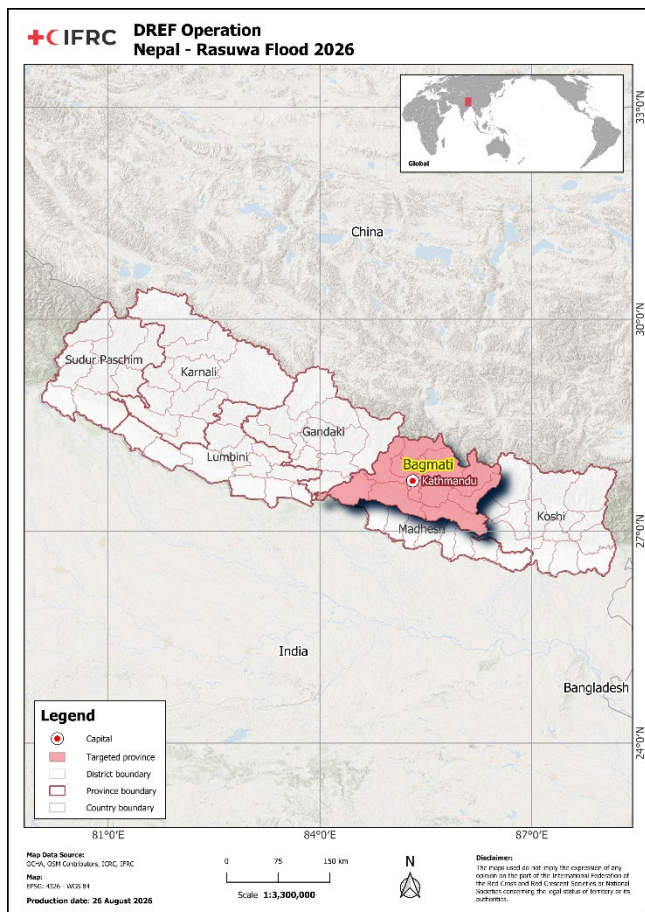




Roads, vehicles, and buildings damaged by the unprecedented flash flood in Nuwakot District. *(Photo credit: Nepal Red Cross Society)*

Appeal №: MDRNP022	IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 18 million Federation-wide Funding requirements: CHF 25 million¹	
Glide №: FF-2026-000162-NPL	People [affected/at risk]: 93,000 people-approximately but numbers likely to increase)	People to be assisted: 28,000 people (IFRC Secretariat)
DREF allocation: CHF 997,000	Appeal launched: 27/08/2026	Appeal ends: 31/08/2028

¹ The Federation-wide funding requirement encompasses all financial support to be directed to the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) in response to the emergency. It includes the NRCS's domestic fundraising requests and the fundraising appeals of supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies (CHF 7 million), as well as the funding ask of the IFRC secretariat (CHF 18 million). This comprehensive approach ensures that all available resources are mobilised to address the urgent humanitarian needs of the affected communities.



SITUATION OVERVIEW

On the morning of 26 August 2026, a severe flash flood affected communities along the Bote-koshi River in multiple districts, causing extensive loss of life and damage to homes and infrastructure. As of 27 August, 165 bodies had been recovered, while thousands of people were reported missing.² Severe damage to infrastructure was also reported along the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli River routes, affecting the districts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, Tanahun, and Chitwan. The Government of Nepal declared Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading crisis-affected districts. As the situation becomes clearer,

TARGETING

Of the estimated 93,000 people affected, the NRCS is considering reaching 25-30 per cent, in line with its overall capacity in the country as well as the expected support from other actors. The NRCS will coordinate with local governments to develop inclusive targeting criteria to ensure that the most vulnerable groups in the affected communities are reached. The NRCS will also ensure that no one is

thousands of people, including tourists, pilgrims, local residents, and others, are reported missing. Electricity and communications are down in the impacted areas of Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading, while many areas remain inaccessible due to damage to bridges and roads. According to preliminary information, an estimated 18,000 households have been affected, of which more than 6,000 homes have been completely damaged.³

Immediate priorities include search and rescue, emergency shelter, safe drinking water, health services, psychosocial support, relief items, and restoring access to isolated communities. Significant information gaps remain regarding the full extent of displacement, housing damage, and affected populations. However, preliminary reports indicate severe impacts on livelihoods and heightened protection concerns, particularly for vulnerable groups, including women, children, older people, and persons with disabilities. With monsoon conditions continuing and concerns over potential secondary flooding, landslides, and river blockages, the operational environment remains highly dynamic, and further deterioration of humanitarian conditions is possible in the coming days.

The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is on the ground, providing lifesaving services, including search and rescue alongside the security forces, first aid and relief assistance. At the headquarters level, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has been activated and is actively coordinating with the district chapters, the government, and relevant stakeholders.

