

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 05



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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

Search and Rescue Operations

- One female who was trapped under house debris in Betrawati was successfully rescued and taken to Birendra Hospital, Chhauni, for further medical treatment.
- At the Trishuli 3-A Hydropower Project, two individuals were rescued alive, and one deceased body was recovered from the tunnel.
- At Upper Trishuli-1 (UT-1) Hydropower Project, search and rescue operations conducted using infrared (IR) and thermal drones, detected no signs of life. Following the earlier successful rescue of one Chinese national, the Chinese search and rescue team has demobilized.
- Intensive subsurface search operations are actively underway inside various power project tunnels: Trishuli 3-A (up to 160 meters), Trishuli 3-B (up to 30 meters via helicopter-dropped excavator), Rasuwagadhi (up to 275 meters), Langtang (up to 150 meters), Chilime (up to 170 meters), and the head/tailrace sections of Upper Trishuli-1.
- At the Chilime Hydropower Project, Mud pumps, generators, and water pumps were deployed via air-drop. A mini excavator was successfully transported using helicopter sling operations, assembled on-site, and dispatched to the tunnel zone.
- At the Trishuli 3-B hydropower project, an additional mini excavator and three Bobcats have been mobilized to clear mud accumulation in the residential compound.
- At the Rasuwagadhi & Langtang hydropower projects, Close Quarter Reconnaissance Teams (CQRT) reached the powerhouse and Control Point at Rasuwagadhi; however, heavy machinery mobilization remains constrained due to severe topographical challenges. Clearance of debris and heavy boulders along the Langtang hydropower project outlet channel remains ongoing.
- Troops under the Disaster Response Command Center in Nuwakot have established bases in various locations across Nuwakot and Rasuwa to conduct search and rescue operations.
- Bailey bridge installation over the Tadi River at Devighat along the Galchhi-Trishuli road section has started.
- Search and rescue team has completed metal detection and visual search within a 300-meter perimeter around Devighat.
- Reconnaissance via drones and helicopters was conducted in suitable locations in Rasuwa and Nuwakot to install temporary twin-cable crossings (tuin) to facilitate relief distribution.
- Media personnel from national and international outlets were taken on an observation visit to the flood-affected areas to brief them on the situation.
- Installation of Nepal's national flag at the border area.
- Power supply has been restored to 99.8% of households in Dhading, 96.7% in Nuwakot, and 78% in Rasuwa.
- A total of 316 patients were treated across 19 health facilities: 210 have been discharged, 72 remain under treatment, 30 were referred to other hospitals, and 4 died during treatment.
- According to information received from the District Administration Offices (DAOs), a total of 960 affected persons are currently staying across 12 holding centres in Rasuwa, 2,714 persons across 25 holding centres in Nuwakot, and 238 persons across 2 holding centres in Dhading. Thus, a total of 3,912 affected persons are taking shelter across 39



holding centres.

- The 'Situation Room' at the NDRRMA communicates with each local level/ward directly every day to prepare a daily municipality-level 'report card' (covering status and needs).
- Daily Command Post meetings and mobilization team briefing sessions are being conducted at NDRRMA to review assigned responsibilities, tasks completed, emerging issues and challenges, and corresponding mitigation measures.

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	1	15	1
Ayurvedic Hospital, Pipaltaar, Nuwakot	20	1		19	
National Trauma Center, Mahabouddha	50	12	1	36	1
Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni	3	3			
TUTH, Kathmandu	79	29		49	1
NAMS/Bir Hospital, Mahabouddha	22	8		14	
Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Lalitpur	1			1	
Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, Thapathali	14	12		2	
Nepal APF Hospital, Balambu	6	1		5	
Manmohan Memorial Medical College & Teaching Hospital, Swyambhu	3			3	
Norvic International Hospital, Thapathali	3			3	
Subham International Hospital, Manmaiju	3			3	
Greencity Hospital, Tokha	3	1	1	1	
HAMS, Dhumbarahi	1			1	
Chirayu National hospital, Basundhara	2	1		1	
Grande International Hospital, Tokha	3	1		2	
BNB Hospital, Gwarko	3	1		2	
Dhading Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Adamghat, Gajuri	1	1			

Transportation

Regarding Traffic Management

- Galchhi-Devighat Section: Clearing of mud/slurry accumulated on the road near Thuli Khola is ongoing. Commercial study for repairs on Kolfu Bridge has commenced and is in the implementation process.
- Devighat-Dhunge Section: Road is completely open (All Clear).
- Dhunge-Trishuli Section: Repair and cleaning work is in progress.
- Bidur-Betrawati Section: Out of a total 10 km, 8 km of road is operational. As the remaining 2 km was completely washed away so the work is underway to cut through 0.5 km of hard rock to construct a road.

