

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 15



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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

- The Rasuwa District Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee approved a district response action plan. The plan assigns responsibilities and timelines for restoring access and essential services, managing temporary shelter and relief, protecting affected people, and supporting rehabilitation.
- The Accommodation and Livelihood Grant Distribution Procedures, 2083, for people affected by the Bhotekoshi flood have been approved and circulated to the affected districts and local governments.
- A total of 344 patients have received treatment across 19 health facilities. Of these, 289 have been discharged, 19 remain under treatment, 32 have been referred to other hospitals, and four have died during treatment.
- Four findings of human remains, including one body part, have been reported following a tunnel breakthrough at Chilime. At Upper Trishuli-1, five bodies were located approximately 1,200 metres inside the tunnel accessed through Adit 3. Equipment is being brought in to release the bodies caught on cables.
- Preparations are underway to reopen the Krishnabhir section of the Prithvi Highway from 06:00 on Asoj 1. Graveling of the newly opened 250-metre track is nearing completion. Traffic remains blocked pending reopening.
- Private suppliers have transported approximately 3,000 cooking-gas cylinders to Nuwakot and 134 to Rasuwa to support the restoration of market supplies.
- Food assistance sufficient for 15 days has reached 3,584 households, covering 15,662 people in Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa. Helicopter deliveries continue to support communities without road access.
- The number of temporary learning centres or classrooms established has increased from 20 to 29, supporting the continuation of education for affected children.
- A total of 2,096 affected people are sheltering in 29 holding centres: 817 people in nine centres in Rasuwa, 1,185 in 18 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
Rasuwadgaadi Hydropower Project (120 MW)	- Heavy equipment is required to continue operations, but difficult terrain is restricting transport. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Langtang Hydropower Project (20 MW)	- A joint Nepal Army and Chinese DART team searched approximately 170 metres inside the tunnel using a thermal drone. Teams also entered on foot and searched up to the same distance. Nothing was found. - Approximately 30 metres remains to be searched. Operations continue with project representatives. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Chilime Hydropower Project (22 MW)	- Search operations covered 150 metres of the 250-metre tunnel, with debris fully cleared from 80 metres of this section. - Teams from the Nepal Army, Indian Army, NDRF and the project worked through the night. The Armed Police Force supported tunnel searches and transported relief supplies using a rope crossing. - Debris removal and pumping continue, as high water levels have restricted access. Nepal Army personnel equipped with scuba gear have been deployed. - Following a tunnel breakthrough, a team including divers searched to the end of the tunnel. Four human bodies (including one human body part) were reported - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project (216 MW)	- With Adit 1 blocked, teams entered through Adit 3 and continued clearing sludge and draining muddy water along the connecting tunnel. - Five bodies caught on cables were found approximately 1,200 metres inside the tunnel. Gas-cutting equipment is being brought in to release them. - Searches using a thermal drone have been conducted at Adit 3. A four-member search-and-rescue team reached the site at 14:45. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project (60 MW)	- Teams from the Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and the project continue searches in the tunnel and powerhouse area. - Rainfall has washed soil over the tunnel entrance. Work is underway to reopen it manually. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Trishuli 3B Hydropower Project (37 MW)	- Earlier excavation approximately two metres below the river level exposed the foundation of the project office building. - Excavation in the residential area has exposed the plinths of two residential buildings. No other structures were found in that area. - Parts of four tower-crane pillars have been found at the powerhouse site. Excavation continues. - Water continues to flow at the tunnel inlet. Adit 1 has been cleared for 476 metres and Adit 2 for 2.7 kilometres.

- A total of 4,175 people have been rescued by air, comprising 3,892 Nepali nationals and 283 foreign nationals.
- A total of 1,694 helicopter sorties have supported rescue operations and the transport of supplies.
- Nepal Army medical teams have provided treatment to 3,889 people since deployment.
- Support for the excavation, recovery and management of bodies and human remains continues.

Debris Clearance

- Devighat: Three excavators, three backhoe loaders and three tippers are deployed.
- Dhunge: Three excavators, two backhoe loaders and two tippers are deployed.
- Trishuli: One excavator and one tipper are deployed.
- Galchhi: Two excavators and one tipper are deployed.

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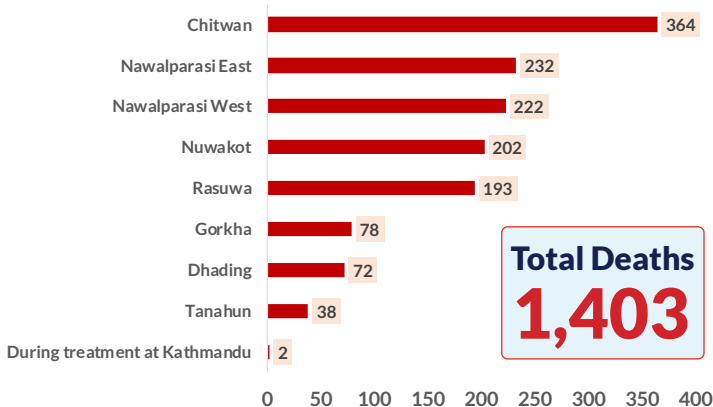
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Government of Nepal
Ministry of Home Affairs
National Disaster Risk Reduction
and Management Authority
Singhadurbar, Kathmandu

