

# Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

## Situation Report # 23



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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 1,107 affected people is sheltered in 21 holding centers: 799 in 9 centers in Rasuwa, 187 in 8 centers in Nuwakot, and 121 in 4 centers in Dhading.
- To date, in 19 health facilities, 301 patients have been discharged, and 7 patients are currently undergoing treatment at 3 different hospitals at Kathmandu.
- 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.
- Virtual meeting between the Central Monsoon Response Command Post and district-level command posts in Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading focused on ongoing monsoon activities, evaluating ongoing search, rescue, and relief operations, establishing a definitive timeline and exit strategy for these emergency efforts, and managing temporary housing for affected families, including beneficiary identification and data entry into the Information Management System. Additionally, the meeting addressed strengthening collaboration with development partners, organizations, and the private sector to advance recovery, reconstruction, and rehabilitation initiatives.



### Search and Rescue Operations

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

| Project Name                          | Actions Taken                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Rasuwadhi Hydropower Project (120 MW) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Search and rescue operations is ongoing.</li><li>• Due to challenging geographical terrain, significant difficulties were encountered in transporting essential heavy equipment to the affected sites for search and rescue operations.</li></ul> |

| Project Name                                 | Actions Taken                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Langtang Hydropower Project (20 MW)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>170-meter section of the tunnel has been cleared manually, with only 30 meters remaining to be cleared.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Continuity of Search Efforts: Search and rescue operations is ongoing.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Chilime Hydropower Project (22 MW)           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armed Police Force (APF) Nepal continues transporting relief materials via tuina and carrying out search operations inside the tunnel.</li> <li>A specialized Nepal Army team equipped with scuba gear is actively engaged in search and rescue efforts.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project (216 MW) | <p><b>Tunnel Operations &amp; Body Recoveries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Extracted 31 additional bodies by cutting through heavy iron structures using grinders, gas cutters, and rotary saws.</li> <li>Cleared 2,200 m of debris along Axis connecting Audit 3 to Audit 1.</li> </ul> <p><b>Inspection &amp; Search Efforts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Searched 200 m inside Audit 1 tunnel (Haku Besi) with project representatives and a 5-member Nepal Army team, with no remains found.</li> <li>Conducted search operations at Upper Trishuli Audit 3 using thermal drones, while Korean teams performed drone reconnaissance over residential and office areas.</li> <li>Executed manual joint search operations at Audit 3 with Nepal Army and Chinese personnel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Logistics &amp; Structural Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airlifted an excavator body to the project site via a Nepal Army helicopter.</li> <li>Operation suspended at Audit 3 per project engineers, as heavy equipment (excavators) cannot operate due to scattered trucks, compressors, iron mesh, and submerged machinery.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational Status:</b> Search and rescue efforts remain continuously underway across other active sectors.</p> |
| Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project (60 MW)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A joint team comprising security forces and project representatives conducted search operations in the tunnel, powerhouse, and surrounding areas; no remains were found.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Search and rescue operations remain continuously underway.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Trishuli 3B Hydropower Project (37 MW)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Joint site inspections by project engineers and security forces yielded no human remains; search and rescue operations remain continuously underway.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Rasuwa Flood: Search, Rescue, and Relief Update

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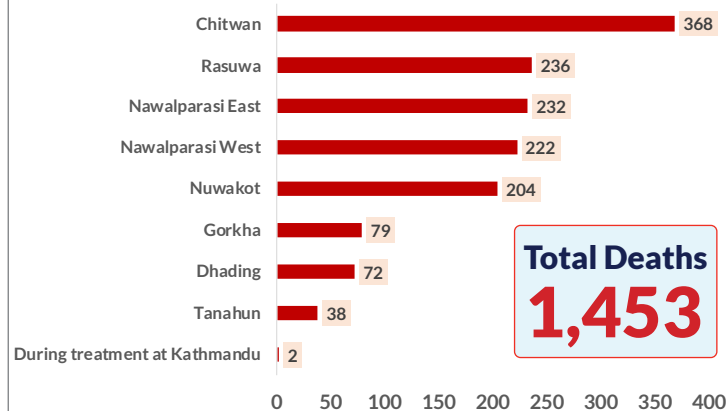
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### Human Casualties

including various unidentified human remains



### Treated

- Currently, 7 people are undergoing treatment at 3 different hospitals.
- Medical treatment provided by various security forces: 10,977

Nepal Army  
Helicopter Flights

**1**

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 **532** Human body remains

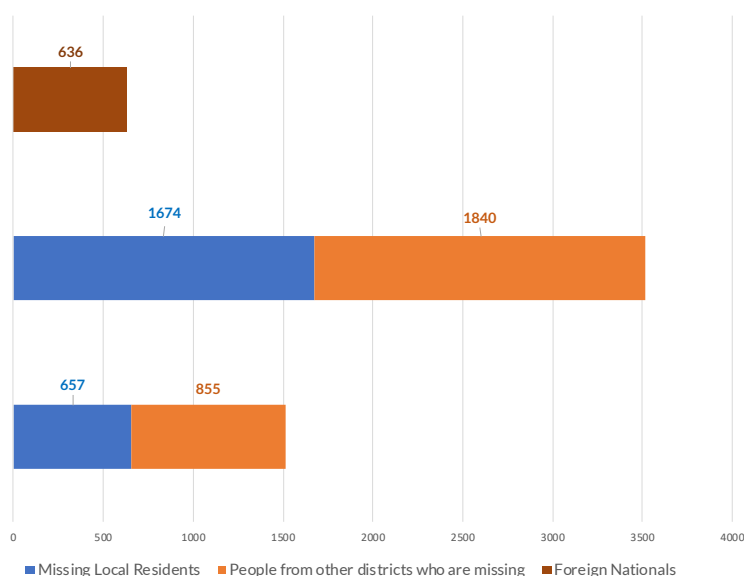


### Missing

Foreign Nationals

Rasuwa

Nuwakot



**Total Missing**  
**5,550**

\* 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 [HC: 8]  
Rasuwa : 799 [HC: 9]  
Dhading : 121 [HC: 4]



Security Forces  
Mobilised

**20,477**

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.

