

BHOTEKOSHI FLOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

SITUATION REPORT # 06 — COMPREHENSIVE INFORMAL TRANSLATION & UPDATE

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) SITREP

1. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Disaster Event: On August 26, 2026 (Bhadra 10, 2083) at 08:40 AM, a massive landslide and avalanche covering approximately 1 sq. km collapsed on the upper Tibet catchment area of the Lhende Khola (approx. 20 km northeast of the Rasuwagadhi border point). This colossal slide registered an M 5.2 equivalent seismic signal and immediately triggered a catastrophic debris-laden outburst flood. The flood surged through Rasuwagadhi, Timure, and Syabrubesi, entering the Trishuli River system and creating extreme, life-threatening risk across riparian corridors in Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, and Chitwan districts.

Urgent Residual Threat (Blocked River): Satellite imagery analyzed by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) on August 27, 2026 (Bhadra 11, 2083) at 11:44 AM revealed a highly critical development: the main channel of the Lhende Khola is blocked about 18 km upstream from the Rasuwagadhi border post. A massive reservoir/lake covering approximately 0.11 sq. km has formed behind this temporary natural landslide dam. There is an imminent risk of a secondary, catastrophic Outburst Flood if this natural dam breaches. Downstream settlements across all five districts remain on maximum high-alert, and immediate relocation of riverbank communities to safe high ground continues.

2. HUMANITARIAN IMPACT: CASUALTIES AND INJURIES

The human toll of the debris flood has risen drastically as downstream search-and-recovery operations proceed. As of 10:00 PM on August 27, 2026, the cumulative casualties and out-of-contact persons are as follows:

CRITICAL HUMANITARIAN METRICS (AS OF BHADRA 11, 10:00 PM):

- **Recovered Deceased:** 359 dead bodies recovered (identification pending across 8 districts).
- **Missing / Out-of-Contact:** 977 individuals registered missing, including 517 foreign tourists.
- **Injured Survivors:** 130 survivors registered for hospital treatment; 67 remain actively hospitalized.

District-wise Distribution of Recovered Bodies & Reported Injuries

District	Recovered Deceased Bodies	Injuries Reported (DEOC District of Origin)	Status Notes
Chitwan	132	0	Most bodies recovered from downstream riverbanks.
Nawalparasi East	82	0	Downstream recovery sector.
Dhading	33	3	Active local flooding in Trishuli corridor.
Gorkha	30	0	Includes recovered human limbs / body parts.
Nuwakot	28	27	Severe impact in Betrawati and Devighat riparian zones.
Tanahun	22	0	Downstream recovery sector.
Rasuwa	17	43	Epicenter of the flood landfall; highest injury concentration.
Nawalparasi West	15	0	Downstream recovery sector.
GRAND TOTAL	359	73	Deceased identification is currently underway.

Table 2: Missing and Out-of-Contact Registry (977 Total)

Category / Agency	Missing Count	Source	Context / Sub-details
Foreign Tourists / Nationals	517	Nepal Tourism Board	Foreign visitors stranded in Northern Rasuwa trekking zones.
Nepalese Tourists (Reside Abroad)	127	Nepal Tourism Board	Nepalese citizens visiting from abroad, out of contact.
Rasuwa District Residents	161	District Emergency Ops (DEOC)	Local citizens from Timure, Syabrubesi, and Langtang corridors.
Makwanpur District Residents	66	District Emergency Ops (DEOC)	Reported out of contact/missing in downstream transit.
Nuwakot District Residents	1	District Emergency Ops (DEOC)	Riparian zone local resident.
Nepal Army Personnel	45	Monsoon Command Post	Military personnel deployed in active field border operations.
Nepal Police Personnel	28	Monsoon Command Post	Police officers swept away from local police posts.
Armed Police Force (APF)	13	Monsoon Command Post	Border security personnel on duty.
Rasuwagadhi Customs Office Staff	15	Rasuwagadhi Customs	Customs clearance officers out of contact.
Rasuwagadhi Immigration Staff	4	Department of Immigration	Immigration checkpoint officers out of contact.
GRAND TOTAL	977	NDRRMA Portal	Information published continuously on NDRRMA website and Facebook.

