

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 22



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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

- To date, In 19 health facilities, 300 patients have been discharged, and 8 patients are currently undergoing treatment at 3 different hospitals at Kathmandu.
- A total of 1,112 affected people is sheltered in 21 holding centers: 804 in 9 centers in Rasuwa, 187 in 8 centers in Nuwakot, and 121 in 4 centers in Dhading.
- A coordination meeting was held between the Central Monsoon Response Command Post and all 77 District Monsoon Response Command Posts under the presence of Home Secretary Mr. Kedarnath Sharma to discuss preparedness and response strategies for forecasted heavy rainfall starting from September 24. The discussion focused on potential rainfall scenarios, necessary precautions in high-risk districts, public information dissemination, and traffic movement restrictions, bringing together key stakeholders from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal Meteorological Department, Flood Forecasting Division, all three security forces, Nepal Tourism Board, and the Federation of Nepal Transport Entrepreneurs. During the meeting, Dr. Dharmaraj Upreti, Executive Chief of the NDRRMA, urged all relevant authorities in vulnerable areas to adopt high vigilance and remain in a state of full readiness.
- Arrangements have been made to hold daily meetings of the Monsoon Response Command Post and briefing sessions with the Mobilization Team to review assigned responsibilities (TOR), executed activities, as well as associated problems, challenges, and resolution efforts.
- Daily municipality-level Report Cards (covering current conditions and immediate needs) are being prepared by establishing direct contact with each local level and ward through the Situation Room located at NDRRMA.



Search and Rescue Operations

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

Project Name	Actions Taken
Rasuwaagadhi Hydropower Project (120 MW)	• A joint team comprising the Close Quarter Rescue Team (CQRT) and project representatives reached the powerhouse, transformer room, and control room; however, no human remains or relevant objects were recovered during the search operations in and around the area. • Following a joint on-site inspection by the Rasuwa District Security Committee and the project management team, authorities determined that immediate search and rescue operations are no longer required at the affected site. • Search and rescue operations is ongoing. • Due to challenging geographical terrain, significant difficulties were encountered in transporting essential heavy equipment to the affected sites for search and rescue operations.

Project Name	Actions Taken
Langtang Hydropower Project (20 MW)	- Joint team comprising the Nepali Army and the Chinese DART entered approximately 170 meters into the Audit-3 tunnel of Upper Trishuli-1 and conducted search operations using a Thermal Drone; however, no remains were recovered. 170-meter section of the tunnel has been cleared manually, with only 30 meters remaining to be cleared. - Following a joint on-site inspection by the Rasuwa District Security Committee and the project management team, authorities determined that immediate search and rescue operations are no longer required at the affected site. - Suspension of Rescue Operations and Debris Management Decision: A meeting between the District Security Committee, Rasuwa, and the Managing Director of the project concluded that immediate search and rescue operations are no longer required at the site; clearing of debris at the powerhouse will be undertaken directly by the project company. - Continuity of Search Efforts: Search and rescue operations is ongoing.
Chilime Hydropower Project (22 MW)	- Armed Police Force (APF) Nepal continues transporting relief materials via tuina and carrying out search operations inside the tunnel. - A specialized Nepal Army team equipped with scuba gear is actively engaged in search and rescue efforts. - Cleared 250 m of the tunnel up to the control room, recovering 5 bodies; drained accumulated water using water pumps and cleared 80 m of debris. - Following a joint on-site inspection by the Rasuwa District Security Committee and the project management team, authorities determined that immediate search and rescue operations are no longer required at the affected site.
Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project (216 MW)	Tunnel Operations & Body Recoveries: - Recovered 6 bodies from Audit 3 tunnel (Haku Besi) after using 3 grinders, 1 gas cutter, and 2 rotary rescue saws to cut through structural steel mesh. - Extracted 31 additional bodies by cutting through heavy iron structures using grinders, gas cutters, and rotary saws. - Cleared 2,200 m of debris along Axis connecting Audit 3 to Audit 1. Inspection & Search Efforts: - Searched 200 m inside Audit 1 tunnel (Haku Besi) with project representatives and a 5-member Nepal Army team, with no remains found. - Conducted search operations at Upper Trishuli Audit 3 using thermal drones, while Korean teams performed drone reconnaissance over residential and office areas. - Executed manual joint search operations at Audit 3 with Nepal Army and Chinese personnel. Logistics & Structural Challenges: - Airlifted an excavator body to the project site via a Nepal Army helicopter. - Operation suspended at Audit 3 per project engineers, as heavy equipment (excavators) cannot operate due to scattered trucks, compressors, iron mesh, and submerged machinery. Operational Status: Search and rescue efforts remain continuously underway across other active sectors.
Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project (60 MW)	- A joint team comprising security forces and project representatives conducted search operations in the tunnel, powerhouse, and surrounding areas; no remains were found. - Following a joint on-site inspection by the Rasuwa District Security Committee and the project management team, authorities determined that immediate search and rescue operations are no longer required at the affected site. - Search and rescue operations remain continuously underway.
Trishuli 3B Hydropower Project (37 MW)	- Excavation up to 2 meters below riverbed level located the foundation of the project office building, but no structural trace of the residential quarters (Buildings A1, A2, B1, B2, and D) was found. - Water remains flowing through the inlet area, while clearance operations have successfully cleared 476 meters of Audit-1 and 2.7 km of Audit-2. - Joint site inspections by project engineers and security forces yielded no human remains; search and rescue operations remain continuously underway.