Status of Major Highways

- Prithvi Highway: At Krishnabhir, where vehicular movement was completely obstructed due to toe cutting, a 250-meter

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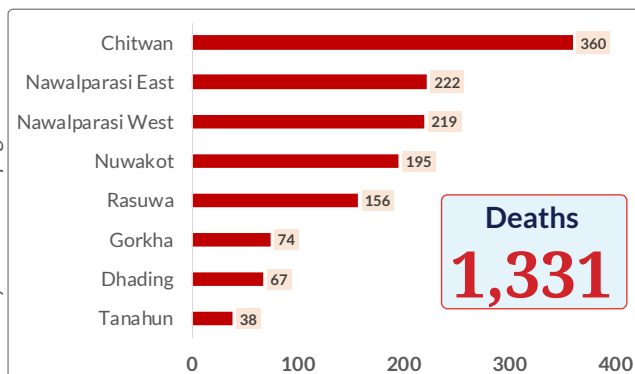
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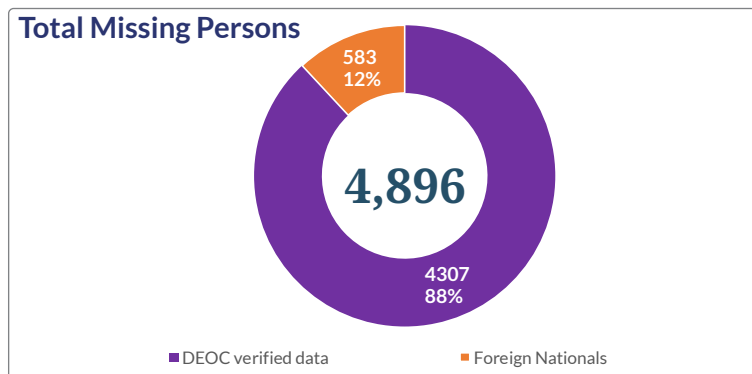


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Human Casualties Death toll, including recovered human remains

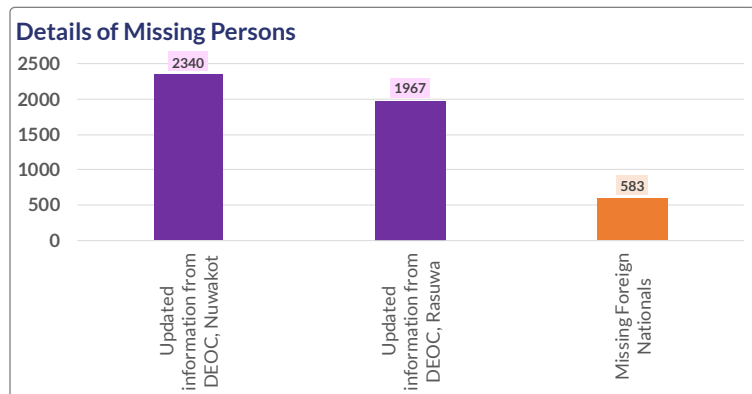


Missing



Injured
5,929
Treated
316

- Number of people provided health treatment by the Nepal Army: 3,296
- Number of people provided health treatment by the Armed Police Force: 2,316



Search, Relief, and Rescue

Total Rescued
13,101

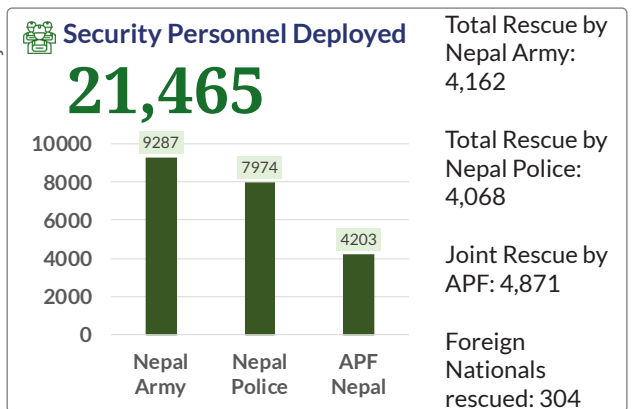
Heli-Rescue
3,962
 Foreign Nat. - 275
 Nepali - 3,684

Total Air Operations
973
 92 flights conducted today

Flights Conducted by the Private Sector:
129

Cash Relief from the Government of Nepal

District	Amount
Rasuwa	10 Mil
Nuwakot	10 Mil
Dhading	5 Mil
15 Affected Municipals	135 Mil



Holding Centers
39
 Nuwakot - 25
 Rasuwa - 12

Current Occupancy
 Dhading - 2
 Nuwakot - 2,714
 Dhading - 238
 Rasuwa - 960

Relief Material Distribution

- Food and non-food relief materials have been transported from Kathmandu to the affected areas through 83 trucks and 38 Bolero vehicles, along with 9 helicopter flights carrying relief supplies.
- Today relief materials were dispatched through 10 cargo vehicles.
- Armed Police Force has transported relief materials within Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts through 173 air operations.

