

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 16



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This report has been prepared by the NDRRMA based on information received from DAO and District/National Emergency Operation Centers. It summarizes the response actions undertaken for search, rescue, and relief management following the Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi flood situation.

Highlights

- A total of 344 patients have received treatment across 19 health facilities. Of these, 290 have been discharged, 18 remain under treatment, 32 have been referred to other hospitals, and four have died during treatment.
- Five bodies have been recovered from the Chilime Hydropower Project following a breakthrough through the 250-metre tunnel and clearance to the control room. At Upper Trishuli-1, five bodies remain trapped inside the tunnel, with recovery pending the availability of cutting equipment.
- Twelve satellite internet terminals are now operational: one at NDRRMA, seven in Nuwakot and four in Rasuwa. Additional telephone lines have strengthened access to the 1234 emergency hotline at the Rasuwa and Nuwakot District Emergency Operation Centres.
- Two-way traffic resumed at Krishnabhir on the Prithvi Highway at 06:00 on 17 September. Traffic remains restricted to one lane at Shital Bazaar.
- Private suppliers have transported 350 cooking-gas cylinders to Rasuwa to support the restoration of market supplies.
- Twenty-nine temporary learning centres or classrooms have been established. Education supplies provided have increased to 19 early childhood development and education kits and 36 school kits for teachers.
- Health and psychosocial services are being provided at 27 holding centres across Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading and Kathmandu. In the last 24 hours, 1,123 health and psychosocial services were provided at these centres.
- A temporary shelter needs survey covering 2,027 flood-affected households found that 80.6% were willing to stay in government-supported temporary shelters and 66.9% were willing to arrange rented accommodation with government assistance. Only 25.3% reported having their own land available for temporary housing.
- A total of 1,743 affected people are sheltering in 27 holding centres: 817 people in nine centres in Rasuwa, 832 in 16 centres in Nuwakot, and 94 in two centres in Dhading.
- The NDRRMA Situation Room maintains daily contact with local governments and wards to prepare municipality report cards covering current conditions and identified needs.
- Daily meetings of the Monsoon Response Command Post and briefings by the Mobilization Team and government cluster leads review progress, operational challenges, and required actions.



Search and Rescue Operations

Update: Ongoing Search and rescue operations at different hydropower projects sites.

Project Name	Actions Taken
Rasuwadadhi Hydropower Project (120 MW)	• CQRT and project representatives reached the powerhouse, transformer room, and control room. Searches of the powerhouse and surrounding area found nothing. • Heavy equipment is required to continue operations, but difficult terrain is restricting transport. • Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Langtang Hydropower Project (20 MW)	• Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Chilime Hydropower Project (22 MW)	• The Armed Police Force, Nepal, transported relief supplies using a rope crossing and conducted searches inside the tunnel. • Nepal Army personnel have been deployed with the necessary scuba equipment. • Five bodies were recovered after teams broke through the 250-metre tunnel and cleared access to the control room. • Water is being pumped out of the tunnel. • Debris has been cleared from an 80-metre section.
Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project (216 MW)	• A five-member Nepal Army team, accompanied by project representatives, searched 200 metres inside the Adit 1 tunnel at Hakubesi. Nothing was found. • Search and rescue operations were conducted using a thermal drone at Adit 3 of Upper Trishuli-1. • A Korean team conducted drone reconnaissance over the residential and office areas. • A 1,200-metre section of the passage from Adit 3 towards Adit 1 has been cleared. • A joint Nepal Army and Chinese team conducted manual searches at Adit 3. • Five bodies were found trapped inside the tunnel. Their recovery requires cutting metal rods using gas-cutting equipment or wire cutters. Recovery operations will proceed once the necessary equipment is available.
Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project (60 MW)	• Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Trishuli 3B Hydropower Project (37 MW)	• Excavation approximately two metres below the river level exposed the foundation of the project office building. • No structures have been found in the residential areas designated A1, A2, B1, B2 and D. Excavation at the powerhouse site has yielded no findings. • Water continues to flow at the tunnel inlet. Adit 1 has been cleared for 476 metres and Adit 2 for 2.7 kilometres. Excavation continues. • Search and rescue operations are ongoing.

