



DCA in NEPAL | FLASH FLOOD RESPONSE

Nepal Flash Flood 2026: Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading & Downstream Districts

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Overview

The death toll from the flash floods affecting the Bote Koshi-Trishuli river system has risen sharply, with 1,453 confirmed deaths reported as of yesterday. Of the five initially most affected districts, Rasuwa and Nuwakot remain severely affected, with approximately 1.6 million people impacted, while Dhading, Gorkha, and Chitwan are moderately affected.

Nearly four weeks after the 26 August floods, the response is gradually shifting from search and rescue towards relief and recovery. Now the focus has shifted to cash assistance, holding-centre conditions, protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and restoring water, sanitation and access infrastructure.

Humanitarian Situation

Food, safe drinking water, shelter, hygiene and sanitation, health services, protection, and psychosocial support remain the priority needs for displaced households. Access to several affected areas continues to be constrained by damage to roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

DCA in Nepal, together with **Action Nepal**, is responding to the flash floods in the affected areas, prioritising women, children, the elderly, affected farmers and households. All response efforts are aligned with the Government of Nepal's priorities, response framework and coordination mechanisms.

HIGHLIGHTS (As of 28 September 2026)

1,453 Deaths confirmed

Confirmed fatalities from disaster response operations

5,285 Missing people

Out of contact (636 foreign, 4,649 Nepali citizens)

13,795 Rescued to date

Ground and helicopter emergency rescue operations

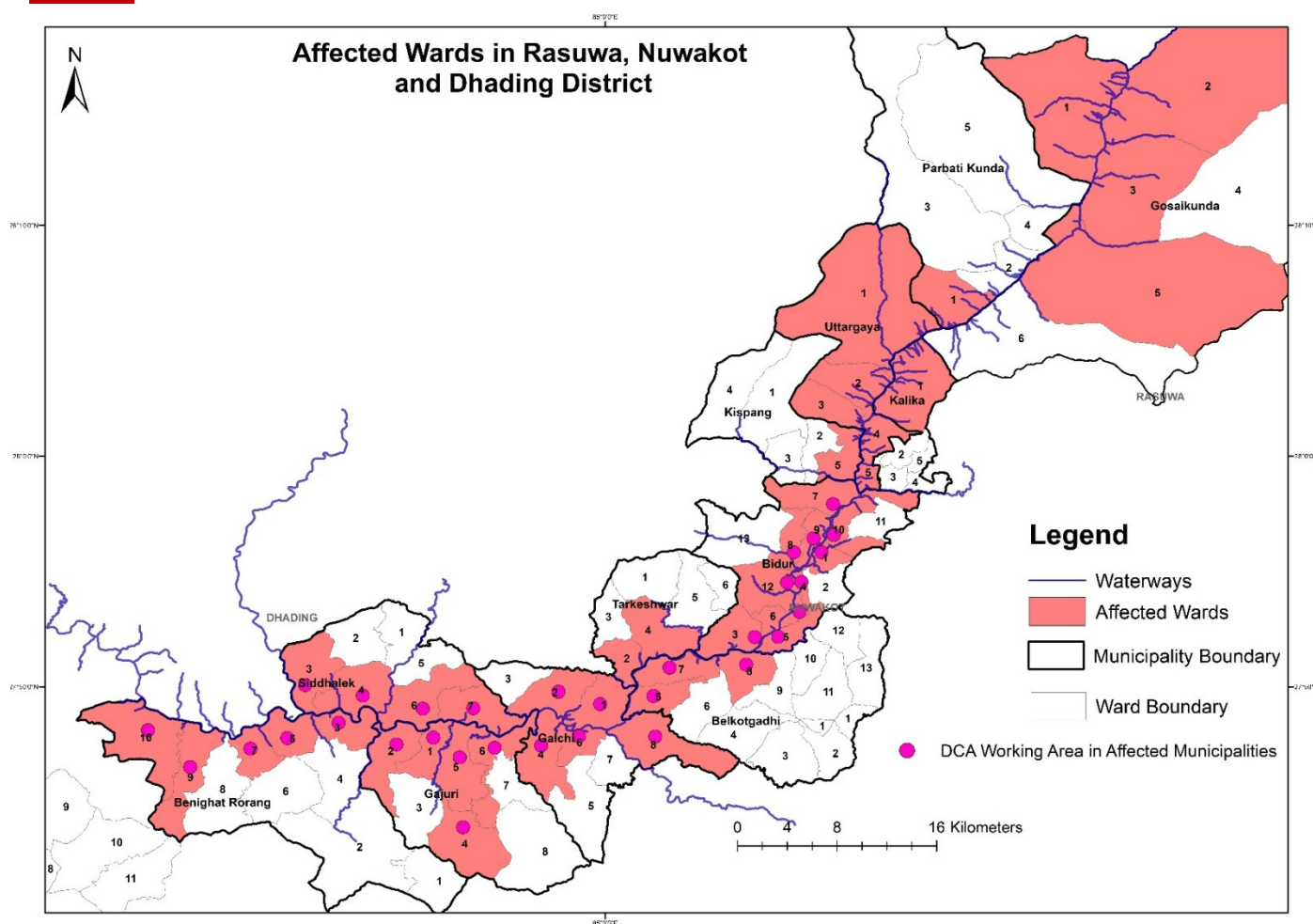
84,270 People affected (UNICEF est.)