² [Ministry of Home Affairs](#)

³ [Climate Risk and Resilience Lab](#)

left behind by the operation by applying a gender and diversity-sensitive analysis targeting women-headed households, pregnant and lactating women, single women, people with disabilities, older people, children, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and displaced people.

PLANNED OPERATIONS

Through this Emergency Appeal, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) aims to support the NRCS in the response to the Rasuwa Floods. The strategy of the IFRC response will focus on the following areas:

Integrated assistance:

(Shelter, Livelihoods, and Multi-purpose Cash)

Relief Phase: Due to the floods, people have lost their homes and are mostly staying with neighbours, in temporary shelters, or in open spaces. The terrain, particularly in Rasuwa, is mountainous and difficult to access. It is critical to urgently address the basic, safe, and inclusive shelter and settlement needs of those affected through temporary and transitional shelter assistance, which should include the immediate provision of tarpaulins, blankets, and mattresses. In addition, household items and warm clothing are also needed for affected families, especially those who are unable to return to their homes. Based on previous experience in similar settings, these needs would be best met through unconditional cash transfers. At the request of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), the NRCS/IFRC will also provide advice and support in developing guidelines to regulate and facilitate the provision of international relief.



Recovery Phase: The recovery phase will be focused on:

Permanent Shelter: As a top priority for the people affected, the IFRC will support the construction of permanent shelters. The Government of Nepal's approved Shock Responsive and Social Protection Relief Standards provide benchmark amounts, including a cash grant of NPR 500,000 (approximately CHF 2,700) for a house in mountainous areas. This provides a basis for humanitarian agencies to provide cash grants for permanent shelter. To initiate permanent shelter construction, the IFRC will support the authorities in completing a detailed damage assessment (DDA) process and expediting the process based on lessons learned from previous responses.

Livelihoods: The floods have completely destroyed houses and the livelihoods of people living in the affected areas. In response, the IFRC/NRCS will provide conditional cash grants of NPR 90,000 per household (approximately CHF 480) to targeted households through bank transfer using financial service providers.



Health and Care including Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) (Mental Health and Psychosocial Support/Community Health)

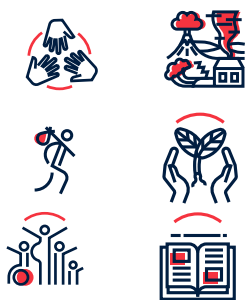
Relief Phase: The initial strategy in the emergency phase will focus on mobilising trained volunteers to address key health issues, including mental health, while distributing hygiene kits, providing first aid and psychosocial support, supporting epidemic preparedness and awareness, and facilitating referral mechanisms where relevant. The NRCS will also consider deploying its Red Cross Emergency Clinic (RCEC), in collaboration with health authorities, to address potential gaps in clinical services, given emerging reports of impacts on local health facilities. Where needed, fees for blood provided by NRCS blood banks, which are normally paid by patients or local authorities, will be covered during the emergency period. Immediate needs including water, food, emergency WASH, and shelter, will remain a priority.

Recovery Phase: The NRCS will implement community-driven health and WASH interventions as part of recovery efforts, including rehabilitating drinking water schemes, supporting government efforts in immunisation, epidemic prevention and preparedness, and strengthening pre-hospital care).

Protection and Prevention

(Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI), Community Engagement and Accountability, Migration, Environmental Sustainability, Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery, Education)

People displaced from their homes are likely to remain either in neighbours' houses or in open spaces, amplifying the risks faced by the most vulnerable groups. In the coming weeks, as people remain in close proximity to one another, there will be an immediate need to provide psychosocial support and raise awareness of SGBV prevention, while promoting referral pathways among affected populations, particularly children and women. Similarly, special care and attention should be given to children, vulnerable women, including pregnant and lactating women, people with disabilities, people with chronic illness, and older people, taking into account their specific vulnerabilities. The NRCS will be supported in integrating the IFRC's minimum standard commitments on gender and diversity in emergencies within the response.. Updated training on protection from sexual exploitation abuse and harassment (PSEAH) will be provided to relevant volunteers and staff. The NRCS will also monitor for potential signs of human trafficking among people made vulnerable by their losses from the disaster.



Community engagement and accountability (CEA) will support protection and prevention initiatives through appropriate and transparent engagement with communities, including the timely dissemination of information on programming, the RCRC Movement's values, community

rights, and available feedback mechanisms to enable communities to channel their concerns and seek responses to their issues and questions.

Drawing on training received from the ICRC over many years, the Nepal Red Cross Society will also provide restoring family links (RFL) support to people who have lost contact with their families, as well as support for dead body management, as needed by the authorities.

Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

Coordination and Partnerships



- Support the positioning of the NRCS with the government and ensure smooth coordination and alignment at all levels.
- Leverage the IFRC status agreement to meaningfully engage with the diplomatic community and development partners as well as the Humanitarian Country Team mechanisms.
- Membership coordination in line with the Unified Planning process, ensuring that a Federation-wide planning, monitoring, and reporting system is implemented to capture the collective support and footprint of the IFRC network, with the NRCS at the centre, while incorporating lessons learned from similar operations in recent years.

Shelter Cluster Coordination



- The IFRC/NRCS will co-lead the Shelter Cluster, led by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development, and coordinate emergency Shelter Cluster meetings.
- Shelter Cluster meetings will continue to harmonise operations among cluster members and provide technical support as and when required.

IFRC Secretariat Services



- The Secretariat will focus on supporting the effective implementation of the operation, accountability, financial compliance, and donor reporting, among other essential secretariat services.
- The NRCS operations team will lead the implementation, supported by the IFRC Country Delegation and Regional Office, in coordination with IFRC members that will provide technical back-up and support to the NRCS to ensure quality service standards.

National Society Strengthening



- The operation will support the replenishment and maintenance of essential household relief items distributed by the Nepal Red Cross Society.

- The operation will promote and strengthen the capacity of technical and youth volunteers.
- Capacity building support will be provided to local responders to strengthen their preparedness for and ability to respond to future disasters.
- The IFRC will support the NRCS in enhancing its communication, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), data, and information management by providing technical support as needed.
- The operation will also support the relevant contributions of the National Society's flagship services, including pre-hospital care (first aid and ambulance services), blood transfusion services, and eye care.

The planned response reflects the current situation and is based on the information available at the time of this Emergency Appeal launch. Details of the operation will be updated in the Operational Strategy to be released in the upcoming days. The Operational Strategy will provide further details on the Federation-wide approach, which includes the response activities of all contributing Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the Federation-wide funding requirement.

After 31 August 2028, the remaining supplementary activities will continue under the [IFRC Network Nepal Country Plan 2028](#), which provides an integrated approach to the ongoing emergency response, recovery, and longer-term programming tailored to the country's needs, while also providing a Federation-wide perspective on the priorities and actions in Nepal. This aims to streamline activities under one plan while ensuring that the needs of those affected by the disaster are met in an accountable and transparent manner.

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Nepal Red Cross Society

Core areas of operation

The NRCS has 343 paid staff members, with more than 89,000 volunteers active in providing humanitarian support across the country. The NRCS provides services such as first aid, blood transfusions, ambulance services, disaster relief, and other emergency and non-emergency services through its seven provincial chapters, 77 district chapters, and more than 1,500 sub-chapters. The NRCS acts as an auxiliary to the public authorities in humanitarian activities,

including responses to natural hazards and epidemics.

Currently, the NRCS is drafting its ninth Strategic Plan, which outlines a pathway to establish the Nepal Red Cross Society as one of the country's largest and leading humanitarian organisations. The NRCS is also guided by its National Society Development Plan, an important framework for guiding its work in the coming years. In 2024, the National Society reached 341,000 people through its disaster response and early recovery services, while 100,00 people were reached through long-term services and development programmes.⁴

⁴ For further information, please refer to [FDRS \(ifrc.org\)](https://www.ifrc.org/)

Number of staff:	343	Number of branches	77
Number of volunteers:	89,863		

IFRC Membership coordination

The IFRC Nepal Country Delegation has been supporting the NRCS in formulating the overall response strategy, with all in-country IFRC members invited to contribute. The IFRC is also coordinating with members present in Nepal and sharing information with members that are not present in the country. The IFRC will ensure Federation-wide reporting for the emergency response, demonstrating the collective support of the IFRC membership in providing humanitarian assistance to affected populations.

Currently, the following Participating National Societies operate in the Nepal: British Red Cross, American Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross Society, Luxembourg Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Hong Kong Branch of the Red Cross Society of China and the Republic of Korea National Red Cross. The IFRC is in daily contact with partners, providing regular updates on the ongoing operations. Partner briefings have been organised since the onset of the situation to share updates and discuss potential support for the operation. Several partners have expressed their willingness to contribute to and support the operation, while funding confirmations are currently in process

Red Cross Red Crescent Movement coordination

Nepal has a Red Cross Movement coordination mechanism in place, while the IFRC is continuously sharing information with the ICRC on the response efforts.

External coordination

The NRCS is coordinating with the NDRRMA, provincial governments, local governments, District Disaster Management Committees (DDMCs), national clusters, the IFRC, and its in-country members on the immediate response and further assistance. Ongoing coordination with the Humanitarian Country Team, including through shelter cluster coordination, is also facilitated by the IFRC. Similarly, district and municipal level coordination is maintained through the respective local units (district chapters and sub-chapters) of the NRCS which are present in the affected areas.

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