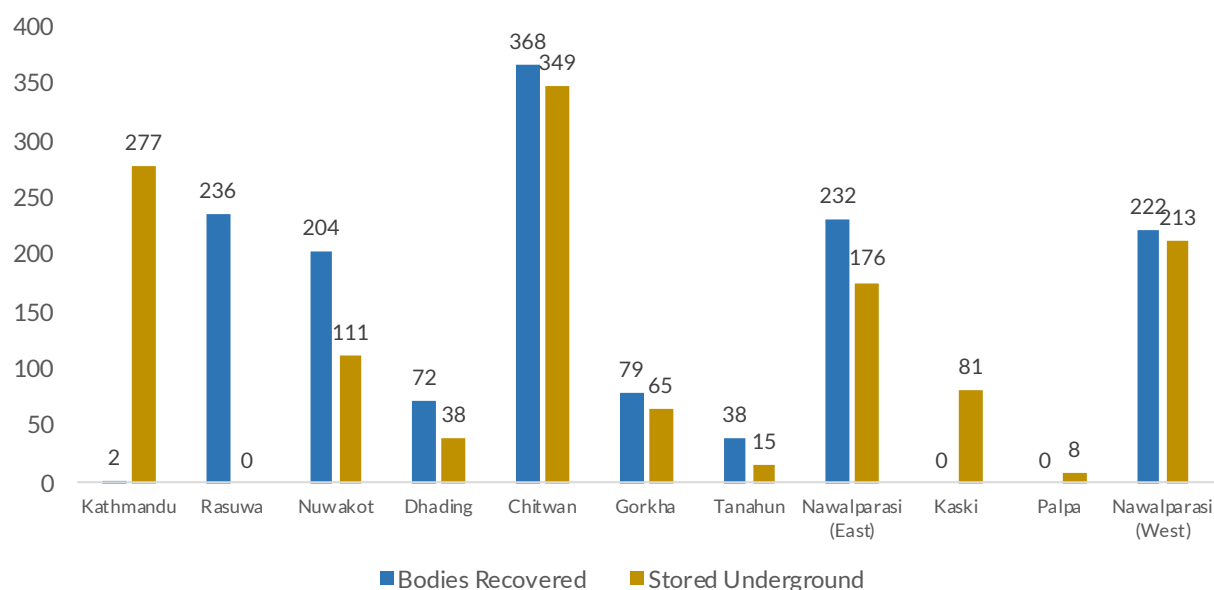


\* For DNA testing, samples can be submitted to the relevant District Police Office, along with two photographs and proof of relationship.

## 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:
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  - Two-way traffic movement has resumed along the Krishnabhir section.
  - Two-way traffic movement has resumed along the road at Sheetal Bazar.
  - Work is set to commence on an alternative route passing through the Fisling Bridge to emerge at the Benighat Bridge, with the contract process currently underway.
  - The District Administration Office, Dhading, has issued a notice restricting vehicular movement from 8:00 PM on 24 September 2026 to 5:00 AM on 25 September 2026.

## 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. (Work affected due to rainfall)

## 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

### Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) Establishment:

- A total of 53 Temporary Learning Centres (TLCs) and classrooms have been established in Nuwakot and Dhading.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):

- Three temporary toilets have been installed at Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School, Nuwakot.
- A total of 352 bars of soap, 2,400 packets of shampoo, 20 litres of toilet cleaner, and 360 packets of sanitary pads have been distributed to students of the same school.
- Distribution of Educational and Learning Materials
- A total of 30 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits have been distributed to children in Nuwakot, Dhading and Rasuwa.
- A total of 41 school kits have been provided to teachers in Nuwakot, Dhading and Rasuwa.
- A total of 3,266 students in Dhading, Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Kathmandu, including students from private schools, have received student kits.

### Human Resources Mobilization:

- Nine Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED) volunteer facilitators have been mobilized in Nuwakot and Dhading.

### School Reopening and Debris Management:

- Six schools in Dhading have been cleared of debris and fully reopened.
- Tribhuvan Trishuli Secondary School, Nuwakot has resumed operations through temporary structures.
- Cleaning and disinfection have been completed at Ran Bhuvaneshwari Secondary School, Nuwakot;

Kshetrapal Basic School; Sulakshana Secondary School (13 classrooms); Bhairum Secondary School (9 classrooms); and Trishuli Basic School.

### **Psychosocial Support and Capacity Development:**

- A total of 730 children in Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa have received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Psychological First Aid (PFA) services.
- 428 children have received psychosocial counselling services.
- A two-day Recovery and Rapid Learning training was provided to 30 teachers from 10 schools in Galchhi Rural Municipality.
- A workshop on Psychological First Aid and Teaching Facilitation in Emergency Situations was conducted for 32 teachers from Rising Star Academy, Dhading.
- A psychosocial 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.
- 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).

## 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    | 3               | 1        | 78         | 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          |        |

- To date, 11,656 health-related services have been provided, with 777 individuals receiving health and psychosocial support in the last 24 hours.
- 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.

## 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.  
 For clarification, contact: **9849281097**.