

SITUATION UPDATE

Rasuwa Flash Flood – Bhote Koshi / Trishuli System

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HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT

903 Bodies recovered	4,247 Persons missing	10,451 People rescued	267 Injured
21,465 Families displaced	20,819 Security personnel	411 Helicopter flights	32 Bridges destroyed

What Happened

On the morning of 26 August 2026 a catastrophic flash-flood surge entered the Bhote Koshi from the Tibet side after an ice-and-rock avalanche temporarily dammed the Lhende Khola tributary and then breached. The surge raced downstream through the Trishuli system, causing extensive loss of life, mass displacement and severe damage to settlements, roads, bridges, hydropower plants and communications across Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading, with debris and bodies carried as far as Chitwan and Nawalparasi.

Geographic Impact

District	Displaced	Households damaged	Key notes
Rasuwa	2,220 (444 vulnerable; 700 children)	557 HH + 18 public buildings	Border road severed; 24 bodies recovered
Nuwakot	3,328 (666 vulnerable; ~1,000 children)	662 houses destroyed	Heaviest displacement load; 95 bodies recovered
Dhading	304 (66 vulnerable)	73 houses destroyed	Partial hospital damage (Gajuri); 55 bodies recovered

Bodies recovered (selected districts): Chitwan 272 · Nawalparasi East 207 · Nawalparasi West 151 · Gorkha 62 · Nuwakot 95 · Dhading 55 · Tanahun 37 · Rasuwa 24.

Missing persons profile: hydropower workers 933 · foreign nationals 592 · Rasuwa residents 865 · Nuwakot residents 1,558 · tourists 127, plus 25 police, 45 army, 13 APF, 15 customs, 3 immigration, 3 quarantine/park staff and other civilians.

Critical Infrastructure

- **Roads & bridges:** 32 bridges (22 permanent + 5 Bailey + 5 additional) and ~40 km of roadway swept away. Entire Betrawati–Rasuwagadhi section destroyed — primary overland trade and pilgrimage route to Tibet severed.
- **Hydropower:** ~14 projects / 748 MW capacity damaged. Tunnel rescue operations at Rasuwa concluded with zero survivors confirmed inside. 279 persons previously rescued by helicopter from tunnels (191 on 28 Aug, 88 on 29 Aug).
- **Telecom:** 198 towers damaged; 145 restored to date.
- **Health facilities:** Five facilities damaged in Nuwakot & Rasuwa (incl. Timure, Syabrubesi, Betrawati); partial damage to Gajuri hospital (Dhading).

Education & Child Protection

Preliminary data from 19 schools (6 private) across six local governments: ~7,500–7,650 enrolled children. Across eight schools, 241 cases involving students, teachers and education personnel reported — 18 swept away (1 teacher, 17 students) and 223 missing (9 teachers, 213 students). Rasuwa (Uttargaya RM) accounts for the majority. Nationally, 18 schools completely destroyed and 20 partially damaged (UN News). UNICEF estimates more than 17,000 children in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. An estimated 10,000 women and children may need immediate support to maintain learning continuity.

Key protection risks flagged: trafficking, exploitation, unauthorised custody of separated children, and inappropriate sharing of sensitive information. GBV priorities include case management, psychosocial support, dignity/kishori kits, Women Friendly Spaces and strengthened One-Stop Crisis Management Centres.

WASH Snapshot

~50,000 people (~10,000 households) across 15 affected local governments require WASH services.

Nuwakot confirmed: 1,298 HH water-supply disruption · 1,588 HH need toilets · 9,772 people need safe drinking water. Rasuwa assessment ongoing. Elevated risk of water-borne disease and skin infections in overcrowded shelters.

Government & Security Response

Cash support released: NPR 10 M each to Rasuwa & Nuwakot, NPR 5 M to Dhading, plus NPR 67.5 M for 15 designated crisis-affected local levels (3-month window). Security deployment: Nepal Army 8,722 · Nepal Police 7,894 · APF 4,203 (total >20,800). Army Air Rescue recovered 252 foreign nationals and 3,344 Nepalis. Six surgical medical teams mobilised. Relief: 37 trucks + 13 Bolero vehicles of food/NFI; 8 helicopter relief flights. International support: Indian forensic DNA team deployed; UN CERF allocated US\$3.2 M; EU released €2 M in humanitarian aid.

SOLVE Nepal – Our Position & Offer

SOLVE Nepal is on the ground conducting joint impact assessment with DPNET and Government counterparts across Nuwakot, Dhading and Rasuwa. As a youth-driven organisation with established presence in Dhading (Dhunibesi) and a long-standing focus on climate resilience, biodiversity and inclusive community development, we are positioned to contribute rapidly in the following areas:

- **WASH & hygiene promotion** — purification materials, safe storage, hygiene kits, menstrual hygiene / dignity kits, temporary toilets and community messaging.
- **Shelter non-food items** — tarpaulins, mats, blankets, cooking sets, lighting and mosquito nets for displaced households.
- **Child protection & psychosocial support** — messaging, Psychological First Aid, support to family tracing/reunification and safe-space activities.
- **Community information management** — accurate, accessible updates to affected communities, reducing rumour and secondary risk.
- **Climate & recovery lens** — early thinking on nature-based and community-led recovery options aligned with our agroecology and resilience expertise.

Immediate Operational Priorities

1. Sustain search-and-rescue and medical assistance for still-inaccessible communities.
2. Complete coordinated rapid assessments (education, protection, health, WASH) while reconciling conflicting figures.
3. Scale child-protection case management, family tracing, PFA and referral pathways.
4. Channel food, shelter, WASH and health supplies through government-led coordination structures.
5. Establish Child-Friendly Spaces and Temporary Learning Centres wherever feasible.
6. Restore road and telecom access; monitor secondary flood, landslide and rainfall risks.
7. Uphold accountability, dignity, privacy and confidentiality — especially for children and separated families.

PRIORITY MATERIAL NEEDS (aligned with cluster requests)

- WASH: chlorine tablets / PUR, buckets with lids, soap, sanitary pads, temporary toilet materials, hand-washing stations.

- Shelter / NFI: rice, lentils, prepared food, tarpaulins, plastic mats, blankets, clothing, cooking utensils, mosquito nets, lighting, first-aid kits.
- Education: Temporary Learning Centres with WASH, teaching-learning materials, recreation & child-friendly kits, psychosocial support.
- Protection: dignity / kishori kits, safe-space materials, lighting and partitions for Women Friendly Spaces.

Coordinate with us

SOLVE Nepal stands ready to support government-led relief under national and district coordination mechanisms. We welcome partnership discussions focused on WASH, hygiene promotion, shelter NFI, child-protection messaging and community-level information management.

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Sources: NDRRMA Situation Update 31 Aug 2026 19:00 NPT; Nepal Police; Department of Roads; WASH Response Dashboard (NRCS/WASH Cluster); Shelter Cluster; Education, Child Protection & GBV Clusters; media (ReliefWeb, Republica).

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