

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 14



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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

- Today's meeting of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) reviewed search, rescue, and relief operations for the Rasuwa-Bhote Koshi flood response, updates to the Disaster Response-Decision Support System, and priorities for further action. Follow-up priorities include implementing the completed RDNA recommendations, preparing the PDNA, identifying temporary shelter beneficiaries, conducting detailed damage assessments, managing debris, and restoring infrastructure, livelihoods, and essential services.
- A total of 343 patients have received treatment across 19 health facilities. Of these, 282 have been discharged, 25 remain under treatment, 32 have been referred to other hospitals, and four have died during treatment.
- At Chilime, 150 metres of the tunnel has been searched, and debris has been fully cleared from 80 metres of this section. At Trishuli 3B, excavation has exposed the office building foundation and part of a pillar at the powerhouse site.
- The alternative route to Rasuwa through Dhikure-Jibjibe-Bogatitar is now operational. Traffic has also resumed at Ratamate on the Galchhi-Devighat section following completion of hillside cutting.
- Foundation work has started for a Bailey bridge at Betrawati. At Krishnabhir, graveling of the newly opened 250-metre track is nearing completion, but traffic remains blocked.
- A total of 2,155 affected people are sheltering in 30 holding centres: 825 people in nine centres in Rasuwa, 1,236 in 19 centres in Nuwakot, and 94 in two centres in Dhading.
- Regular communication channels have been established from the Situation Room of the NDRRMA, with each local government and ward reporting daily to prepare municipality-level "Report Cards" capturing the current situation and identified needs.
- The second virtual meeting between the Central Monsoon Response Command Post and the district-level command posts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading reviewed ongoing search, rescue and relief operations, including the timing for concluding search and rescue activities. Discussions also covered temporary housing, beneficiary identification and confirmation, registration in the information system, support from development partners, organizations and the private sector, and reconstruction and rehabilitation.
- Daily meetings of the Monsoon Response Command Post and briefings by the Mobilization Team and government cluster leads continue to review assigned responsibilities, progress, challenges, and actions to address them.



Search and Rescue Operations

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

Project Name	Actions Taken
Rasuwadgaadi Hydropower Project (120 MW)	- A team comprising CQRT personnel and project representatives has reached the powerhouse, transformer room, and control room. - Heavy equipment is required to continue operations, but difficult terrain is restricting transport. Search and rescue operations continue. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Langtang Hydropower Project (20 MW)	- A joint Nepal Army and Chinese DART team entered approximately 170 meters into the tunnel and conducted a search using a thermal drone. Nothing was found during the search. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Chilime Hydropower Project (22 MW)	- Search operations have covered 150 meters of the 250-metre tunnel. Debris has been fully cleared from 80 meters of this section. - Teams from the Nepal Army, Indian Army, NDRF and the project continue the search. Teams worked in shifts through the night, and water is being pumped out of the tunnel. - The Armed Police Force is supporting tunnel searches and transporting relief supplies using a rope crossing. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing.
Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project (216 MW)	- Five Nepal Army personnel, together with project representatives, searched up to 200 meters inside Adit-1 at Hakubeshi. Nothing was found during the search. - Searches using a thermal drone have been conducted at Adit-3. With Adit-1 blocked, teams entered through Adit-3 and cleared 60 meters of debris along the connecting tunnel towards Adit-1. - Drone reconnaissance has been conducted over the residential and office areas. - Search and rescue operations are ongoing at Adit-3.
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)	- Excavation approximately two meters below the river level has exposed the foundation of the project office building. No structural remains of residential buildings A1, A2, B1, B2 and D have been found. - Part of a pillar has been found at the powerhouse site. Excavation continues. - Water continues to flow at the tunnel inlet. Adit-1 has been cleared for 476 meters and Adit-2 for 2.7 kilometers. - Excavation work is ongoing.

- Troops under the Tactical Headquarters have established bases in Nuwakot's Colony–Tupche area across the Trishuli River, in Dansing and Samari Bhanjyang, and at several locations in Rasuwa. Search and rescue operations continue from these bases.
- A Nepal Army helicopter delivered 150 kg of food and relief supplies to Adit 3 and 170 kg to the Langtang tunnel area.
- Civilian helicopter flights for relief distribution and compassionate missions are being coordinated with local administrations.
- A temporary footbridge approximately 30 meters long has been rebuilt at Betrawati, Bidur-10, on the Nuwakot–Rasuwa border. The crossing, built on Bhadra 28, was damaged by flooding following overnight rainfall.
- A Nepal Army medical team conducted field visits, health examinations, and interactions with affected individuals at the Safe House / Kriyaputri Bhawan in Ward No. 2 of Bidur Municipality and the Battar Chautara / Cold Storage holding center in Ward No. 6 of Bidur Municipality, Nuwakot district.
- The 19-member Australian DART team returned on Bhadra 29. Seven Australian forensic personnel remain in Kathmandu.
- Support for the recovery and management of human remains continues.

