

Gorkha–Budhigandaki Flash Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report #03

Date: 13 October 2026 (27 Asoj 2083), 10:00 PM



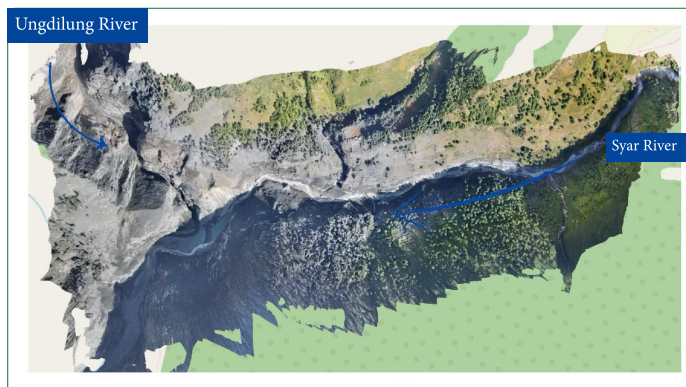
NDRRMA prepared this report using information received from the District Administration Office and the District and National Emergency Operation Centers. It summarizes search, rescue and relief operations following the Budhigandaki flood in Gorkha and Dhading districts.

SITUATION OVERVIEW (BASED ON TECHNICAL REPORT)

At approximately 04:20 on 11 October 2026 (25 Asoj 2083), a snow avalanche at about 6,000 m elevation and a major landslide involving glacier ice and debris at approximately 5,500 m occurred in the upper reaches of Ungdilung Khola, Chumnubri Rural Municipality–6, between Chamar Himal and Syerang Himal. The area contains relatively weak rocks of the Tibetan Tethys Himalaya.

Smaller landslides were observed both before and after the principal failure. The mixed flow of snow, water and debris traveled south down the steep Ungdilung valley, rising as much as 300 m along the valley sides. At about 2,000 m elevation, large quantities of debris accumulated at the narrow confluence of Ungdilung and Syar Khola, repeatedly blocking and releasing the water flow. Similar temporary blockage may also have occurred at the Syar Khola–Budhigandaki confluence. These processes produced multiple flood surges downstream.

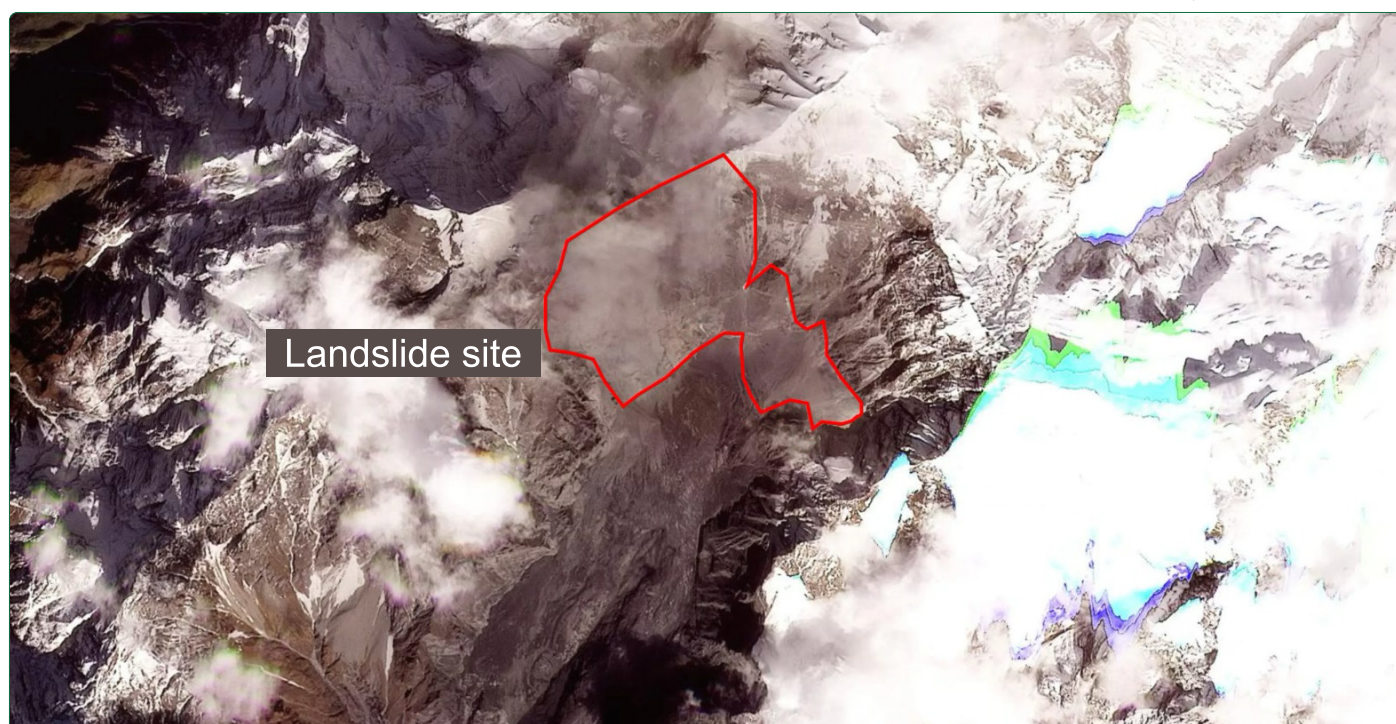
The unusually large volume of debris from Ungdilung Khola appears to have contributed more to flood height than the water impounded in Syar Khola. Mud-laden flooding first reached Salleri at approximately 04:30. The largest surge, with an estimated height of 20–25 m, swept away the hydropower camp at Salleri at approximately 06:30. It damaged buildings, especially at Jagat, and infrastructure including permanent bridges at Soti Khola and across the Budhigandaki.



