that there will be extreme rainfall which will eventually affect 18 lakh people across the country. Now along with the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather events and the annual monsoon season are also hitting the communities hard in Nepal due to no proper preparedness and planning from the Government side and lack of community awareness in this matter. Therefore, not only with the COVID threat but people are now also prone to natural calamities such as monsoon floods and landslides. Many areas of Nepal have been extremely affected by this destructive flood and landslides which took place just a few days ago.

Taking the recent incident of Helambu and Melamchi areas, multiple landslides and floods have been occurring since June 15, 2021 following the incessant rainfall 5 days after the onset of monsoon have caused heavy damage there. As per the updates, till now 7 people are killed while many others are still missing.

Authorities have already launched search and rescue operations in the disaster-struck areas but the details of the missing persons is yet to be ascertained



Districts	Missing persons	Fully damaged houses	Partially damaged houses	Death	Displaced Households
Sindhupalchok (Melamchi & Helambu RM)	7	200	110	1	250
Pancha Pokhari RM					15
Indrawati RM					15
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>280</b>

(Data Sources: Local representative, Ward Chairperson, DAO and CARE Nepal)



Likewise, according to the District Administration Office (DAO), approximately 350 houses were submerged by the flood, 60 temporary shelters were collapsed, and 700 people have been relocated to safe locations of Melamchi Municipality. Likewise, 4 bridges, farms, Bus-park and City Park has also been swept away by the floods.

Not only there, but many areas of Nepal have been and will be affected and by the heavy rainfall and are now at the high risk of these monsoon hazards which will definitely attack the already vulnerable population: Dalit and marginalized ones. We can say this because marginalized communities, specifically Dalits live in disaster-prone or low-lying areas like riverside and slum areas.

So, without urgent action, the impact of monsoon hazards will compound the effects and risks of coronavirus, and increase the chances of transmission in an already highly vulnerable population. That's why, responding to this dreadful situation, Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) is moving to the action of helping or providing much-needed humanitarian relief to the affected children and families for strengthening communities' abilities to withstand additional shocks and stresses.

Alongside helping people fight the COVID-19 pandemic, let's build community resilience to such climatic chaos as well. Together we can!!

Our prayers for those affected by floods!

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