



HEALTH SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Nepal is one of the world's poorest countries with 82% of its population living with less than USD 2 per day. The armed Maoist insurgency which began in 1996 has spread all over the country, resulting in 38 districts being controlled by military operations. Between 100,000 and 200,000 persons are internally displaced and encounter difficulties accessing health care services.



HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: The country is highly prone to floods, landslides and earthquakes. There are numerous gaps in health preparedness and mitigation. No hospital in the country meets earthquake-resistant standards. In general, health infrastructures suffer from poor maintenance and inadequate water and sewerage facilities. The most recent data from the Ministry of Health, 2002, shows that there is one doctor to every 18,439 persons and one hospital bed to every 3,489 persons.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL: The insurgency destroyed many health posts in the rural areas. Only 27% of the population has access to adequate sanitation and 30% lack access to safe drinking water. The main health problems in Nepal are acute respiratory infections, encephalitis, diarrhoeal disease, dysentery, cholera and typhoid fever.

HEALTH SECTOR PRIORITIES FOR 2006

- Expand the access of population living in conflict affected areas to health care services
- Develop the capacity to monitor the population's health and the functionality of the public health network, including developing indicators to identify areas where the conflict and its consequences are negatively impacting on health
- Provide the necessary support to the MoH to rapidly mobilize resources

- Increase the capacity of health service delivery in districts where there could be influx of IDPs

WHO Proposed Projects in the CAP 2006	Funds Requested *	Implementing Partners
Coordination of Humanitarian Action in Health NEP-05/H07	567,384	MoHP, NRCS, INGOS
Supporting and improving communicable disease surveillance and outbreak control NEP-05/H08	233,042	MoHP, INGOS
Health sector earthquake risk mitigation and capacity building for mass casualty incidents NEP-05/CSS04	125,526	MoHP, NSET, BP-KIHS, NRCS
Country capacity building to plan and respond to water supply and sanitation (WSS) needs of new IDPs NEP-05/WS01	500,000	MoHP, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works, UNICEF

* Amounts given in US dollars.

Total Funds Requested: USD 1,425,952

2005 Donors: No CAP for Nepal in 2005