



## DCA in NEPAL | FLASH FLOOD RESPONSE

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

Situation Report #18 | 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 17:00 NPT

### Overview

On 26 August 2026, flash floods swept down the Bote Koshi–Trishuli river system, hitting Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha and Chitwan, with Rasuwa and Nuwakot being most severely affected. As of the first week of October, 1,453 deaths were confirmed, 5,285 people (636 foreign nationals and 4,649 Nepali citizens) were missing and 13,795 had been rescued. The response has since shifted from search and rescue to relief and recovery, focusing on cash assistance, holding-centre conditions, protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and restoring water, sanitation and access infrastructure. Recovery was still at an early stage when the next disaster struck.

Barely a month later, heavy rain from 25–28 September triggered landslides and floods across Nepal. NDRRMA recorded 571 incidents, 30 deaths, 3 missing, 15 injured and 1,923 affected families, with 234 houses fully and 150 partially damaged (as of first week of October). In Manang, a landslide on 28 September blocked the Marsyangdi River at Chame, destroying 12 houses and a church, flooding 10 houses in Nasso, and leaving about 40 people sheltering in an army camp and city hall.

Then, just before Dashain, the country's major festival, a large landslide at around 5:30 am on 11 October between Lokpa and Chumling in Chumnuhari-6, Gorkha, blocked the Budhigandaki River and released a debris-laden flood downstream. NDRRMA's Situation Report (as of 12 October) records 5 people out of contact in Chumling and 302 rescued (289 by helicopter, 13 by land, including 19 foreign nationals). About 654 people are affected and 204 houses were washed away or inundated across Tripurasundari, Chumnuhari, Aarughat and Dharche.

Three major disasters in less than seven weeks, occurring back-to-back, have left communities and responders increasingly stretched. As new emergencies arise before recovery from previous disasters is complete, relief supplies, logistical support, local government capacity, and funding are under growing pressure; all at a time when families would normally be preparing to celebrate Dashain.

## Our Humanitarian Response- Bhote-Koshi-Trishuli Flood

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:

- 83 tarpaulins have also been distributed in the holding centre.
- 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 temporary help desk has been established at Galchi Police Post to support coordination, information sharing and referrals for affected communities.
- 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.

## MHPSS and Protection

Between 10 September and 7 October, DCA and Action Nepal provided Psychological First Aid (PFA) and psychosocial support in holding centres, schools and communities in Dhading and Nuwakot, linked to protection, GEDSI, WASH and shelter follow-up.

### 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



### 232 UNITS TARPULINS & 50 FAMILY TENTS

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



### 6000 L WATER TANK

Two 2,000L and two 1000 L tanks installed at Holding Centre in 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.



| Activity                        | Location                                                        | People reached                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| School-based PFA                | Siladevi Secondary School, Belkotgadhi-7 (Nuwakot): Grades 4-10 | 83 students (53 girls, 30 boys)                                                                                 |
| School-based PFA                | Bageshwari Secondary School, Galchi-6 (Dhading): Grade 9        | 33 students (15 girls, 18 boys)                                                                                 |
| Holding-centre sessions         | Ratamate                                                        | 21 participants (16 women, 5 men)                                                                               |
| Holding-centre sessions         | Galaudi                                                         | 34 participants (16 women, 18 men)                                                                              |
| Community PFA                   | Maheshdobhan, Galchi-6                                          | 30 participants (14 women, 16 men)                                                                              |
| Individual psychosocial support | Ratamate (10) and Galaudi (12)                                  | 22 people, including lactating mothers, older people, a woman with a disability and people with chronic illness |

### Key progress

- Protection concerns raised in holding centres included toilet locks, lighting, privacy, bathing space and winterisation. Some, such as bathing space and toilet lighting, have been addressed.
- GBV and human trafficking information was shared with communities, CFRM cards were distributed, and awareness posters were installed at the Galchi Police Office and Rural Municipality.
- Ratamate's community-led coordination with the Red Cross is a model for other holding centres; a focal person was identified at Galaudi after the second visit.



