

Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response

Situation Report # 25



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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

- Led by the National Planning Commission, the Post Disaster Need Assessments (PDNA) process is underway alongside damage assessments in flood-affected areas.
- A total of 1,109 affected people is sheltered in 21 holding centers: 805 in 9 centers in Rasuwa, 183 in 8 centers in Nuwakot, and 121 in 4 centers in Dhading.
- To date, In 19 health facilities, 303 patients have been discharged, and 5 patients are currently undergoing treatment at 2 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.
- Meeting was held between the Central Monsoon Response Command Post and the District Command Posts of the three flood-affected districts-Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading. The meeting discussed and made important decisions on the identification and verification of beneficiaries affected by the Rasuwa flood, ongoing search, rescue and relief operations, efforts to restore road connectivity disrupted by the flood, and ensuring access to health services in areas where road connectivity remains disrupted, among other key issues.
- A joint meeting of the Mobilization Team formed to coordinate search, rescue, and relief operations following the Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi flood and the concerned sectoral ministries (Cluster Leads) reviewed the impacts of ongoing rainfall across various parts of the country. During the meeting, senior officials from the Department of Roads briefed the participants on the latest progress in efforts to restore road connectivity disrupted by the Rasuwa flood.
- Under the T2T (Timure-to-Triveni) initiative, a total of 1,346 police personnel have been deployed across riverbank areas in 8 affected districts for various response operations. Spanning a distance of 338 km within a total covered area of 430 sq. km, duties include search and rescue, awareness campaigns, damage data collection, citizen security assurance, information gathering, DNA-related information dissemination to affected relatives, relief and rehabilitation management, deployment of dog sniffing units and drones, criminal investigation, camp management, and traffic regulation.



Search and Rescue Operations

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

Project Name	Actions Taken
Rasuwagadhi 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. • Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall. • 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. - Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall.
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. - Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall.
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: Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall.
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. - Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall.
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. - Nepal Army remains on standby to respond to potential risks and emergencies arising from continuous rainfall.

Rasuwa Flood: Search, Rescue, and Relief Update

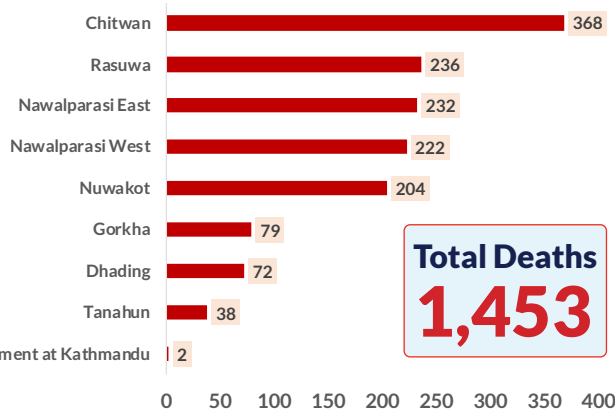
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Human Casualties including various unidentified human remains



Treated

- Currently, 5 people are undergoing treatment at 2 different hospitals.
- Medical treatment provided by various security forces: 11,026

Nepal Army
Helicopter Flights

2

flights conduct to affected areas today



Total Rescued

13,795



DNA samples collected

1,329

Deaths

2,061

Relatives

Details of
the deceased

336
Female

585
Male

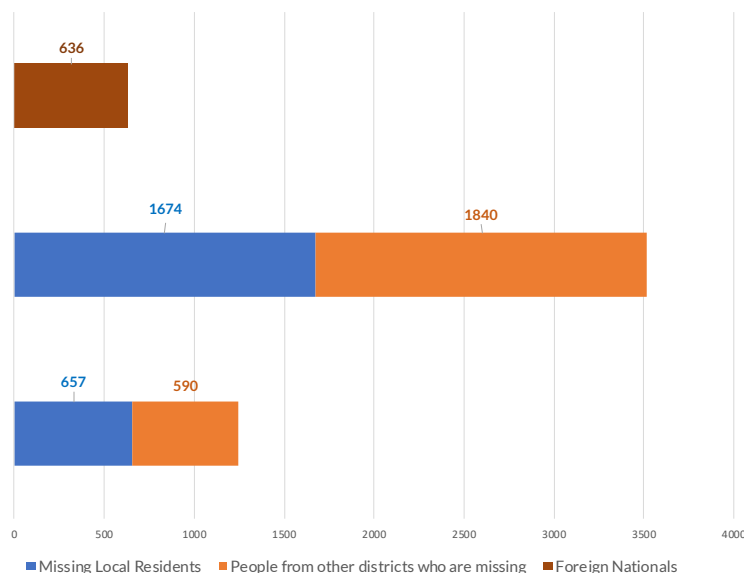
532
Human body
remains

Missing

Foreign Nationals

Rasuwa

Nuwakot



Total Missing
5,285

* 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.