Human Casualties

including various unidentified human remains



Treated Discharged

344 289

at 19 different hospitals

Treatment provided by various security agencies: 9,496

Nepal Army Helicopter Flights

1,603

42 flights today

320 Flights
APF-Nepal
affected areas



Total Rescued

13,742



DNA samples collected

1,286

Deaths

1,889

Relatives

Details of the deceased

336

Female

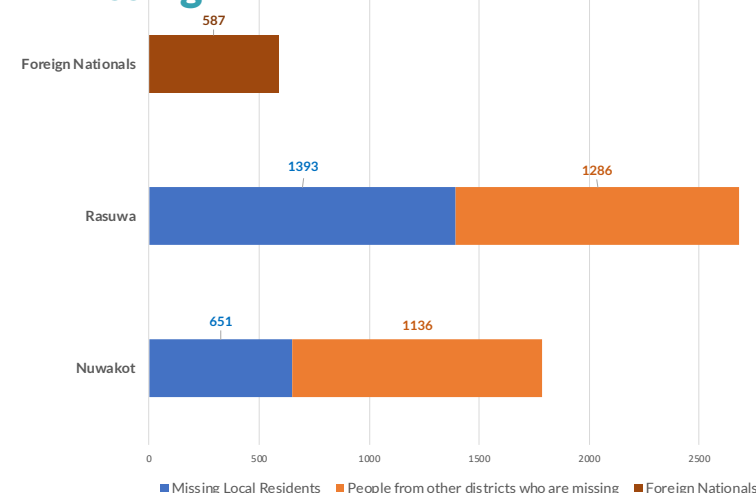
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Male

523

Human body
remains

Missing



Total Missing

6,150

* The total missing has been revised after the deduction of the identified bodies: 105



29

Holding Centers

Total People at Holding Centers

Nuwakot : 1,185

Rasuwa : 817

Dhading : 94



Fuel Stock (in liters)

Disel

59 K

Petrol

15 K

Air fuel

6 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

Prithvi Highway

- Mugling–Malekhu Section: Traffic remains blocked at Krishnabhir due to erosion at the base of the road. A 250-metre track has been opened by excavating the hillside, and graveling is nearing completion. Preparations are underway to resume traffic from 06:00 on Asoj 1.
- The proposed alternative route through Fisling Bridge to Benighat Bridge remains under procurement. Construction has yet to begin.
- At Shital Bazaar, traffic is restricted 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

- Galchhi–Devighat: The road is clear and operational. Kolphu Bridge remains open to one-lane traffic following minor repairs.

4. Bidur–Betrawati Section

- Of the 10-km section, 9.2 km is clear. The remaining 0.8 km was completely washed away. Road restoration continues, including cutting through 0.5 km of hard rock. Graveling is ongoing.
- Landslides and waterlogged ground continue to affect work on the new and existing tracks.
- Foundation excavation is underway for a Bailey bridge at Betrawati.

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.

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.

Suspension Bridges and Rope Crossings

- Rope crossings have been completed at Devighat, Indreni Chaur and Syafrubesi. Instructions have been issued to expedite two additional crossings at Hakubesi and Pahirebesi.
- Repairs are underway on five suspension bridges, with preparations underway for another 15. The

target is to complete repairs to all 20 bridges within Asoj.

- At the infrastructure review meeting on Bhadra 29, instructions were issued to expedite design and 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 13 early childhood development and education kits, 27 school kits for teachers, and 1,043 student learning kits have been provided.
- Six schools in Dhading have reopened following debris removal, cleaning and disinfection. Nine classrooms at Bhairum Secondary School, Bidur-8, have also been cleaned and disinfected.
- 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 remain out of service. Ncell's Timure site also remains out of service, while its Uttargaya-1, Tiru site remains affected by a power outage. Nearby operational towers are providing coverage where possible.
- 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 is being installed in Bidur Municipality in coordination with the Nuwakot District Administration Office. Eleven terminals are already operational: one at NDRRMA, six in Nuwakot and four in Rasuwa.
- Transporting equipment and fuel to remote sites remains difficult.

Electricity Restoration and Fuel Supply

- Dhading and Nuwakot: Electricity supply has been restored across both districts, except for some households in the flood-affected Betrawati area. Pole installation is underway from the Rasuwa side to restore supply to these households.
- Rasuwa: Electricity supply has been restored to approximately 90% of households. Solar and other alternative energy systems are being distributed where electricity restoration will take longer.
- Arrangements have been requested to send a technical expert to install a solar system for office use. Financial support for travel is required.
- Fuel stocks in Nuwakot stand at 19,000 litres of petrol, 64,000 litres of diesel and 9,000 litres of aviation fuel.
- Private suppliers have transported approximately 3,000 cooking-gas cylinders to Nuwakot and 134 to Rasuwa.
- Requests for cooking-gas cylinders continue, but the available capacity to provide cylinders as relief is 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