Fuel Stock (in ltrs.)

Fuel Type	Stock
Disel	57K
Petrol	20K
Air fuel	13K

Dead Body Management

- Number of identified bodies received by their families: 98
- Details of unidentified bodies: <https://udb.nepalpolice.gov.np/disaster>

A Chinese national was safely rescued from Audit Tunnel No. 4 of the Upper Trishuli 1 Hydropower Project, while a 64 year old woman from Betrawati, Bidur Municipality - 10, was also safely rescued.

track has been opened on the hillside, and road widening operations remain in progress. At Parewa Bhiri, traffic is suspended daily from 06:00 to 18:00 hours to facilitate ongoing repair works, while one-way traffic remains operational at Sheetal Bazar following road subsidence.

- Tribhuvan Highway: One-way traffic is operating near Patalewan due to a landslide, and traffic has been resumed via the Nagdhunga Tunnel Way.



Alternative Routes and District Connectivity

- **Alternative Routes for Prithvi Highway (Abukhaireni–Kathmandu):**
 - Route 1: Abukhaireni – 12 Kilo – Masanethanti – Khahare – Nibel – Ghyampeshal – Arughat – Salyantar – Dhadingbesi – Parewatar – Gajutar – Mastal to Kathmandu.
 - Route 2: Abukhaireni – 12 Kilo – Masanethanti – Khahare – Nibel – Ghyampeshal – Arughat – Salyantar – Dhadingbesi – Sunaulabazar – Kalleri – Mastal to Kathmandu.
 - Route 3: Abukhaireni – 12 Kilo – Masanethanti – Khahare – Nibel – Ghyampeshal – Arughat – Benighat to Kathmandu.
- **Alternative Route Connecting Dhading District:** The road connecting Dhadingbesi – Parewatar – Nepaltar – Gajutar – Pipaltar – Adamtar – Welintar – Keurinitar to Mastal (Hamlet Restaurant) and joining Prithvi Highway is operational, and Dhading District HQ is re-established in the road network (repairs ongoing by Department of Roads).
- **Alternative Route Connecting Rasuwa District:** Due to damage on Trishuli–Betrawati Highway, repairs are being conducted through Road Division on the route: Dhikure (Mid-Hill Highway) – Phedi Besi Chowk – Hiramunitar – Chogate – Bore Bhanjyang – Sano Khola (Rasuwa) – Dhanoswara – Bhorle – Jibjibe – Bogatitar (Pasang Lhamu Highway). Following track repairs and graveling, traffic operation is being prepared for the day after tomorrow.

Bridges and Cross-River Sections

- **Devighat Bridge and Alternative Arrangements:** As the bridge over Tadi River at Devighat was washed away, transportation of a 55-meter Bailey bridge from Gajuri by the Department of Roads is ongoing, and construction/installation by the Nepali Army has commenced.
- **Alternative Route:** Pipaltar (Galchhi–Trishuli) – Pasang Lhamu Highway – Dhamale – Niranjana – BaghKhor – Hare – Deurali – Kolputar section is operational, with ongoing maintenance work.
- **Trishuli River Cross-Bank Section:** Due to damage to bridges over Trishuli River, the section connecting the cross-river area of Nuwakot from Galchhi – Trishuli bridge via the right bank of the river through Kalleritar – Koshikhola – Pimaltar – Darshantar – Chhatrekhol – Gauribesi – Trishuli Bazar is operational, with ongoing maintenance work.

Communication

Mobile BTS Service Status:

- Nepal Telecom: 117 out of total 120 BTS towers are operational.
- Ncell: 76 out of total 78 BTS towers are operational.

Sites Currently Out of Service:

- Nepal Telecom: Timure, Chilime Khola, and Trishuli 3B.
- Ncell: Timure and Uttargaya-1.

Internet and Satellite Services:

- **Satellite Phone:** A total of 30 satellite phones (20 units received from International Telecommunication Union - ITU and 10 units from Ncell) were handed over to NDRRMA.
- **Satellite Internet:** A total of 29 satellite internet terminals imported via Ncell (25 units) and DishHome (4 units) have been put into use through District Administration Offices in Rasuwa and Nuwakot.
- **Internet Service Restoration (ISP):** Internet service providers (ISPs) have restored service in Nuwakot (Dhikure, Batar, Bidur, Chaughada, Sera, Trishuli) and Dhading (Galchhi, Khanikhola, Charaudi, Malekhu, Adamghat).