- A total of 4,191 people have been rescued by air, comprising 3,908 Nepali nationals and 283 foreign nationals.
- A total of 1,731 helicopter sorties have supported air rescue and the transport of supplies.
- Nepal Army medical teams have provided treatment to 3,966 people.
- Troops under the Tactical Headquarters have established bases in Nuwakot's Colony-Tupche area across the Trishuli River, Sole and Betrawati, and at several locations in Rasuwa. Search operations continue from these bases.
- A joint Nepal Army and Korean Disaster Relief Team conducted drone reconnaissance in Mailung and Ramche, Rasuwa. Nothing was found.
- Three drones are being used to transport relief and essential supplies to locations in Nuwakot and Rasuwa.
- Nepal Army medical teams visited the safe house/Kriyaputri building in Bidur-2 and the Battar Chautara/cold-storage holding centre in Bidur-6, conducted health examinations and met affected people.
- Support for the recovery and management of bodies and human remains continues.

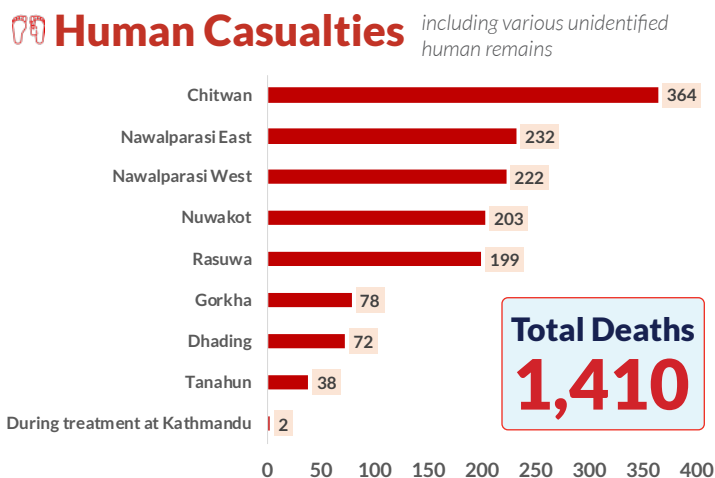
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Discharged 290
at 19 different hospitals
Treatment provided by various security agencies: 9,820

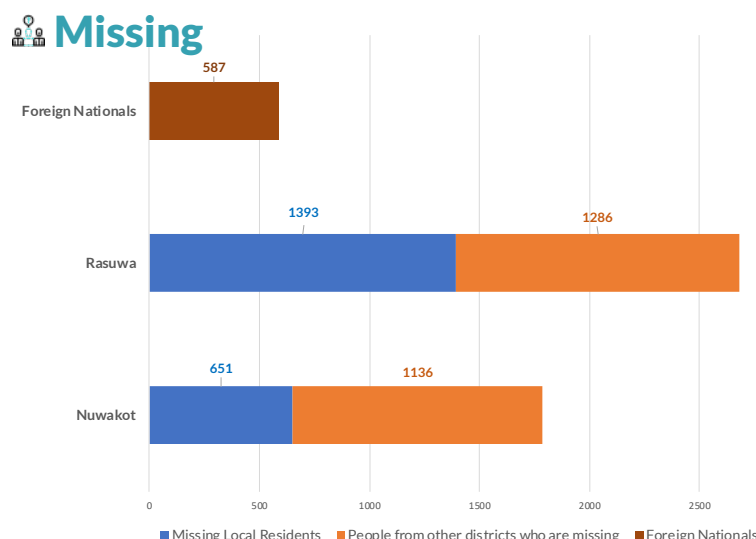
Nepal Army Helicopter Flights
1,634
31 flights today
320 Flights APF-Nepal affected areas

Total Rescued 13,756

DNA samples collected
1,286 Deaths
1,944 Relatives

Details of the deceased

336 Female
549 Male
525 Human body remains



27 Holding Centers

Total People at Holding Centers

Nuwakot : 832
Rasuwa : 817
Dhading : 94

Fuel Stock (in liters)

Disel 60 K
Petrol 12 K
Air fuel 4 K
*To date 502 gas cylinders have been sent to affected area.