Rasuwa Flood: Search, Rescue, and Relief Update

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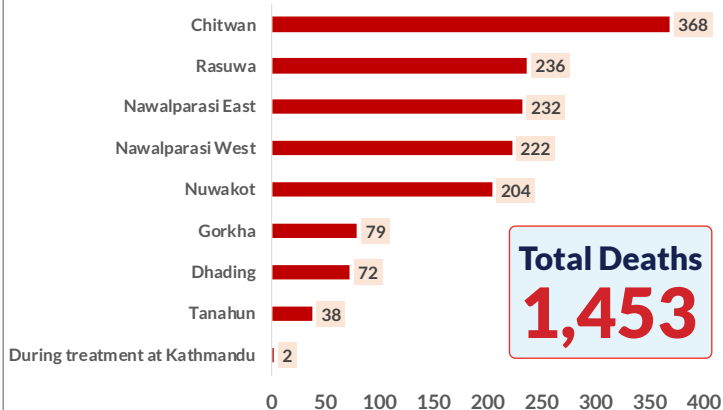
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Human Casualties

including various unidentified human remains



Treated

- Currently, 8 people are undergoing treatment at 3 different hospitals.
- Medical treatment provided by various security forces: 10,854

Nepal Army
Helicopter Flights

30

flights conduct to affected areas today



Total Rescued

13,795



DNA samples collected

1,329

Deaths

2,035

Relatives

Details of the deceased

336

Female

585

Male

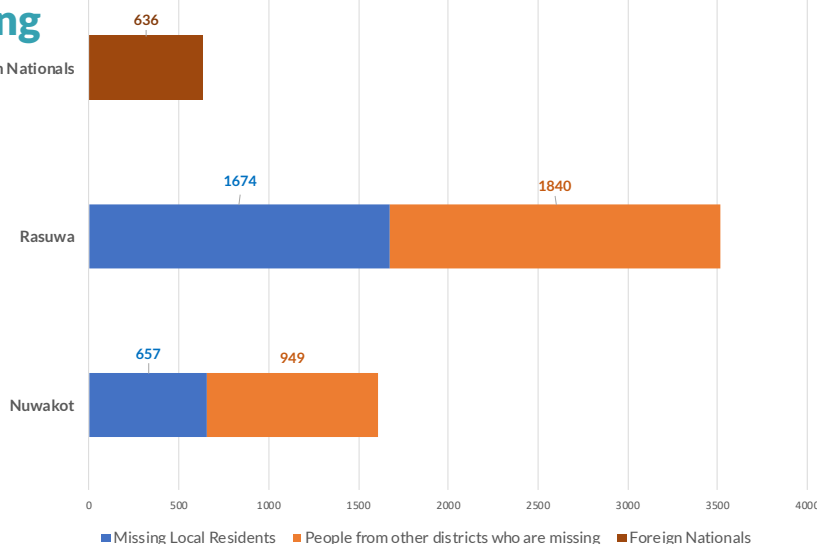
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Human body remains



Missing

Foreign Nationals



Total Missing
5,644

* The no. of dead body handover i.e 112 has been deducted from the total count of missing persons

Alternative Housing and Livelihood Grant

- 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.
- The process for receiving the grant has been established and sent to the concerned local government for implementation.