Satellite image 1. Upper Ungdilung Khola landslide area.



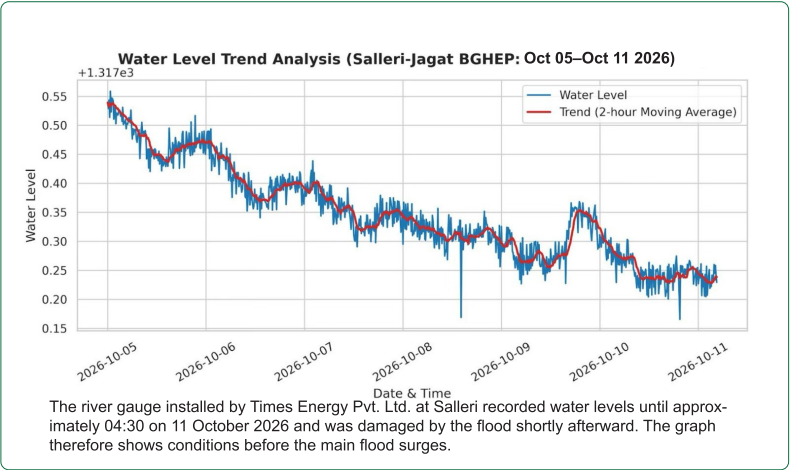
Satellite image 2. Landslide and debris-flow corridor.



Satellite map. Landslide site (translation of original Nepali map label).

About one hour before the highest surge, the flow in Syar Khola had stopped. Field observations indicate that water had accumulated for approximately 1.5 km upstream. Smaller surges followed the main surge.

Compared with typical floods, the flow carried an unusually high proportion of fine soil relative to sand and rocks, giving it the characteristics of a viscous mudflow. This is consistent with the soil-rich layered rocks and debris at the source area. A preliminary estimate by the Department of Mines and Geology indicated that the landslide released energy equivalent to that of a magnitude 3.5 earthquake.



SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

- 1. A total of 800 security personnel have been deployed: 171 from the Nepal Army, 240 from Nepal Police and 389 from the Armed Police Force, Nepal.
- 2. Five Nepal Army aircraft have been mobilized to date.
- 3. Six people remain missing: four males and two females.
- 4. A total of 508 people have been rescued: 457 Nepali nationals and 51 foreign nationals.