Relief Supplies

- Food and non-food relief materials continuously dispatched to affected districts by road and air; details recorded in the Authority's Setu App.
- Continued support from government/non-government agencies, private, development partners, civil society, and other stakeholders.

Bridge

An Acrow bridge has been installed and brought into operation at Devighat, Nuwakot.

Additional Cash support from Government of Nepal

- For families unwilling to stay in holding centers, a monthly allowance for accommodation and livelihood will be provided until alternative housing is arranged, for a maximum period of six months, at a rate of **NPR. 15,000** per family (for up to four members) plus an additional **NPR. 2,000** per member for any members exceeding that number.



* For DNA testing, samples can be submitted to the relevant District Police Office, along with two photographs and proof of relationship.

The reported number of people who are out of contact may also include unidentified deceased persons and rescued individuals. The data is currently being verified and cross-checked.

Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Sector

1. Prithvi Highway

- Mugling–Malekhu Section: Two-way traffic resumed at Krishnabhir at 06:00 on 17 September.
- The proposed alternative route through Fisling Bridge to Benighat Bridge remains under procurement. Construction has yet to begin.
- At Shital Bazaar, road subsidence continues to restrict traffic to one lane.

Alternative Routes - Kathmandu Access:

- Abukhaireni–12 Kilo–Masane Thanti–Khahare–Nibel–Gyampeshal–Arughat–Salyantar–Dhadingbesi–Parewatar–Gajuritar–Mastar–Kathmandu.
- Abukhaireni–12 Kilo–Masane Thanti–Khahare–Nibel–Gyampeshal–Arughat–Salyantar–Dhadingbesi–Sunaubazar–Kalleri–Mastar–Kathmandu.
- Abukhaireni–12 Kilo–Masane Thanti–Khahare–Nibel–Gyampeshal–Arughat–Benighat–Kathmandu.

2. Tribhuvan Highway

- Traffic is operating in one lane following landslides near Nagdhunga and Pataleban. Traffic is also operating through the Nagdhunga Tunnel.

3. Galchhi–Devighat–Dhunge–Trishuli Section

- The Galchhi–Devighat, Devighat–Dhunge and Dhunge–Trishuli sections are clear and operational. Kolphu Bridge remains open to one-lane traffic following minor repairs.

4. Bidur–Betrawati Section

- Of the 10-kilometre Bidur–Betrawati section, 9.2 kilometres are clear. The remaining 0.8 kilometres were completely washed away, including 0.5 kilometres requiring cutting through hard rock. Road formation and graveling continue, with preparations for blasting in coordination with the Nepal Army.
- Landslides and soft, waterlogged ground continue to affect work on the new and existing tracks.
- Foundation excavation is underway for the Bailey bridge at Betrawati..

5. Alternative Routes Connecting Dhading and Rasuwa

- Dhading: The Dhadingbesi–Parewatar–Nepaltar–Gajuritar–Piplatar–Adamtar–Belintar–Keurinitar–Mastar route connecting to the Prithvi Highway is operational. Road access to the district headquarters has been restored, and maintenance continues.
- Rasuwa: The Dhikure–Phedi Besi Chowk–Hiramunitar–Chogte–Bore Bhanjyang–Sano Khola–Dhanswara–Bhorle–Jibjibe–Bogatitar route is operational, providing alternative access while the Trishuli–Betrawati highway section remains damaged. Maintenance continues.