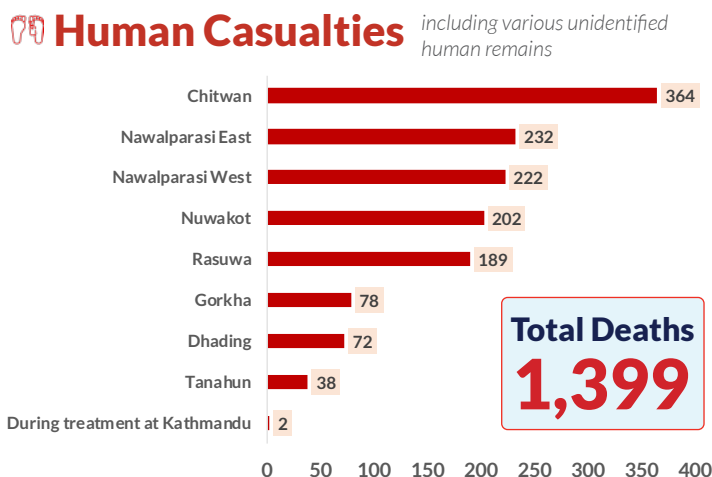
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Treated **Discharged**
343 **282**
at 19 different hospitals
Treatment provided by various security agencies: 9,496

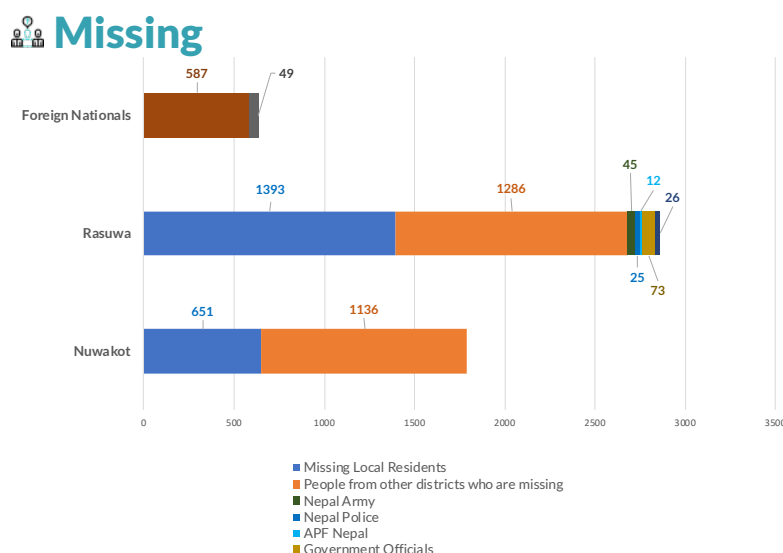
Nepal Army Helicopter Flights
1,561
30 flights today
320 Flights APF-Nepal affected areas

Total Rescued
13,742

DNA samples collected
1,286 Deaths **1,889** Relatives

Details of the deceased

336 Female **544** Male **519** Human body remains



Total Missing
5,179

30 Holding Centers
Total People at Holding Centers
Nuwakot : 1,236
Rasuwa : 825
Dhading : 94

Fuel Stock (in liters)
Disel **39** K Petrol **10** K
Air fuel **9** 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.
- The proposed alternative route through Fisling Bridge to Benighat Bridge is under procurement. Construction has yet to begin.
- At Shital Bazaar, road subsidence has restricted 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

- Galchhi–Devighat: Hillside cutting at Ratamate has been completed, and traffic has resumed. Kolphu Bridge is open to one-lane traffic following minor repairs.
- Devighat–Dhunge: The road is clear and operational.
- Dhunge–Trishuli: The road is clear and operational.

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.
- A temporary footbridge approximately 30 metres long has been rebuilt at Betrawati, Bidur-10, on the Nuwakot–Rasuwa border. The crossing, built on Bhadra 28, was damaged by flooding following overnight rainfall.