Across 17 municipalities in 6 districts (incl. 32,021 children & 1,854 PWDs)

~1.6 million Severely affected districts

Populations impacted in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts

DCA Working Area in Nuwakot and Dhading



25600+ Households | 12,700 People Affected in DCA Working Area

Municipalities Covered: Nuwakot (Bidur and Belkotgadhi) and Dhading (Gajuri, Galchi, Benighat Rorang and Siddhalek)

- 592 Vulnerable groups in Galchi and Gajuri of Dhading, including 314 children, 224 senior citizens, 24 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), 25 lactating women, 4 single women, and 1 pregnant woman.

Our Humanitarian Response

DCA and partner organisations continue to support relief operations across Dhading and Nuwakot serving as INGO focal point and district lead in Dhading. DCA partner has established an operational office at a central location between Dhading and Nuwakot to support coordination and field operations. A dedicated staff member has been deployed in Nuwakot for coordination and data collection, in partnership with the Disaster Preparedness Network Nepal (DPNet).

Key Highlights:

- DCA continues to coordinate with WFP and the UN OCHA field team on cash-based assistance in Dhading. The first cash coordination meeting was held in Galchi, with follow-up coordination planned for Gajuri.
- Recent coordination with holding centres identified warm clothing as an immediate winter need. Additional tarpaulins have also been requested to reinforce existing tent shelter. The tarpaulins have been ordered and will be distributed upon receipt.
- DCA provided a grass-cutting machine to Siladevi Secondary School in Belkotgadhi-7 to support maintenance of the school grounds and contribute to a safer environment for children.
- A riverbank clean-up campaign has been launched in Benighat Rorang to reduce contamination, sanitation and disease risks. DCA and Action Nepal have supported roadside debris clearance in Galchi, Dhading, contributing to restoration of access and essential services.
- A temporary help desk has been established at Galchi Police Post to support coordination, information sharing and referrals for affected communities.
- Protection assessments and follow-up actions are ongoing across holding centres.
- An initial assessment of the impact of the disaster on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) has been initiated to inform potential livelihood and private-sector recovery support.

200 UNITS- SOLAR LAMP

Provided emergency solar lamps for displaced families in Nuwakot.



100 FOOD PACKAGES

Direct relief to displaced flood families in Dhading.
400 people and 100 households benefited



100 PAIRS OF GUMBOOTS

Supplied 100 pairs gumboots, 120 dead body management bags, 20 shovels, 50 boxes of gloves and 6 boxes of masks



150 UNITS TARPAULINS & 50 FAMILY TENTS

Provided immediate emergency shelter; 30 tents in Dhading, 20 tents in Nuwakot



3000 L WATER TANK

One 2,000L and one 1000 L tanks installed at Galaudi Centre in Gajuri, Dhading.

144 people benefited (66 F, 78 M)



2 HOLDING CENTRES

Supporting two holding centres in Dhading for basic needs, WASH setup, and gap assessment operations



4 TOILETS

Temporary toilets at the Amantari Holding Centre, Dhading, with support from the Nepal Army.

167 people benefited (76 F, 91 M)



2 GENERATORS

Handed to Nepal army for airlift to Rasuwa.



MHPSS and Protection

MHPSS activities continued in affected communities, focusing on support in schools, psychosocial assistance for vulnerable people, and creating safe spaces for women and girls. During the reporting period, a follow-up MHPSS session was held at Bageshwari Secondary School on understanding and managing emotions, safe communication,

and positive behaviour. Discussions with the school principal are ongoing, and a Psychological First Aid (PFA) session is planned to further support students' wellbeing.



Individual psychosocial support and follow-up services were also provided to lactating mothers at a holding centre, with referrals made when needed. In addition, DCA is working with Sahayatri, a local NGO in Dhading, and the Red Cross to improve bathroom facilities and establish a Women-Friendly Space where women and girls can safely access PFA and individual psychosocial support services.