6. Alternative to Devighat Bridge and Trishuli River Right-Bank Section

- Alternative to Devighat Bridge: The Pipaltar–Pasang Lhamu Highway–Dhamle–Niranjana–Bagkhor–Harre–Deurali–Kolputar route is operational, providing an alternative to the damaged Tadi Khola bridge at Devighat. Maintenance continues.
- Trishuli River Right Bank: The Galchhi–Trishuli Bridge–Kalleritar–Koshikhola–Pimaltar–Darshantar–Chhatre Khola–Gauribesi–Trishuli Bazaar route is operational, connecting communities across the Trishuli River in Nuwakot. Maintenance continues.

7. Suspension Bridges and Rope Crossings

- Rope crossings have been completed at Devighat, Indreni Chaur and Syafrubesi. Installation of two additional crossings at Hakubesi and Pahirebesi is to be expedited.
- Repairs are underway on five suspension bridges, while repairs to a further 15 are under tendering.

All 20 repairable bridges are scheduled for completion within Asoj.

- Instructions have been issued to expedite the design and construction tendering for urgently needed new suspension bridges.

Education Sector

- Twenty-nine temporary learning centres or classrooms have been established: 26 in Bidur, Galchhi and Benighat Rorang, and three at holding-centre locations in Bidur.
- A total of 19 early childhood development and education kits and 36 school kits for teachers have been provided. Student learning-kit distributions remain at 1,043.
- Six schools in Dhading have reopened following debris removal, cleaning, and disinfection. Nine classrooms at Bhairum Secondary School, Bidur-8, have been cleaned and disinfected. Cleaning and disinfection have also been completed at Trishuli Basic School, and disinfection has been completed at Ranabhuvaneshwari Secondary School.
- Psychosocial support has reached 159 children at Success Academy in Galchhi. Psychosocial support teams have been mobilized for 31 schools covered by rapid needs assessments, and focal teachers are in place in 16 schools in Rasuwa and Nuwakot.
- Limited space for temporary learning centres remains a challenge. Local governments and schools have been requested to identify safe sites.

Communication Sector

- Nepal Telecom has 117 of its 120 BTS towers operational, while Ncell has 76 of its 78 towers operational.
- Nepal Telecom sites at Timure, Chilime Khola and Trishuli 3B, and Ncell's Timure site, remain out of service following flood damage. Ncell's Uttargaya-1, Tiru site remains out of service because of a power supply problem. Nearby operational towers are providing coverage where possible.
- Two additional telephone lines at the Rasuwa District Emergency Operation Centre and one at the Nuwakot District Emergency Operation Centre have strengthened access to the 1234 emergency hotline.
- Free Wi-Fi internet services are available at the following relief camps and holding centres:
 - Bhairum Secondary School, Hattigauda, Bidur-8.
 - Chandrajyoti Secondary School, Pipaltar, Bidur-5.
 - Trishuli Holding Centre.
 - Mustang Gumba, Swayambhu.
 - Nilkantha School Hostel, Rasuwa.
 - Sulakshana School Holding Centre, Bidur-9.
- An additional satellite internet terminal has been installed in Bidur Municipality in coordination with the Nuwakot District Administration Office. Of the 29 terminals arranged for use, 12 are now installed and operational: one at NDRRMA, seven in Nuwakot and four in Rasuwa.
- Difficult terrain, damaged infrastructure, and power shortages continue to hinder the transport of technical equipment and fuel to affected and remote areas. Helicopter support is required to deliver fuel to locations without electricity.

Electricity Restoration and Fuel Supply

- Electricity supply has been restored across Dhading and Nuwakot, except for some households in the flood-affected Betrawati area, and to approximately 90% of households in Rasuwa.
- Solar and other alternative energy systems continue to be distributed to households and areas in Rasuwa where electricity restoration will take longer.
- Arrangements have been requested to transport a technical expert to Thulohaku, Aamachhodingmo-1, to install a solar system for office use. Financial travel support is required.
- Fuel stocks in Nuwakot stand at 14,000 litres of petrol, 66,000 litres of diesel and 6,000 litres of aviation fuel.