Table 3: Medical Treatment & Hospitalization Registry (130 Injured)

Hospital Facility	Total Treated	Under Treatment	Discharged	Referred	Deceased	Status / Severity Details
Rasuwa District Hospital, Dhunche	53	11	28	13	1	1 patient brought dead; 13 referred to Kathmandu.
Trishuli Hospital, Bidur, Nuwakot	17	4	13	0	0	Stable; standard orthopedic/laceration treatments.
Ayurvedic Hospital, Nuwakot	10	10	0	0	0	Used as secondary overflow treatment wing.
National Trauma Center, Kathmandu	10	8	1	1	0	Severe polytrauma cases transferred from Rasuwa.
Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni	1	1	0	0	0	Military personnel undergoing surgery.
T.U. Teaching Hospital (TUTH)	31	26	5	0	0	6 patients in ICU; 3 on active ventilator support.
NAMS / Bir Hospital, Kathmandu	3	3	0	0	0	All admitted under general ward supervision.
Patan Academy of Health Sciences	1	0	1	0	0	Discharged; mild hypothermia & cuts.
Manmohan Memorial Hospital	1	1	0	0	0	Under intensive care monitoring.
Norvic International Hospital	3	3	0	0	0	Private admissions; stable condition.
GRAND TOTAL	130	67	48	14	1	51% of patients remain hospitalized across Kathmandu & Nuwakot.

Visual Analysis of Casualties & Hospital Outcomes

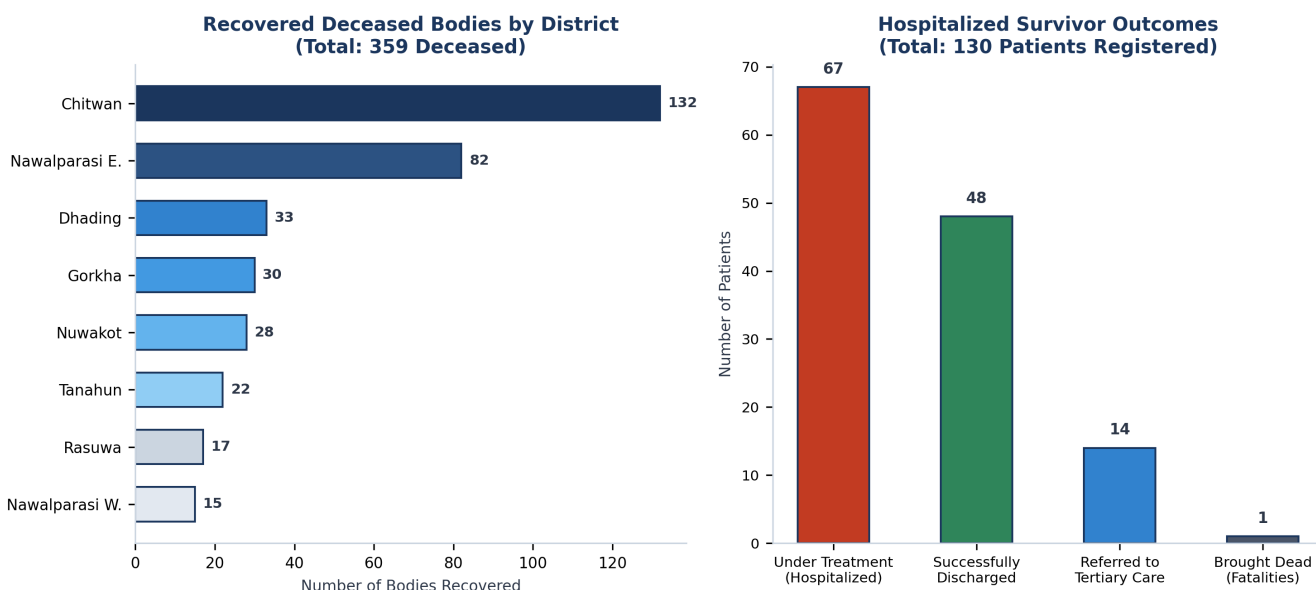


Figure 1: Horizontal distribution of recovered deceased bodies across Nepal's river basin (left) and the survival/discharge outcomes of hospitalized injured victims (right).