### Priorities this Month

- Multipurpose cash (MPC), Dhading:** Distribution has started and 259 households have now received cash assistance. Households were first contacted and informed through phone call, then notified by SMS, and have since received the assistance.
- NFI and winterisation at holding centres:** Tin storage boxes have been distributed to 83 families, and distribution of infrared stoves is in process. Winter items will be provided through vouchers, prioritising senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and pregnant and lactating women.



## 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



## Early Recovery Targets across Six Sectors

Across all funding sources, the next phase moves from emergency relief to early recovery. It will provide multi-purpose cash and emergency kits to affected households, support temporary and transitional shelter, and restore livelihoods through cash-for-work, inputs and enterprise support. It will also repair community water systems and improve hygiene and extend psychosocial and protection services. Alongside this, it will help households access compensation and strengthen local government recovery planning, with feedback and community consultation built in.

*Early Recovery Across Six Sectors: Planned Targets and Beneficiary Reach*

| WASH                                                 | Livelihoods & early recovery                          | Protection & MHPSS                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>850</b> HH<br>Household water filters             | <b>6,000</b> days<br>Cash-for-work days               | <b>650</b> people<br>People: psychosocial counselling  |
| <b>18</b> systems<br>Community water systems repair  | <b>850</b> HH<br>Seeds, inputs and tools              | <b>200</b> people<br>People: case management           |
| <b>9</b> facilities<br>School & health facility WASH | <b>245</b> MSEs<br>MSE / enterprise support           | <b>100</b> girls<br>Girls: adolescent girl kits        |
| <b>2,000</b> people<br>Hygiene / BCC                 | <b>10</b> schemes<br>Community infrastructure schemes | <b>60</b> survivors<br>GBV cash for protection         |
| Emergency response                                   | Temporary shelter                                     | Accountability & local government                      |
| <b>1,150</b> HH<br>Multi-purpose cash                | <b>250</b> HH<br>Rental support                       | <b>650</b> HH<br>Helped to access compensation         |
| <b>500</b> HH<br>NFI kits                            | <b>200</b> HH<br>Cash for transitional shelter        | <b>4</b> municipalities<br>LDCRP and recovery planning |
| <b>100</b> HH<br>Emergency shelter kits              |                                                       | <b>1</b> mechanism<br>Feedback mechanism incl. PSEA    |
|                                                      |                                                       | <b>16</b><br>Community consultations                   |

## 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:

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| ▶ |  <p>Flash Flood Response: Purna Prasad Dulal, Chief of Galchi Rural Municipality</p> <p><b>Flash Flood Response: Purna Prasad Dulal, Chief of Galchi Rural Municipality</b></p> <p>YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ilnJc19ySA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ilnJc19ySA</a></p> <p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1F6UG6DbeP/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1F6UG6DbeP/</a></p> <p>LinkedIn: <a href="https://lnkd.in/p/ejcGwYKS">https://lnkd.in/p/ejcGwYKS</a></p>                                               |
| ▶ |  <p>DCA &amp; Action Nepal Flood Response: Prakash Siwal, Engineer, Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality</p> <p><b>DCA &amp; Action Nepal Flood Response: Prakash Siwal, Engineer, Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality</b></p> <p>YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_aLqkI9oEg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_aLqkI9oEg</a></p> <p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CGD6URZKq/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CGD6URZKq/</a></p> <p>LinkedIn: <a href="https://lnkd.in/p/e5tjX_Qu">https://lnkd.in/p/e5tjX_Qu</a></p> |
| ▶ |  <p>Debris Clearance in Galchi Rural Municipality</p> <p><b>Debris Clearance in Galchi Municipality</b></p> <p>Field footage</p> <p>YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxXHTMs9MNs&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxXHTMs9MNs&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p> <p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Jv9NwLgZ3/">https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Jv9NwLgZ3/</a></p> <p>LinkedIn: <a href="https://lnkd.in/p/ePCke_hW">https://lnkd.in/p/ePCke_hW</a></p>                                                  |



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

### Standing with the flash flood families

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