This e-bulletin provides a snapshot of the activities of WHO South-East Asia in Emergency and Humanitarian Action, at the country and Regional levels.

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- Floods occurred in both eastern and Western Nepal in 2008. In the east, the Koshi river broke through and embankment in Sunsari district in August 2008, causing widespread flooding. In the West, incessant rain caused floods and landslides in September 2008.
- WHO has been coordinating/monitoring the situation closely with Epidemiology and Diseases Control Division, Department of Health Services, MOH Teku, Kathmandu.
- The Organization has supported health sector coordination, working closely with UN HC and the Government of Nepal’s Ministry of Health.
- To assist in monitoring any potential outbreaks, the Organization shared rapid health assessment forms, Post-disaster Syndromic Diseases Surveillance form to DHO/DPHO offices.
- WHO was active in assessments of the response to the emergencies. WHO staff were part of the MOHP Central Level Assessment Team which left Kathmandu on 20 August for Biratnagar with essential medicine, and with UNICEF assessment team which left for Saptari on 3 September for emergency health coordination. WHO also participated in the Koshi Flood Impact assessment that was held on 12-17 September 2008. The WHO Representative, SMO, NPOs monitored the flood response activities in Koshi Flood affected area (Sunsari and Saptari).
- A WHO National Professional Officer assessed the flood affected areas of Fid and the Far Western Region on 26-29 September 2008.
- Among medicines provided by WHO to Nepal’s Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (ECDC) were
  - 4 Interagency emergency health kits (IEHK) which can cover 40,000 population for 3 months.
  - 1 malaria kit to cover 10,000 population for 3 months.
  - 1 diarrhea kit to cover 400-500 patients.
  - 50 outbreak response/emergency medicine (can cover 5000 severe cases).
- WHO also provided one tent and 60 mattresses for health facilities set-up in Saptari District (Koshi Flood Affected District).
- The Organization was involved in conducting a successful Mass Casualty Management...
Simulation Drill Exercise in Bheri Zonal Hospital on 25 September, and a orientation session for the modification of hospital plan.

- MOPH requested support from SEARHEF on 8 September 2008 and applied for a first installment of US$ 175 000, for medicines and other essential supplies.
- On 11 September 2008, MOPH further requested SEARHEF support for human resources.