

# Humanitarian Concerns and Response

## Nepal Flood and Landslides 2013



## **Immediate Response**

### **Some Good Aspects**

- **Government promptness (Activation of NEOC, deployment of MOHA/NEOC Officials to Darchula within 24 hours...), Increased Relief Fund size; doubled**
- **Very proactive roles performed by security forces (NA, APF, NP)**
- **Clusters coordinated**
- **Less number of casualty compared to past flash flood cases**
- **Increased relief package size from the Govt**
- **CBDRR initiatives worked a lot in saving lives**
- **Relief collected from civil society, corporate/business sector**
- **Media attention**

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## Some Gaps

- **Lack of equal attention to all affected districts (e.g. cases from Kalikot & Dailekh)**
- **Lack of need based life saving relief materials: addressing humanitarian needs of diverse beneficiary groups: children, elderly, sick, pregnant, PLWD.....**
- **Assessment a continual challenge**
- **Lack of clarity on early recovery and rehabilitation**
- **Livelihood aspect receiving less attention, poverty increasing & GDP decreasing**



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## Some Gaps ...

- **Logistics a big challenge in remote hill districts**
- **Unavailability of land for temporary shelter & schools: a case from Darchula**
- **Small engagement of in-country international community (due to disaster size, number of displaced and duration) (?)**
- **DDRCs under resourced**



## **Immediate Response Further Opportunities**


- **Right time to start Disaster to Development initiatives: especially learning from Darchula and Kanchanpur**
- **Flood and landslides mitigation/river embankment intervention needed at large scale across the country**
- **Mainstreaming DRR in to regular development process**
- **Safer city planning and initiatives**
- **Capacity building of security forces for search and rescue: a strong logistics back up needed**
- **Merger of displaced community schools (in case of vicinity: ?)**



## Further Opportunities ...

- **Disaster categorization mechanism as a regular practice from GoN (?) to be in place**
- **DDRCs and Cluster capacity development and resourcing at Govt level**
- **Clarity on Early Recovery intervention: policy/strategy (?)**
- **Improved Preparedness, well resourced (Govt support to NRCS ?)**
- **Establishment and activation of EWS across the country**





**Are we able to address:  
'Humanitarian Imperative Comes First'  
in a sustainable way?????**

**Thank you**