21 Holding Centers

Total People at Holding Centers

Nuwakot : 187
Rasuwa : 804
Dhading : 121



Security Forces Mobilised

20,929

The aforementioned figure for missing persons may include unidentified bodies, some rescued individuals, and duplicate entries.

As the process of verifying the data is currently underway, the stated number of missing persons is subject to change.

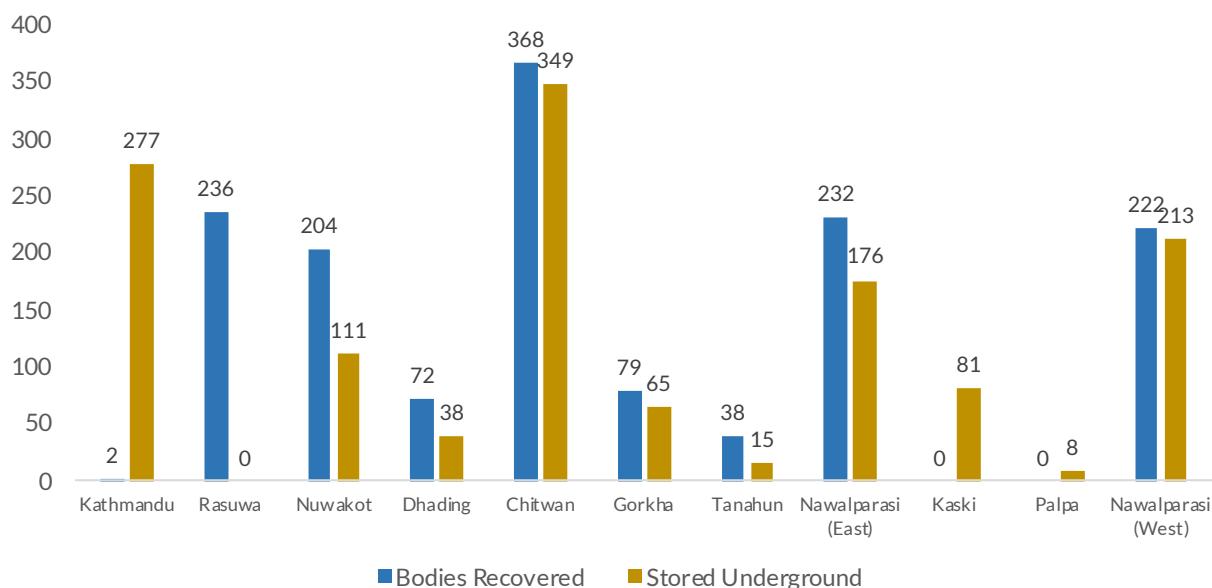


* For DNA testing, samples can be submitted to the relevant District Police Office, along with two photographs and proof of relationship.

Dead Body Management and Collected DNA Samples

District-wise rescue and dead bodies management

- Total Recovered/Rescued Bodies: 1,453
- Safely Stored Underground: 1,333
- Handed Over to Families: 112



Comparison of District-wise Recovered Bodies and Underground Safe Storage

Forensic Laboratories Conducting DNA Testing (3,364)

- Deceased DNA samples collected: 1,329
- Reference DNA samples collected from relatives of missing personnels: 2,035

International Forensic Expert Teams

- India: 19 (DNA experts)
- Singapore: 2 (Fingerprint experts)
- South Korea: 3 (DNA experts)
- United States: 3 (Fingerprint experts)
- China: 15 (DNA experts)

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.

Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Sector

1. Prithvi Highway

- Mugling – Malekhu Section:
 - Two-way traffic movement has resumed along the Krishnabhir section.
 - Two-way traffic movement has resumed along the road at Sheetal Bazar.

2. Tribhuvan Highway

- Due to landslides near Nagdhunga and Pataleban, the road was obstructed and is currently limited to one-way traffic. Traffic movement through the Nagdhunga Tunnel remains continuously operational.

3. Galchhi–Devighat–Dhunge–Trishuli Section

- Vehicular movement has been fully restored from Galchhi via Devighat to Battar, Vidur, Trishuli, and Gerkhu.