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.

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.
- Internet services have been restored in several affected locations, including Dhikure, Battar, Bidur, Chaughada, Sera, Trishuli, Galchhi, Khanikhola, Charaudi, Malekhu, Adamghat, Dhunche and Devighat.
- Free Wi-Fi is available at Bhairum Secondary School in Bidur-8, Chandrajyoti Secondary School in Bidur-5, Trishuli Holding Centre, Mustang Gumba in Swayambhu, Nilkantha School Hostel in Rasuwa, and Sulakshana School Holding Centre in Bidur-9.
- Equipment and fuel transport to remote sites remains difficult.

Electricity Restoration and Fuel Supply

- Dhading: Electricity supply has been restored across the district. The Jahare substation is operational, resolving the low-voltage problem.
- Nuwakot: Electricity supply has been restored throughout the district except the flood-affected Betrawati area, using supply from Chapali and Balaju in Kathmandu. Low voltage remains a problem. A technical assessment is underway to bring the Devighat substation into operation. A voltage stabilizer has been installed for the Bidur drinking-water pump, and a 3.36 kW solar system has been installed at Trishuli Hospital.
- Rasuwa: Electricity is available to approximately 90% of households. Supply has been restored to additional areas in Aamachhodingmo Ward 1 and Gosaikunda Ward 5. A total of 738 households in Uttargaya Wards 1 and 2 and Gosaikunda Wards 1, 2 and 3 remain without supply.
- Coordination is underway to supply electricity to 170 households in Gosaikunda Ward 3 from the 100 kW Langtang micro-hydropower plant in Ward 4. Supply will begin once local agreement is reached.
- Solar systems are being provided or arranged for households and institutions in areas where electricity restoration will take longer.
- A total of 145,000 litres of aviation fuel has been supplied, with 10,000 litres remaining at the Nuwakot barracks.
- A total of 150 cooking-gas cylinders have been sent to the Rasuwa District Administration Office. Additional supplies are being arranged in Bidur. Demand continues to exceed available supply.

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	50	4	1	44	1
Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni	4	1		3	
TUTH, Kathmandu	83	10	1	71	1
NAMS/Bir Hospital, Mahabouddha	26	4	1	21	
Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Lalitpur	3	2		1	
Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, Thapathali	23	4		19	
Nepal APF Hospital, Balambu	8	1		8	

Name of Health Facility	Total	Under Treatment	Referred	Discharged	Deaths
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	1	2	
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 7,758 cases since deployment. 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 mass-casualty vehicle remain on standby for referrals from Tribhuvan International Airport. Gosaikunda Rural Municipality's ambulance remains on standby at Dhunche helipad and has transported more than 20 affected people to Rasuwa Hospital since the response began.
- **Forensic services:** Seven forensic teams comprising 15 personnel remain deployed for the examination and identification of recovered remains.
- **Disease surveillance:** One fever case was reported in the last 24 hours. No cases of fever with cough, fever with rash, acute gastroenteritis or animal bite were reported during this period. Disease surveillance and public-health investigations continue in affected areas and holding centres.
- **Mental health and psychosocial support:** Health and psychosocial services were provided to 934 people at holding centres in the last 24 hours. Regular psychosocial counselling is being provided to security personnel deployed in Timure, where difficult conditions, prolonged separation from families and concerns about night-time emergencies have caused stress. Follow-up support is being arranged for people returning home or moving to other locations.
- **Reproductive health:** Mobile reproductive-health services have reached 581 people, comprising 431 females and 150 males. Equipment and supplies have been provided to Gajuri Primary Health Centre, and a temporary health clinic has been established at Galaudi Holding Centre in Dhading.
- **Medicines and supplies:** Ten million chlorine tablets have been received from the Government of India. Between Bhadra 27 and 29, a total of 555,677 units of medicines and health supplies were dispatched to health facilities and camps. As of 17:00 on Bhadra 29, stocks comprised 251 types of medicines and health supplies, totalling 10,900,339 units.
- **Continuing needs:** Additional oral cholera and measles-rubella vaccines, solar refrigerators, and medicines for severe and chronic illnesses are required. Helicopters and drones are being used to transport vaccines to areas without road access.

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Search and Rescue Response

Electricity Restoration



Temporary Shelter



Communication Restoration



Road Management



Health Services



WASH



Child Education



Search and Rescue



Debris Management



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Organizations and agencies providing relief materials are requested to coordinate with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) 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**.