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Situation Bulletin 04

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 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. In the meantime, Dhading District Chapter also conducted public awareness activities through miking to disseminate early warning and safety messages to communities at risk.

NRCS conducted Initial Rapid Assessments (IRA) Aarughat, Chumnubri, and Dharche Rural Municipalities of Gorkha District, as well as Tripurasundari Rural Municipality of Dhading District. Based on assessment findings, targeted relief assistance were planned and delivered to address the immediate humanitarian needs of flood-affected communities during the festive period as well. Given access constraints in several affected locations, the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) utilized helicopter operations to transport and distribute Non-Food Relief Items (NFRIs), ensuring the timely provision of life-saving assistance. Follow-up field visits were subsequently conducted, and assessments remain ongoing to identify evolving needs. Planning is underway to mobilize additional support and address priority needs in a timely and coordinated manner.



As of 25 October 2026, NRCS has distributed 98 tarpaulins, 192 blankets, 37 tents, 64 mattresses, 94 kitchen utensils set, 36 hygiene kits, along with 1425 Kg of rice and 30 kg of lentils in Chumnubri, Aarughat and 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.

During NRCS helicopter operations for relief item delivery in flood-affected Gorkha, a 21-year-old pregnant woman from Uhiya, Dharche-3, was medically evacuated, enabling timely access to critical health services despite flood-related road blockages. The intervention was also highlighted by local media, demonstrating the broader humanitarian value of the air operations beyond relief item transportation.