4. Bidur–Betrawati Section

- Out of the total 10 km length of the Bidur–Betrawati road section, 9.5 km has been restored for traffic. As the remaining 0.5 km section was completely washed away by floods, new road construction has been initiated by blasting hard rock in coordination with the Nepali Army. Additionally, foundation excavation for the construction of a Bailey Bridge at Betrawati has commenced, and necessary bridge construction materials are being transported to the site.

5. 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 to 20 suspension bridges are targeted for completion within Asoj. Repairs are underway on five bridges, while procurement is progressing for the remaining 15.
- Design and construction tendering for urgently needed new suspension bridges are being expedited.



Education Sector

Establishment of Temporary Learning Centers (TLC):

- A total of 52 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) and classrooms have been successfully established across Nuwakot and Dhading districts.
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):
- 3 temporary toilets were installed at Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School, Nuwakot.
- Hygiene supplies were distributed to students at the same school, including 352 pieces of soap, 2,400 sachets of shampoo, 20 liters of toilet cleaner, and 360 packs of sanitary pads.

Distribution of Educational and Learning Materials:

- A total of 25 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits were distributed for children in Nuwakot, Dhading, and Rasuwa.
- 41 school kits were handed over to teachers across Nuwakot, Dhading, and Rasuwa.
- Student kits were provided to a total of 2,698 students—including those in private schools—across Dhading, Nuwakot, Rasuwa, and Kathmandu.
- Human Resource Deployment:
- 9 Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED) volunteer facilitators were deployed in affected areas of Nuwakot and Dhading.

School Resumption and Debris Management:

- 6 schools in Dhading were fully reopened following debris clearance operations.
- Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School in Nuwakot resumed classes through temporary structures.
- Cleaning and disinfection were completed at Ranabhuwaneshwori Secondary School, Kshetrapal Basic School, Sulakshana Secondary School (13 classrooms), Bhairum Secondary School (9 classrooms), and Trishuli Basic School in Nuwakot.

Psychosocial Counseling and Capacity Building:

- A total of 551 children in Dhading, Nuwakot, and Rasuwa received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Psychological First Aid (PFA) services.
- Direct psychosocial counseling services were provided to 428 children.
- A 2-day 'Recovery and Rapid Learning' training was conducted for 30 teachers from 10 schools in Galchhi Rural Municipality.
- A workshop on 'Psychological First Aid and Teaching Facilitation in Emergencies' was held for 32 teachers at Rising Star Academy, Dhading.
- A psychological support session was conducted for 31 participants (including 16 children) at Bhimsen Basic School, Nuwakot.

Electricity and Energy Restoration

- Electricity supply has been fully restored across all areas, except for 46 households in Dahalfedi (Ward No. 1) and 40 households in Lingling (Ward No. 3) of Gosaikunda Rural Municipality, Rasuwa district.

Communication Sector

- Nepal Telecom: 117 out of a total of 120 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) towers have been restored to operational status.
- Ncell: 76 out of a total of 78 BTS towers have been restored to operational status.
- Due to a transformer malfunction, Ncell's sites located at Gotlang (1) and Goljung (1) in Rasuwa experienced an outage; efforts are currently underway to restore the sites via a Low Tension (LT) Line in coordination with the Nepal Electricity Authority.
- Internet Services: Internet connectivity has been restored through Internet Service Providers (ISPs) across major market centers and areas in Nuwakot, Dhading, and Rasuwa.
- Free Wi-Fi services have been operationalized across relief camps and holding centers, including Vidur (Bhairum Secondary School, Chandrajyoti Secondary School, Sulakshana School), Trishuli Holding Center, Swayambhu (Mustang Gumba), and Rasuwa.
- To enhance emergency communication, additional lines have been connected at the Rasuwa and Nuwakot DEOCs, and the emergency hotline (1234) has been operationalized.
- A total of 30 satellite phones received from ITU and Ncell have been handed over to the affected districts through the Authority.
- Out of 29 satellite internet terminals, 12 terminals (1 at the Authority, 7 in Nuwakot, and 4 in Rasuwa) have been installed and operationalized.
- Logistics and Fuel Transport Coordination: Continuous coordination is being maintained with relevant agencies to transport technical equipment and fuel to inaccessible areas for the repair and maintenance of communication infrastructure.