MHPSS Reach (17–22 September)

116	25	21
Students reached	Women supported	Group PFA session
School-level PFA (68 girls, 48 boys)	Holding-centre PFA (incl. 6 senior citizens, 1 woman with a disability, 2 lactating mothers, 5 adolescent girls, 9 adult women, 2 female police)	16 female, 5 male participants

Beyond these sessions, teams conducted individual PSS/PFA home visits based on identified needs, coordinated with the Galchi Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to introduce DCA and Action Nepal's protection activities, and supported installation of Anti-Trafficking and GBV IEC materials to improve awareness of and access to protection information and support services.

Early Recovery and Cash Assistance

According to NDRRMA, for families unwilling to stay in holding centres, a monthly allowance for accommodation and livelihood has been established, NPR 15,000 per family (up to four members), plus NPR 2,000 per additional member, payable for up to six months or until alternative housing is arranged. The disbursement process has been finalised and sent to concerned local governments for implementation.

Priority Needs & Gaps Identified

Immediate priorities remain focused on improving conditions in displacement and relocation sites, particularly through additional shelter support, safe water and sanitation facilities, protection measures, and access to essential health services.

As the response moves towards early recovery, priority will be given to temporary housing for families whose homes have been destroyed, restoration of damaged water supply and irrigation systems, agricultural and livelihood recovery, and continued assessment of private-sector impacts.

Targeted assistance will also require further disaggregated information on vulnerable groups, including senior citizens, single women, persons with disabilities, pregnant and postpartum women, children, Dalit and marginalized households, and other vulnerable groups.

PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED

Early Recovery and Rehabilitation

1



SAFE SHELTER

- Additional family tents and temporary shelters
- Adequate space and privacy at relocation site
- Winter clothing and seasonal support
- Transitional shelter and resettlement support

2



WASH RECOVERY

- Safe drinking water and storage
- Gender-segregated, safe and accessible toilets
- Rehabilitation of damaged water systems and irrigation canals

3



LIVELIHOOD RECOVERY

- Agriculture, livestock and SME recovery
- Employment creation and income restoration for affected households.
- Restore employment, income and local markets

4



HEALTH

- Follow-up for chronic health conditions
- MHPSS support for affected communities
- Community-based MHPSS and PFA capacity

5



PROTECTION & SAFETY

- Regular protection risk assessments
- Monitor risks affecting women, children, older people and persons with disabilities
- Integrate protection and safeguarding across all interventions

6



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Confidential complaints and feedback mechanisms
- Involve affected people in planning and decision-making
- Ensure accessible and inclusive communication

Propose Early Recovery Support

DCA in Nepal and **Action Nepal** are assessing and designing targeted response and early recovery interventions in coordination with affected municipalities and communities. Potential interventions include Multipurpose cash (MPC), support for transitional shelter options livelihood and micro/small enterprise recovery grants, agricultural recovery support, improved WASH facilities and technical assistance to LGs for damage assessment and information management.

Looking Ahead

DCA, with **NAXA** (digital/geospatial partner) and **IHRR** (research partner), is scaling up district-level digital information management and drone-based spatial assessment support across Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading, to strengthen coordination with NDRRMA's SETU Rapid and BIPAD platforms and support evidence-based recovery and reconstruction planning.

Video Highlights

The following videos provide visual highlights of DCA and partners' response activities and ongoing support across the affected areas:

▶	 MHPSS Video, Flash Flood MHPSS, Flash Flood YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ate13sKdj6I Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1777346140267483 LinkedIn: https://lnkd.in/p/e4urPAfX
▶	 Flash Flood Response: Purna Prasad Dulal, Chief of Galchi Rural Municipality Flash Flood Response: Purna Prasad Dulal, Chief of Galchi Rural Municipality YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iInJc19ySA Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1F6UG6DbeP/ LinkedIn: https://lnkd.in/p/ejcGwYK5
▶	 DCA & Action Nepal Flood Response: Prakash Siwal, Engineer, Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality DCA & Action Nepal Flood Response: Prakash Siwal, Engineer, Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_aLqkI9oEg Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CGD6URZKq/ LinkedIn: https://lnkd.in/p/e5tjX_Qu



Debris Clearance in Galchi Rural Municipality

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Field footage

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxXHTMs9MNs&feature=youtu.be>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Jv9NwLgZ3/>

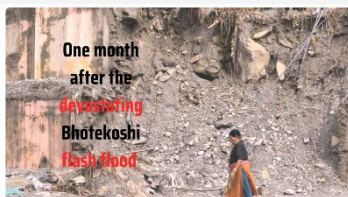
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Supporting WASH activities

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DCA in Nepal on the Ground: Standing with the Flash Flood-Affected Families

Standing with the flash flood families

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLATVapuXzs>

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