- **Emergency medical services:** Six emergency medical teams remain in the field, comprising five teams from Nepal APF Hospital and one EPI nurse team. Emergency medical teams have treated 7,853 cases since deployment. An ambulance remains on standby for Kathmandu holding centres, and a mass-casualty vehicle is stationed at Tribhuvan International Airport, Sinamangal.
- **Forensic services:** Four forensic teams comprising 12 personnel remain in the field to support the examination and identification of recovered remains.
- **Disease surveillance:** Three cases were reported in the last 24 hours: one fever case, one case of fever with cough, and one case of acute gastroenteritis. No cases of fever with rash or animal bite were reported. Disease surveillance and public-health investigations continue in affected areas and holding centres.
- **Mental health and psychosocial support:** A total of 10,382 service contacts has been recorded. In the last 24 hours, support was provided to 524 people across Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Kathmandu and Bharatpur.
- **Holding-centre health services:** Health services were provided to 776 people at holding centres in the last 24 hours: 148 in Rasuwa, 329 in Nuwakot, 235 in Dhading and 64 in Kathmandu.
- **Reproductive health and nutrition:** Telephone follow-up has been conducted with pregnant and postpartum women in affected areas of Rasuwa and Nuwakot. Advice and referral coordination with hospitals in Kathmandu have been provided as needed. Nutrition cluster meetings in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading have developed response plans. Orientation on nutrition assessment has been completed in Rasuwa, and assessments of outpatient therapeutic centres are underway.

- **Medicines and supplies:** A total of 1,188,000 chlorine tablets, 10,000 malaria rapid diagnostic test kits and 2,000 dengue rapid diagnostic test kits, along with intravenous fluids and other supplies, have been provided to the Provincial Health Logistics Management Centre in Gandaki. Medicines and supplies have also been provided to Nepal Senior Care for flood-affected older people. Approximately 280 types of medicines and health supplies remain in stock.
- **HIV services:** Follow-up monitoring has covered 207 people living with HIV in Nuwakot. Food and non-food relief supplies have been distributed to 30 people living with HIV in Nuwakot and 20 in Dhading. Relief and nutrition support has also been provided to displaced people from key populations and their families in Chitwan.
- **Food safety:** Personnel have been assigned to inspect food collected and distributed through relief collection centres and to coordinate food-safety monitoring with the agencies managing those centres.

Food Security and Relief Assistance

- A total of 128.45 metric tonnes of food has been distributed to 3,584 households, covering 15,662 people in Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa, sufficient for 15 days. Distribution has been coordinated with district disaster management committees and local governments.
- Cumulative food transport to the three districts has reached 159.9 metric tonnes, including 57.4 metric tonnes delivered by helicopter to areas without road access.
- Emergency food assistance has also been provided to 700 flood-affected and at-risk households: 300 in Rasuwa, 250 in Nuwakot and 150 in Dhading. Veterinary medicines and disinfectants have been supplied to Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading and Tanahun.
- A total of 215 food baskets has been distributed in Belkotgadhi Municipality-7, Nuwakot. The baskets contain rice, lentils, oil and salt, sufficient for 30 days.
- Five ready-to-eat food kits were distributed in Uttargaya-3 on 15 September. Five additional ready-to-cook food packages have also been distributed in the same ward.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Environment is preparing a rapid food-security and livelihoods assessment to identify household needs, agricultural damage and livelihood impacts, and guide early recovery assistance.
- An additional 70 kitchen-utensil sets were distributed to affected families in Uttargaya Wards 4 and 5 on 15 and 16 September.
- Damaged roads and rising transport costs continue to restrict food delivery to remote communities. A community kitchen in Rasuwa also faces a shortage of cooking-gas cylinders.

Continuing Needs and Priorities

- **Search and recovery:** Provide heavy equipment and transport support for inaccessible sites, continue tunnel drainage and debris clearance, and support the safe recovery and identification of human remains.
- **Transition from holding centres to temporary housing:** Identify and confirm beneficiaries, identify safe land, construct temporary housing, and support accommodation and livelihoods through coordination among federal, provincial and local governments.
- **Roads and bridges:** Complete the remaining road restoration and bridge works, maintain alternative routes, and expedite rope crossings and suspension-bridge repairs to restore access to isolated communities.
- **Electricity and communications:** Restore supply to households and telecommunications sites still without service. Arrange transport of fuel, equipment and technical personnel, and provide alternative energy systems where restoration will take longer.
- **Education and temporary shelter:** Identify suitable sites for temporary accommodation and learning centres. Relocate shelters from schools to allow regular classes to resume while

maintaining support for displaced families.

- Health and protection: Maintain vaccination, medicine supplies, disease surveillance and health services at holding centres. Continue psychosocial support, nutrition assessments and follow-up care for pregnant and postpartum women, with attention to children, older people and persons with disabilities.
- Food security and livelihoods: Maintain food deliveries to remote communities and address transport constraints and cooking-gas needs at community kitchens. Provide veterinary care, animal feed and shelter, and agricultural inputs to support the resumption of farming.

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