Health Sector**Emergency Medical Team (EMT) Deployment:**

- Out of 36 Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs), 6 teams (from APF Hospital) are actively deployed in the field, with an additional 6 teams placed on standby support.
- A total of 8,717 individuals have received medical services to date, including 171 beneficiaries treated in the last 24 hours.
- Following road and bridge damage leading to Trishuli Hospital due to flooding in Rasuwa, Video X-Ray (USG) services have been set up at the District Ayurveda and Alternative Health Center in Nuwakot to ensure uninterrupted care.

Holding Center Management:

- A total of 21 holding centers are currently operational (6 in Rasuwa, 9 in Nuwakot, 3 in Dhading, and 3 in Kathmandu).
- To date, 11,656 health-related services have been provided, with 777 individuals receiving health and psychosocial support in the last 24 hours.

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	4	1	77	1
NAMS/Bir Hospital, Mahabouddha	27		1	26	
Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Lalitpur	3			3	
Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital, Thapathali	24			24	
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			3	
Dhading Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Adamghat, Gajuri	1			1	

- The Public Health Office collected water samples from 3 temporary shelters in Bidur Municipality-5 for water quality testing.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):

- Health facilitators, including psychiatrists, have been deployed across Kathmandu (24), Dhading (6), Rasuwa (23), and Nuwakot (38), comprising 14 dedicated helpline personnel and 91 field-deployed personnel.
- A total of 12,969 individuals have received psychosocial counseling to date, including 335 individuals in the last 24 hours.
- Complex cases identified are receiving regular follow-up care and are being referred to designated hospitals for specialized treatment as necessary.

Ambulance, Mortuary Vehicle, and Forensic Management:

- Ambulance services via the '102' hotline are on standby for holding centers in Kathmandu (Mustang Gumba, Yellow Gumba, Buddha Sangh), while APF Hospital ambulances and a Mass Casualty Vehicle are stationed on standby at TIA.
- The Gosainkunda Rural Municipality ambulance has continuously operated from the Dhunche helipad to Rasuwa Hospital, transferring over 26 severely affected individuals to date.

Forensic Response and Body Management

- Out of a total forensic response strength of 33 teams comprising 53 personnel, 3 specialized teams with 11 experts are actively deployed in the field.

WASH

- Eight water supply projects in Dhading district that were obstructed by flooding have been successfully restored and brought back into operation.
- Water chlorination systems have been installed at three key locations within Bidur Municipality.
- Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited (KUKL) is regularly distributes clean drinking water to the affected areas using three water tankers (two 6,000-liter tankers and one 9,000-liter tanker).
- Restoration of the Tallo Gerkutar Water Supply Scheme in Nuwakot district has been completed.

Food Security

- Nuwakot District: A total of 365 food baskets containing rice, pigeon peas (rahar dal), red lentils (masuro dal), cooking oil, and salt were distributed in Belkotgadhi Municipality, Ward No. 7, providing a 30-day supply for the affected households.
- Rasuwa District: A total of 352 food baskets containing rice, pigeon peas (rahar dal), red lentils (masuro dal), cooking oil, and salt were distributed in Gyang, Amachodingmo Rural Municipality-2, providing a 30-day supply for the affected households.

Emergency Needs and Priorities

- Roads & Bridges: The major priorities focus on restoring access to isolated areas by clearing debris, cutting rocks, and restoring drainage along the Betrawati section, transporting and assembling bridge components while confirming the reopening date for Devighat Bridge, and expediting the installation of rope crossings in Hakubesi and Pahirebesi.
- Education & Temporary Shelter: Identify safe land for additional learning centers where school premises are constrained; relocate families sheltering in schools to temporary shelter; and maintain learning and psychosocial support for affected children.
- Temporary Housing: Provide temporary shelter support and transition residents from holding centers into safe housing; prioritize housing rental facilities; identify secure land for vulnerable households; and update registries to verify beneficiaries while tracking rental assistance, grant disbursements, shelter status, and completed relocations.
- Health & Protection: Ensure uninterrupted healthcare, disease surveillance, psychosocial counseling, and referral services during transitional housing moves; prioritize accessible housing, safe water, medicines, assistive devices, and rehabilitation services for high-need individuals.
- WASH: Continue water quality testing and monitor restored supply systems; sustain water trucking, storage, purification, and hygiene facilities across camps and schools.
- Food Security & Livelihoods: Maintain relief supply delivery to remote areas, address cooking gas shortages, and finalize remaining food procurement.



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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.
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