NUMBER OF FLIGHTS (SORTIES)

S.N.	Date	Number of Air Sorties
1	11 October 2026 (25 Asoj)	88
2	12 October 2026 (26 Asoj)	68
3	13 October 2026 (27 Asoj)	52
	Total	208



TRANSPORT OF FUEL AND RELIEF SUPPLIES BY AIR

Date	Aircraft	Sorties	Route	Cargo	Quantity	Total
12 October 2026 / 26 Asoj 2083	BELL (NA-065)	68	Philim–Salleri	Food supplies	250 kg	4,860 kg
			Arughat–Armala		120 kg	
			Philim–Hulchuk		120 kg	
	MI-17 (NA-038)		Kathmandu–Philim	4,370 kg	1,900 L	
	AGUSTA (NA-058)		Kathmandu–Philim	900 L		
			Kathmandu–Arughat	1,000 L		
13 October 2026 / 27 Asoj 2083		52	—	Food supplies	4,450 kg	4,450 kg
			—	Aviation fuel/diesel	2,460 L	2,460 L

DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FLOOD: DETAILS RECEIVED TO DATE

2 Permanent bridges	5 Suspension bridges	1 Bailey bridge	1 Cantilever bridge	3 Hydropower facilities	1 School	140-150 Livestock swept away
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RELIEF MATERIALS DISPATCHED TO GORKHA FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE BUDHIGANDAKI FLOOD

S.N.	Description	Unit	25 Asoj	26 Asoj	27 Asoj	Total
1	Tent	set	110	40		150
2	Tarpaulin	piece	110	40		150
3	Mattress	piece	455	50		505
4	Blanket	piece	440			440
5	Sleeping bag	piece	380			380
6	Solar light	piece	175			175
7	Kitchen set	set	110			110
8	1 kVA generator	piece	8			8
9	5 kVA generator	piece	2			2
10	Jacket	piece	250			250
11	Hygiene kit	box	80	66		146
12	Food basket*	box	210	240	240	690
13	Baby basket	box	25			25
14	Royal Bag (2 years)	bag	25	25	10	60
15	Royal Bag (2–5 years)	bag	25	25	10	60
16	Rice	sack		224		224
17	Salt	kg		100		100
18	Soybean nuggets	kg		40		40

* Food basket: wheat flour 5 kg; rice 5 kg; peas 3 kg; sugar 2 kg; lentils 3 kg; beaten rice 0.5 kg; salt 1 kg; mixed spices 0.5 kg; oil 3 L.



RELIEF MATERIALS DISPATCHED TO DHADING FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE BUDHIGANDAKI FLOOD

S.N.	Description	Unit	25 Asoj	26 Asoj	27 Asoj	Total
1	Tent	set		58		58
2	Tarpaulin	piece	60			60
3	Mattress	piece	180			180
4	Blanket	piece	180	60		240
5	Kitchen set	set	60			60
6	Jacket	piece	120	420		540
7	Slippers	pair		137		137
8	Shoes	pair		126		126
9	Solar light	piece		64		64
10	Hygiene kit	box		58		58
11	Dignity kit	box		60		60
12	Bucket and mug	set		58		58



S.N.	Description	Unit	25 Asoj	26 Asoj	27 Asoj	Total
13	Royal Bag (2 years)	bag	10		5	15
14	Royal Bag (2–5 years)	bag	10		5	15
15	Food basket*	box	60		120	180
16	Rice	sack		46		46
17	Beaten rice	sack		10		10
18	Biscuits	carton		60		60
19	Instant noodles	carton		60		60

* Food basket: wheat flour 5 kg; rice 5 kg; peas 3 kg; sugar 2 kg; lentils 3 kg; beaten rice 0.5 kg; salt 1 kg; mixed spices 0.5 kg; oil 3 L.

Note: Blank cells indicate that information was not reported.

RELIEF SUPPLIES SENT TO PHILIM, GORKHA BY TWO MI HELICOPTERS ON 12 OCTOBER 2026 (26 ASOJ 2083)

S.N.	Description	Unit	Quantity
1	Winterization tent	set	15
2	Chinese tent	set	14
3	Tarpaulin	piece	16
4	Mattress	piece	40
5	Blanket	piece	30
6	Sleeping bag	piece	52
7	Pillow	piece	15
8	Jacket	piece	69
9	Solar light	piece	41
10	Power bank	piece	10
11	Food basket*	box	14
12	Fortified biscuits	box	3
13	Mixed food	box	150
14	Rice	sack	16
15	Soybean nuggets	kg	15
16	Salt	kg	50
17	Lentils	kg	50
18	Royal Bag	bag	16



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