Emergency Hotline 1234 Expansion:

- Additional lines (2 lines in Rasuwa and 1 line in Nuwakot) were added to the District Emergency Operation Center (DEOC) hotline number 1234.

Electricity and Energy

District-wise Power Supply Status:

- Dhading: Out of total 83,642 households, power supply has been restored to 99.8% of households (all except approximately 120 households).
- Nuwakot: Out of total 68,679 households, power supply has been restored to 96.7% of households (all except 2,273 households).
- Rasuwa: Out of total 14,281 households, power supply has been restored to approximately 78% of households. (Note: Precise measurement remains difficult due to preliminary estimates that floodwaters washed away over 700 houses).

Alternative Energy (Solar Power System):

- 13 units for office use and 500 units for household use were sent via Alternative Energy Promotion Centre.
- As power restoration in Rasuwa District is expected to take significant time, 1,268 households were identified and coordinated with District Administration Office Rasuwa for solar power distribution. Facilitation is required to transport solar panels via Air lifting to road-blocked areas.

Fuel and LP Gas Supply Status:

- Between August 26 and September 5, a total of 218,000 liters of diesel, 120,000 liters of petrol, and 111,000 liters of aviation fuel were sent to affected areas. (Only one specialized tanker is available for transporting aviation fuel).
- A total of 457 subsidized LP gas cylinders were sent to affected areas.

Water Supply and Sanitation Sector

- Contact Office and Focal Person: A liaison office was established in Gajuri, Dhading by the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management.
- Equipment Transfer: A 5 KVA diesel generator and 1,000 meters of plastic pipe were handed over to Vidur Water Supply Committee.
- Water Distribution via Tankers: Clean drinking water is being distributed regularly to affected areas using 6,000-liter water tankers via Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited (KUKL) and KVWSMB.

Education

- Damage Survey: Rapid survey led by education department is ongoing; damage details for 16 schools have been received so far (Nuwakot: 12, Dhading: 3, Rasuwa: 1).
- Learning Management:
 - Temporary Learning Center (TLC): Following finalization of transitional settlement locations, Type 1 (tent/temporary) and Type 2 (semi-permanent) learning centers will be constructed based on need.
 - Educational Material Distribution: One set of educational materials was distributed at a shelter in Bidur; partner organizations have been called upon for additional materials.
 - Textbook Management: For students who lost textbooks, respective palika has request to manage from municipal budget allocations.
- Psychosocial Counseling:
 - Psychosocial counseling is being provided to affected students and teachers in coordination with Health and Child Protection clusters.
 - Coordination with Protection Cluster is ongoing to identify and appropriately manage children who lost parents.
- Reconstruction Plan: Reconstruction of damaged schools will begin following receipt of full survey reports, as per 'Build Back Better' principles.

Details of relief materials dispatched from Tribhuvan International Airport to various districts on 20 Bhadra 2083

Category	Item	Unit	DAO DHADING	DAO RASUWA	DAO NUWAKOT	TOKHA-6-DHAPASI-NABIN JOSHI
Food & Nutrition	Biscuit	pcs				216
	Dalmot	kg				48.4
	Food -Mixed	Packet				5
	FOOD HYGIENE FLEX POSTER	pcs		100	100	
	POSTER, FOOD HYGIENE	pcs		3000	3800	
	Instant Noodles(Wai Wai)	pcs				180
	Oil	ltr				20
	Potato	kg				25
	Rice	kg				100
Health & Medical	AMOEBA RA PANI BOOKLET	pcs		1000		
	CHLORINATION FLEX POSTER	pcs		20		
	Amoeba ra Pani Booklet, Nepali	Pcs			500	
	Cholera Prevention Poster	pcs		3000	5600	
Household / NFI	Baby Clothes	pcs				16
	bowl	pcs				15
	Bucket	pcs		1100	650	60
	Dekchi/डेक्ची	pcs				4
	Gas	set				2
	Glass	pcs				15
	Karai/कडाई	pcs				2
	Kitchen set	set				2
	Mattress	Pcs				6
	Mug	pcs		1099	2300	
	P-Foam	Roll				3
	Sandle	pcs				10
	Shoes	pair				10
	Spoon	Pcs				15
WASH	Bleach Powder	bag		20		
	Colgate Paste	pc				12
	Hygiene Kit	set		729	329	
	PIYUSH Liquid				2250	
	WASH FLEX SODIS, HANDWASHING	pcs			100	
	WASH IN EMERGENCY FLIPCHART	pcs		100	160	
	WATERBORNE DISEASE PRV FLEX POSTER	pcs		30		
Shelter & Settlement	Tent	pcs	150			
Fuel & Energy	Solar Charger(PC)	pcs	150			
Protection & Dignity	Ladies Kurta	pcs				15



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