3. SYSTEMIC COORDINATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The NDRRMA has deployed a highly structured multi-agency mobilization strategy to tackle the scale of this crisis. A total of **13,295 security personnel** are deployed in ground search, rescue, and security operations, supported by an aerial fleet of **15 helicopters** (6 military and 9 private sector). To ensure specialized focus, **12 thematic emergency coordination teams** have been formed and are fully active in the field:

- **Search, Rescue & Evacuation Team:** Led by Nepal Army, Nepal Police, and APF. Mobilized 13,295 officers; rescued 1,552 citizens to date.
- **Emergency Health & Medical Response Team:** Led by Ministry of Health and Population. Deployed army medical units & doctors to Nuwakot.
- **Dead Body Management Team:** Jointly managed by Health, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and APF to handle dignified identification & storage.
- **International Assistance & Donor Team:** Led by Ministry of Finance & Foreign Affairs to coordinate with international relief agencies.
- **Transport & Road Connectivity Team:** Deploying heavy machinery to restore highways and clear roadblocks.
- **Rapid Damage & Needs Assessment Team:** Conducting rapid surveys to map out damaged infrastructure and household needs.
- **Missing Persons & Family Assistance Team:** Managing missing persons databases, supporting families, and publicizing survivor registries.
- **Relief Distribution Team:** Ensuring prompt supply of dry food, clean water, tents, and medical packs to displaced families.
- **Airport & Air Operations Team:** Coordinating airspace and landing zones for the 15 rescue and supply helicopters.

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- **Emergency Communication Restoration Team:** Led by Ministry of Information & Communications; restoring cellular and radio networks.
 - **Electricity Restoration & Backup Power Team:** Restoring local power grids and deploying backup generator stations.
 - **Public Information & Citizen Tracking Team:** Tracking missing persons utilizing the newly deployed *SETU App*.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT & ROAD RECOVERY

The physical destruction of regional corridors is severe, completely cutting off major portions of Rasuwa district. Confirmed infrastructure losses include **35 motorable bridges, 45 suspension bridges, and over 40 kilometers of paved roadways.**

Restoration Progress: The major roadblock at *Devighat* has been fully cleared and reopened to search and rescue traffic. Active recovery teams are currently operating heavy equipment (loaders, excavators, backhoes) to clear thick mud and debris across the *Dhunche-Grang* sector, *Vidur-Trishuli-Dunge* sector, and the *Baireni-Malekhu* section. The Road Division Office is preparing to launch emergency Bailey bridges to re-establish vital transit links.

5. CABINET DIRECTIVES & GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID

Following an emergency meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Government of Nepal formally declared the affected local levels across Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading as **Disaster Crisis Zones** for a duration of three months.

To enable immediate, localized response, the Cabinet released **NPR 2.5 Crore (NPR 25,000,000)** in cash relief directly to the District Disaster Management Committees, distributed as: **NPR 1 Crore** to Rasuwa, **NPR 1 Crore** to Nuwakot, and **NPR 50 Lakh** to Dhading. All government hospitals, the Nepali Army, and regional clinics have been ordered to provide free, comprehensive healthcare to all flood survivors. The Ministry of Finance is coordinating supplementary reconstruction funding.

6. COMPREHENSIVE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF REQUIREMENTS

The NDRRMA, in coordination with regional emergency operations centers, has compiled a standardized relief requirements inventory. This list defines the critical immediate needs for displaced families across all affected sectors:

Supply Cluster	Required Items	Target Quantity	Unit of Measure	Primary Distribution Objective
Shelter	Family Tents / Tarpaulins	8,692 / 8,692	Nos	Immediate temporary housing for displaced families.
Shelter	Sleeping Bags / Blankets	39,114 / 39,114	Nos	Thermal protection in cooler high-altitude camps.
Shelter	Ropes (20m rolls)	26,076	Rolls	For tent assembly and structural stabilization.
Kitchen	Kitchen Sets / Gas Cylinders	8,692 / 8,692	Sets	Enabling displaced families to prepare hot meals.
Hygiene	Dignity Kits (Kishori)	3,130	Kits	Focused health/hygiene support for women and girls.
Hygiene	Laundry & Bath Soap	78,228	Nos	Basic sanitation to prevent regional disease outbreak.
Lighting	Solar Lamps & Panels	8,692 / 8,692	Nos	Off-grid emergency lighting in dark/blackout zones.

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Food	High-Energy Biscuits	782,280	Packs	Ready-to-eat emergency rations for stranded populations.
Food	Rice / Lentils	8,692 / 8,693	Bags	Bulk dry rations (30kg Rice / 20kg Lentils packs).
Logistics	Bailey Bridges (50-70m)	30	Bridges	Rapid restoration of washed-out motorable spans.