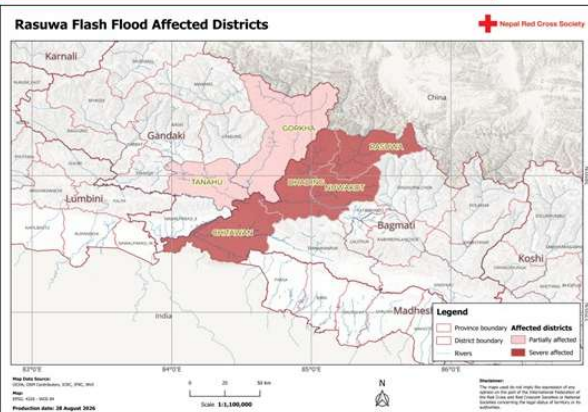


Rasuwa Flood Situation Update 6 (3 September 2026)



Situation Overview

The impact of the Rasuwa flash floods extends well beyond the immediate disaster zone, resulting in significant loss of life, extensive damage to infrastructure, and prolonged disruption of essential services. According to the latest figures from NDRRMA, 1,259 people have died, 5,083 remain missing, and 12,038 people have been rescued across Rasuwa and other affected districts. In addition, 5,384 injured individuals have received medical treatment as humanitarian response and recovery efforts continue.

The disaster has caused severe damage to roads, bridges, power supply systems, and communication networks, creating major challenges for affected communities and response operations. Damage to critical transportation routes has restricted access and complicated the delivery of relief assistance. Despite these constraints, humanitarian partners continue to deliver essential food and non-food relief items to priority locations through available road and air transport options, while temporary communication support is being provided in areas with limited connectivity.

According to the latest NDRRMA reports, 34 holding camps are currently operating across the affected areas, including 24 in Nuwakot, 5 in Rasuwa, 3 in Dhading, and 2 in Kathmandu. The camps provide temporary accommodation and essential support to displaced and affected populations while further assistance and relocation arrangements are being coordinated.

Connectivity challenges have been further exacerbated by damage to the Prithvi Highway at Krishnabhir in Dhading, where river erosion caused the collapse of a section of the roadway. This disruption has significantly affected the movement of people, humanitarian supplies, and response teams along one of the country's most important transportation corridors.

Displacement remains a critical concern, particularly in Rasuwa and neighboring districts. Alongside immediate humanitarian assistance affected communities continue to require access to safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, healthcare services, emergency

shelter, food assistance, and protection support. The prolonged interruption of essential infrastructure and public services is expected to further increase vulnerabilities among households that have lost homes, livelihoods, and social support networks.

There is also ongoing concern regarding the risk of a secondary flood event. The existing water body, covering approximately 0.11 km², continues to be closely monitored due to the possibility that the natural blockage may fail, potentially triggering further downstream flooding. Continuous monitoring, early warning systems, and preparedness measures therefore remain crucial for communities and responders situated along downstream river corridors.

Authorities continue to advise communities in Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, and Chitwan to remain vigilant and maintain preparedness measures while monitoring and response activities are ongoing.

NRCS Response

Health :

- 32 PFA/MHPSS volunteers have been mobilized in different areas of Nuwakot and Rasuwa to provide psychological first aid services, reaching nearly 800 individuals.
- Additionally, Nepal Red Cross Society, Chitwan District Chapter has provided psychosocial support and Psychological First Aid (PFA) services through 18 PFA/MHPSS volunteers to 35 family members who were staying at the body management center, Bharatpur 10, Chitwan.

WASH:

- WASH profiles are deployed in affected areas for damage assessment and verifying damaged WASH infrastructures to be rehabilitated.
- Construction of emergency toilets at holding centers

Shelter

- NRCS collaboratively with Plan International, World Vision, Chaudhary Group, and Karuna Foundation, mobilized volunteers conducting detailed data collection at holding centers in Nuwakot.

CEA:

- More than 100 calls received and responded in NRCS Hotline mainly regarding in-kind support, blood donation for flood-injured people, and volunteering in flood-affected areas.
- Regular updates on social media by highlighting public service messages and awareness materials on alerts, water purification, hygiene promotion, and health and safety measures, including NHEICC messages, to support flood-affected communities.

NFIs distribution and temporary shelter are being set up in different affected areas regularly.

Working closely with concerned government authorities and other agencies for effective service delivery.

ICRC Support

Restoring Family Link (RFL):

- ICRC continues to support the humanitarian response through RFL services and dignified management of the deceased.
- 2 RFL volunteers are mobilized at NRCS HQs and 1 volunteer mobilized in hospitals of Kathmandu valley to facilitate tracing and family contact.
- 2 RFL volunteers in Rasuwa and 2 RFL volunteers in Nuwakot are mobilized to provide district-level RFL services.
- 496 tracing requests registered to date, through NRCS RFL channels.
- RFL Help Desks operational in Nawalparasi East, Kaski, Chitwan and Nuwakot.
- 1,930 body bags distributed to support the dignified management of the deceased.

Key Priority/Needs

- Airlifting Food & Non-Food Items.
- Speed up Relief Distribution
- Need Assessment at Holding centers
- Finalize MPC distribution modality
- Endorsement and Execution of one plan
- Inclusive space management at Holding centers
- Respond to Potential Public Health Risk
- Activate Red Cross Emergency Clinic (RCEC)



Photo: Understanding the problems of mothers at the holding center (Nuwakot)



Listening, Supporting, and Connecting through Psychosocial First Aid (PFA)

The Rasuwa floods have left many people facing loss, displacement, and emotional distress. To strengthen the response, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), in collaboration with Tribhuvan University's Central Department of Psychology and Counseling Psychology Program, has deployed 12 trained volunteers to support affected communities in Nuwakot. Altogether 50 volunteers are actively engaged in field providing PFA services to the affected communities.

These volunteers are providing Psychological First Aid (PFA), emotional support, and basic counselling through community outreach, including door-to-door visits, schools, shelters, and holding centers. They also identify vulnerable individuals, facilitate referrals to specialized services, support family reunification, and help connect affected people with essential health, protection, shelter, and social support services.

At a time of widespread devastation, compassionate listening and timely support are critical. The continued mobilization of trained PFA and MHPSS volunteers helps reduce distress, strengthen community resilience, and ensures that the concerns and needs of affected people are heard and addressed through appropriate humanitarian assistance. Alongside these efforts, NRCS continues to provide search and rescue, relief distribution, dead body management, and restoring family links services in flood-affected areas.



Photo: RFL and PFA Help Desk in Chitwan



Photo: NFRIs distribution to People with Disability, who are taking shelter at their relative's house