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Situation Bulletin 03

Situation Overview:

On 11 October 2026 (25 Asoj 2083), a major debris-laden flood occurred in the Budhi Gandaki River basin of Gorkha District, following a large ice and debris avalanche in the upper catchment of Chumnubri Rural Municipality-6. Preliminary technical assessments indicate that debris accumulated at the confluence of the Ungdilung and Syar streams, causing temporary river blockages and subsequent outburst-like releases that generated multiple flood surges downstream. The flood caused extensive damage to settlements, bridges, hydropower infrastructure, roads, public facilities, and livelihood assets across northern Gorkha and downstream areas.

According to the latest available information, the flood has affected 146 households, three hydropower projects under construction, two permanent bridges, one Bailey bridge, six suspension bridges, three vehicles, and Bikash Primary School in Ghattikhola, Chumnubri-3. Additionally, six local residents remain still out of contact.

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 conducted 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 distribution plans are being finalized to address the immediate humanitarian needs of the affected communities. Given the limited accessibility to several affected areas, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has also pre-positioned and transported Non-Food Relief Items (NFRIs) to selected communities to support timely emergency response efforts.

To the 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 14 Tarpaulin, 8 tents, 22 kitchen utensil sets, 44 blankets, 8 mattresses along with 350 Kg of rice and 14 kg of lentils 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: Distribution of NFRIs in Dharche

NRCS Distribution					
	44		36		100
Tarpaulins		Mattress		Blankets	
	36		50		350 Kg
Tents		Utensil Set		Rice	
					14 Kg
					Lentils



Photo: NFRIs transportation