- A total of 145,000 litres of aviation fuel has been transported to Nuwakot since the flood.
- Private suppliers have transported 350 cooking-gas cylinders to Rasuwa to support the restoration of market supplies.
- Requests for cooking-gas cylinders continue, but the available capacity to provide cylinders as relief remains insufficient to meet demand.

Number of Injured Being Treated at Health Facilities

Name of Health Facility	Total	Under Treatment	Referred	Discharged	Deaths
Rasuwa District Hospital, Dhunche	81		27	53	1
Trishuli Hospital, Bidur, Nuwakot	18		1	16	1
Ayurvedic Hospital, Pipaltaar, Nuwakot	20			20	
National Trauma Center, Mahabouddha	51	3	1	46	1
Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni	4	1		3	
TUTH, Kathmandu	83	8	1	73	1
NAMS/Bir Hospital, Mahabouddha	27		1	26	
Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Lalitpur	3	2		1	
Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, Thapathali	24	4		20	
Nepal APF Hospital, Balambu	8			8	
Manmohan Memorial Medical College & Teaching Hospital, Swyambhu	3			3	
Norvic International Hospital, Thapathali	3			3	
Subham International Hospital, Manmaiju	3			3	
Greencity Hospital, Tokha	4		1	3	
HAMS, Dhumbarahi	1			1	
Chirayu National hospital, Basundhara	4			4	
Grande International Hospital, Tokha	3			3	
BNB Hospital, Gwarko	3	1		2	
Dhading Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Adamghat, Gajuri	1			1	

