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Situation Bulletin 01

Situation Overview:

A flash flood in the Budhi Gandaki River early Sunday morning on 11 October 2026 caused significant damage across the Manaslu and Tsum Valley regions of Gorkha District. Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 50 households were affected, with several houses washed away, communities displaced, and critical infrastructure damaged. No human casualties have been reported so far. The flood is believed to have been triggered by a landslide-induced river blockage that subsequently breached, releasing a large volume of water downstream. Major impacts include the destruction of suspension bridges in Chumnubri and Dharche, damage to houses and temporary shelters, the loss of the under-construction Sahaj Urja Powerhouse, and severe disruption to road connectivity after the Soti steel bridge and part of the Nayapul bridge were washed away. Detailed assessments and response efforts are ongoing, although access remains challenging due to damaged roads and communication disruptions.

Government authorities issued early warning messages and public safety advisories, urging communities living along the Budhi Gandaki and downstream Trishuli river corridors in Gorkha, Dhading, Tanahun, Chitwan, and Nawalparasi districts to remain vigilant, move to safer locations where necessary, avoid high-risk riverine areas, and follow the instructions of relevant authorities. Search and rescue operations, along with detailed damage assessments, are ongoing, although response efforts continue to face challenges due to damaged roads and communication disruptions. A level meeting was convened by NDRRMA with participation of relevant agencies and were requested to review the situation, assess damages and provide necessary coordination and directives for response. Response efforts include the deployment of 503 security personnel from the Nepali Army, Nepal Police, and Armed Police Force; mobilization of four Army helicopters for search and rescue; 82 people rescued to safe place; dissemination of early warning messages to downstream communities; and activation of emergency response mechanisms at national, provincial, and district levels.

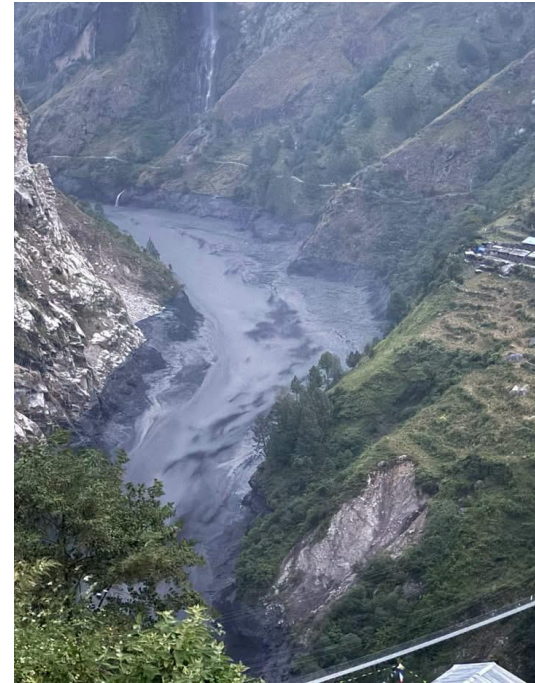


Photo: Flood passing downstream

NRCS Response:

NRCS has been in regular coordination with local government representatives to collect information on initial losses and damage caused by the flood. Immediately after the disaster, the NRCS team communicated with the Vice Chairperson of Dharche Rural Municipality for preliminary updates on the extent of the damage. In addition, NRCS Headquarters remains in close communication with the Gorkha and Dhading District Chapters to support information sharing and response coordination. The Dhading District Chapter conducting public awareness activities through miking to disseminate early warning and safety messages to communities at risk. In the meantime, district staff and volunteers were mobilized to conduct Initial Rapid Assessments (IRA) in the affected areas to verify impacts, identify priority humanitarian needs, and support timely response planning.

So far, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has conducted Initial Rapid Assessments (IRA) in Aarughat, Chumnubri, and Dharche Rural Municipalities of Gorkha District, and Tripurasundari Rural Municipality of Dhading District. The assessment findings indicate urgent needs for non-food relief items (NFRIs), safe drinking water, ready-to-eat food (RTEF) and other food supplies, search and rescue support, evacuation assistance, and the continued dissemination of authorized information and early warning messages.

NRCS Headquarters has mobilized relief support by dispatching NFRI stocks sufficient for 20–25 households from the Gandaki Provincial Warehouse in Pokhara and for 50 households through the Dhading District Chapter. Additional NFRI supplies are being sent directly from NRCS Headquarters based on identified needs. To date, 58 NFRI sets and 30 tarpaulins have been distributed to affected households.



Photo: NRCS Dhading District Chapter set off towards Gorkha with relief material