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Situation Bulletin 02

Situation Overview:

A flash flood in the Budhi Gandaki River during the early hours of 11 October 2026 caused significant damage across the Manaslu and Tsum Valley regions of Gorkha District. The flood resulted in damage to houses, temporary shelters, suspension bridges, roads, and other critical infrastructure, including the loss of the under-construction Sahaj Urja Powerhouse. Major transportation disruptions occurred after the washing away of the Soti steel bridge and part of the Nayapul bridge, significantly affecting access to the impacted areas. Government authorities issued early warning messages and safety advisories for communities living along the Budhi Gandaki and downstream Trishuli river corridors, while search and rescue operations, evacuation support continue despite challenges posed by damaged roads and communication disruptions.

According to the Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA), a total of 174 households has been identified as affected, including 35 households in Chumnubri Rural Municipality, 57 households in Dharche Rural Municipality, 24 households in Aarughat Rural Municipality, and 58 households in Tripurasundari Rural Municipality. In response, national, provincial, and district authorities activated emergency response mechanisms, mobilized security personnel and air rescue assets, and continued to coordinate relief and assessment efforts to address the humanitarian needs of affected communities.

NRCS Response:

The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has been actively supporting assessment, coordination, and relief efforts following the flash flood. Since the onset of the emergency, NRCS has maintained regular coordination with local government representatives to collect and verify information on losses and damages. The NRCS team established immediate communication with the Vice Chairperson of Dharche Rural Municipality to obtain preliminary updates and continues to coordinate closely with the Gorkha and Dhading District Chapters for information sharing and response planning. The Dhading District Chapter has also conducted public awareness activities through miking to disseminate early warning and safety messages to communities at risk.

NRCS staff and volunteers were mobilized to conduct Initial Rapid Assessments (IRA) in the affected areas. Assessments have been completed in Aarughat, Chumnubri, and Dharche Rural Municipalities of Gorkha District, as well as Tripurasundari Rural Municipality of Dhading District. Based on the assessment findings, relief distributions are ongoing in the affected communities to address immediate humanitarian needs.

To date, NRCS has distributed 30 tarpaulins in Chumnubri Rural Municipality, 28 tents, 28 utensil sets, 56 blankets, and 28 mattresses in Aarughat Rural Municipality, and 8 tents, 8 utensil sets, 16 blankets, and 8 mattresses in Dharche Rural Municipality.

NRCS continues to monitor the situation, and coordinate with local authorities and partners to address emerging humanitarian needs and support ongoing response efforts.



Photo: NFRI transportation



Photo: Tent Setup

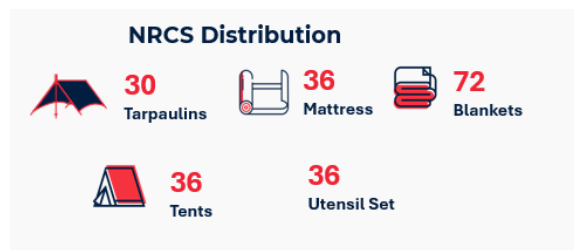


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