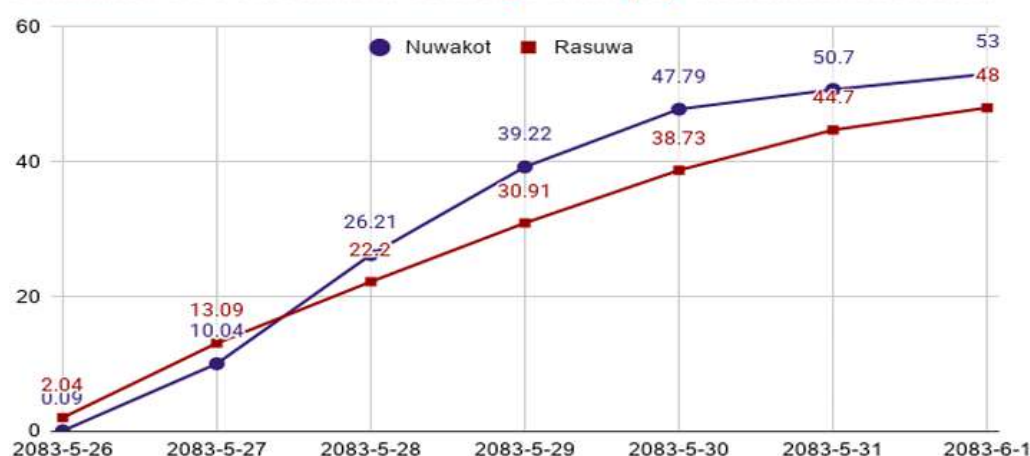
Health Sector

- As of 17 September 2026, OCV vaccination coverage reached 48% of the targeted population in Rasuwa and 53% in Nuwakot.
- Hospital treatment: 344 patients have received treatment across 19 health facilities. Of these, 290 have been discharged, 18 remain under treatment, 32 have been referred to other hospitals, and four have died during treatment.
- Emergency medical services: Six emergency medical teams remain in the field: five from Nepal APF Hospital and one from EpiNurses Nepal. Four additional teams are on standby. Emergency medical teams have provided services to 7,995 people, including 142 in the last 24 hours. A Nepal APF Hospital medical team at the Nuwakot Ayurvedic and Alternative Medicine Hospital is supporting access to care as affected people move from holding centres to alternative accommodation.
- Holding-centre health services: Health and psychosocial services are being provided at 27 holding centres: six in Rasuwa, 15 in Nuwakot, three in Dhading and three in Kathmandu. A total of 7,661 health-related services have been provided, including 1,123 health and psychosocial services in the last 24 hours. Mental health and psychosocial support and psychological first aid have reached flood-affected people across these centres.

- Mental health and psychosocial support: Psychosocial counselling has been provided to 10,768 people, including 388 in the last 24 hours. Mental health personnel, including psychiatrists and facilitators, remain deployed in affected districts and holding centres.
- Ambulance and referral services: Ambulance services for the three Kathmandu holding centres at Mustang Gumba, Yellow Gumba and Buddha Sangha Nepal are available through 102. A Nepal APF Hospital ambulance and hearse remain on standby at Balambu, and a mass-casualty vehicle remains on standby at Sinamangal to support transfers from Tribhuvan International Airport to designated hospitals.
- Forensic services: Four forensic teams comprising 12 personnel remain active in the field to support forensic examination and management of recovered remains.

OCV Campaign Progress:

Cumulative OCV Vaccination Coverage Trend (%) – Nuwakot and Rasuwa



Temporary Shelter and Accommodation

- A survey conducted from Bhadra 23 to 31 assessed the temporary accommodation needs of 2,027 flood-affected households in holding centres: 1,557 in Nuwakot, 397 in Rasuwa, 72 in Dhading and one in Chitwan.
- Among surveyed households, 80.6% expressed willingness to stay in government-supported temporary accommodation, while 66.9% expressed willingness to arrange rented accommodation with government assistance.
- Only 25.3% reported having their own land available for temporary housing, and 8.0% reported having an alternative house outside the flood-affected area.
- A total of 1,776 surveyed households reported complete damage to their homes, 218 reported partial damage, and 33 reported disrupted road access.
- The average household size was 4.77 people. Households with three to six members accounted for 74.6% of those surveyed, while 5.1% had nine or more members.

Continuing Needs and Priorities

- Search and recovery: Complete the recovery of bodies trapped at Upper Trishuli-1, continue tunnel drainage and debris clearance, and provide heavy equipment and transport support for inaccessible sites. Maintain support for the identification and management of recovered remains.
- Roads and bridges: Complete the remaining road and bridge works, expedite rope crossings at Hakubesi and Pahirebesi, and complete repairs to 20 suspension bridges within Asoj. Advance the design and tendering of urgently needed new suspension bridges.
- Electricity and communications: Restore services at the remaining damaged telecommunications sites and resolve the power supply problem at Tiru. Provide helicopter support for fuel delivery to

- sites without electricity and transport the equipment required for restoration.
- Transition from holding centres to temporary housing: Verify household needs and accommodation preferences, identify safe land for families without suitable sites, and arrange rental assistance or temporary shelter accordingly. Adapt shelter arrangements to household size and prioritize families requiring additional support.
- Education and temporary shelter: Identify safe sites for temporary learning centres where space is insufficient at existing school locations. Coordinate alternative accommodation for displaced families sheltering in schools, while ensuring children can continue their education and receive psychosocial support.
- Health and protection: Maintain health services, psychosocial support and referral arrangements as affected families move from holding centres to alternative accommodation. Continue disease surveillance, vaccination, nutrition support and follow-up care. Strengthen referral support for survivors of violence and coordinate safe accommodation and continued education for affected children.

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Organizations and agencies providing relief materials are requested to coordinate with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRMA) for record-keeping purposes. All concerned are requested to support relief management in accordance with the Authority's identified needs list. For clarification, contact: **9849281097**.