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Holding Centers

Total People at Holding Centers

Nuwakot : 183 [HC: 8]
Rasuwa : 805 [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.

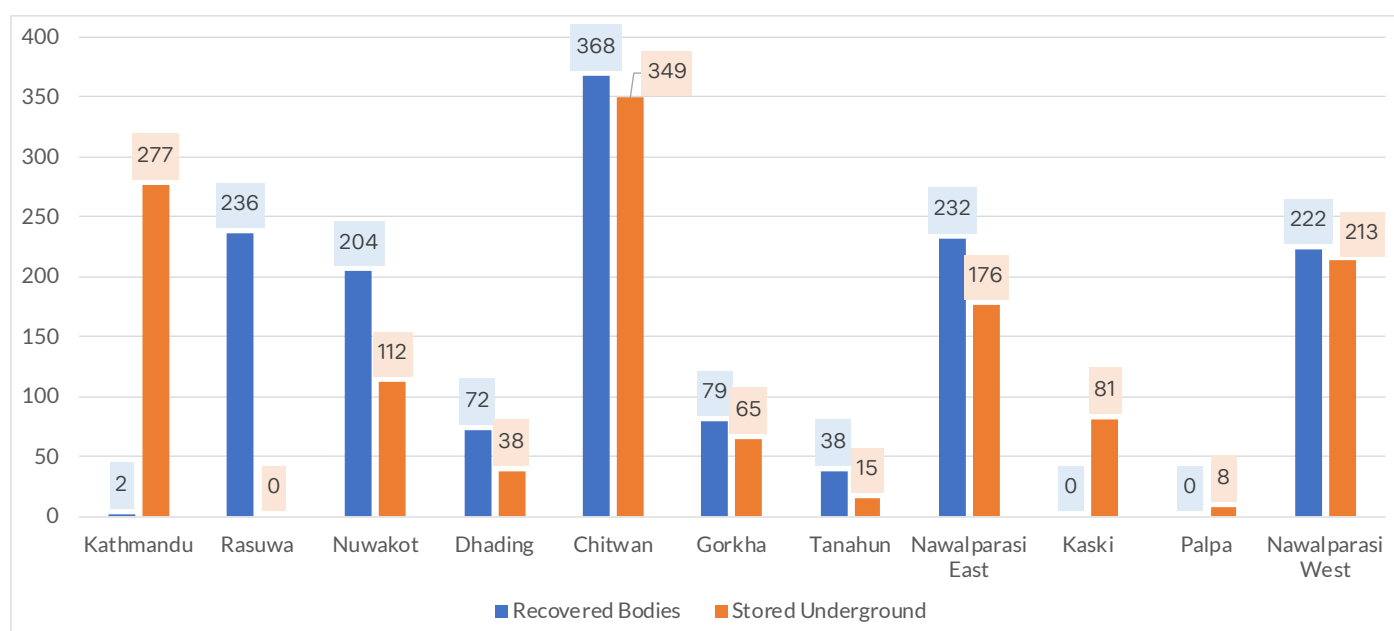


* For DNA testing, samples can be submitted to the relevant District Police Office, along with two photographs and proof of relationship.

Dead Body Management and Collected DNA Samples

District-wise rescue and dead bodies management

- Total Recovered/Rescued Bodies: 1,453
- Safely Stored Underground: 1,334
- Handed Over to Families: 112



Comparison of District-wise Recovered Bodies and Underground Safe Storage

Forensic Laboratories Conducting DNA Testing (3,391)

- Deceased DNA samples collected: 1,330
- Reference DNA samples collected from relatives of missing personnels: 2,061

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.

Shelter and Settlements

- The process of relocating affected families currently residing in holding centers to camps is underway, while beneficiary identification and verification for temporary and longer-term reconstruction process is ongoing through local governments.

Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Sector

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)/classrooms have been established in Nuwakot and Dhading districts, including 49 supported by UNICEF and 4 supported by Save the Children.
- Due to insufficient space at existing school sites for establishing TLCs, local governments and schools have been requested to identify safe and suitable alternative locations.

Distribution of Educational and Learning Materials:

- A total of 30 Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED) kits have been distributed.
- A total of 85 school kits for teachers and 3,266 student kits have been distributed to affected private-school students.

Human Resources Mobilization:

- Nine ECED volunteer facilitators have been mobilized in the affected areas of 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, Kshetrapal Basic School, Sulakshana Secondary School (13 classrooms), Bhairum Secondary School (9 classrooms), and Trishuli Basic School in Nuwakot.

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.
- 730 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:

- A total of 34 EMT deployments have been made to date, of which 28 teams have returned and 6 teams from Nepal APF Hospital are currently deployed in the field.
- A total of 149 health personnel have been mobilized, with 6 teams currently active in the field.
- A total of 9,130 people have received health services to date, including 120 people in the past 24 hours.
- Response measure: To expand health services in the Bhotekoshi flood-affected areas, an Emergency and Basic Health Service Centre has been established and operationalized at Nuwakot Ayurveda and Alternative Medicine Hospital, Tallo Pipaltar.

Holding Center Management:

- A total of 12,871 health and psychosocial support services have been provided to date, including 553 services in the past 24 hours.
- Case management and referral: A 9-year-old girl at the Pipaltar holding centre in Nuwakot was diagnosed with appendicitis and, in coordination with the District Public Health Office, Nuwakot, was referred to Kanti Children's Hospital, Kathmandu, for treatment.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):

- A total of 105 mental health facilitators and psychiatrists have been mobilized, including 14 through the helpline and 91 in the field. Deployment includes Kathmandu (6), Dhading (9), Rasuwa (22), and Nuwakot (36).
- A total of 13,703 psychosocial counselling services have been provided to date, including 144 in the past 24 hours.
- Response measure: Mental health Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials have been distributed, and the referral mechanism for specialized mental health services has been strengthened.

Ambulance, Mortuary Vehicle, and Forensic Management:

- Ambulance services have been made available to holding centres in Kathmandu through the 102 ambulance service.
- Ambulances, mortuary vehicles, and a Mass Casualty Vehicle have been kept on standby at Nepal APF Hospital, Balambu, and Sinamangal.

Forensic Response and Body Management

- A total of 33 forensic teams, comprising 53 personnel, have been mobilized.

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	2	1	47	1
Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni	4			4	
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	

- Currently, 11 forensic specialists from 3 teams are actively deployed in the field.

Protection Cluster

- Protection partners provided Psychological First Aid (PFA), individual counselling and group-based psychosocial support to 7491 people (1518 Girls, 1407 boys, 2783 adult women, 1783 adult men) including 69 elderly older people and 42 persons with disabilities through in Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS), Women Friendly Spaces (WFS), holding centres, temporary shelters, schools, communities and through helplines.
- A total of 249 frontline service providers including psychosocial counsellors, CFS facilitators, teachers and police personnel, received training on stress management and Psychological First Aid (PFA), strengthening staff wellbeing and their capacity to assist affected populations.
- A total of 45 child-friendly spaces (CFS) are operational in flood-affected areas, reaching 1570 children in the holding centres and temporary shelters with structured play, recreational activities and psychosocial support.
- 10 Women-Friendly Spaces (WFS) have been established and are operational in flood-affected areas of Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Dhading, reaching 1500 women and adolescent girls. The WFS are providing safe and accessible spaces for women and girls, with individual and group psychosocial counselling, Psychological First Aid (PFA), recreational and structured activities, and information and referrals to available protection and other essential services.

- 357 community members participated in GBV prevention and response awareness sessions conducted in communities and holding centres, strengthening awareness of GBV risks, available services and referral pathways.
- Community mobilizers were deployed at five strategic checkpoints along key movement corridors in Dhading and Nuwakot, in coordination with Nepal Police and security personnel, to conduct protection monitoring, awareness raising and referral support for populations on the move. The teams monitor approximately 20 public vehicles per checkpoint per day, with an estimated 10 passengers per vehicle, reaching around 1,000 people daily across all five checkpoints to identify cases related to family separation, trafficking, exploitation, GBV, and other protection concerns. GBV prevention and awareness messages, along with clear information on available referral services and support mechanisms, have also been displayed at the checkpoints to ensure that people on the move can easily access information and seek assistance when needed.
- A total of 102 frontline workers received orientation on the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), focusing on their responsibilities to ensure safe, accountable, and survivor-centered service delivery during the flood response.

Emergency Needs and Priorities

- **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.
- **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.
- **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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