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NEPAL FLOOD 2026 – A SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN NEWSLETTER





DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS!

I would like to share an update on the flash flood and Compassion for Asia's ongoing relief work. On 26 August 2026, a devastating glacier collapse on the Tibet–Nepal border triggered a powerful flash flood downstream, surging through the border area like a tsunami. It swept away immigration buildings on both sides and killed many people. Little information has been released about the death toll on the Chinese side, and media access has been restricted. In Rasuwa, the flood rose to approximately 40 metres above the river channel because of the terrain, carrying vast amounts of rock, ice, trees, mud, and debris. The flood waves reached four to six metres above normal river levels, then decreased farther south as the river widened. The flood struck communities along the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli rivers, causing extensive damage across six districts. One resident said that his family had lived there for six or seven generations and had never seen anything like it.

According to the latest preliminary reports from 05.09.2026, it is revealed that 1,344 people have died and approximately 5,000 people remain missing. 589 tourists still missing from 39 countries. Search and recovery operations are continuing. The flood has destroyed approx. 7,570 houses, with more than 3,300 families displaced. Around 55 kilometers of roads destroyed in different places, along with 37 motorable bridges, including 33 destroyed, and 68 suspension bridges. The disaster has also affected 18 schools, 10 of them completely swept away, 7 health facilities and 48 government buildings. Agricultural land has been damaged or swept away completely. affecting food security and livelihoods.

Nepal's energy infrastructure has suffered major losses, with 13 hydropower projects affected and approximately 783 MW of generation capacity impacted, along with one solar power plant and two transmission lines. Telecommunications and other essential infrastructure have also been disrupted. Local shops, markets, banks, hotels, restaurants and vehicles have suffered significant damage, although a reliable nationwide figure for these losses is not yet available.



64 year old woman is rescued alive from debris

The flood has also caused significant livestock and poultry losses, devastating the livelihoods and food security of many rural families. In Nuwakot alone that is one of the sixth district, preliminary assessments indicate that more than 160,000 animals and poultry were lost, including pigs, chickens and buffaloes, with additional losses of cattle, goats and fish reported. A reliable nationwide animal-loss figure is not yet available.

In Betrawati, Nuwakot, 64-year-old Chandrika Shrestha was found alive in 11th day after flooding beneath the debris of her home after approximately ten days. Her family had already believed she was dead and had begun mourning.

Lu Haitao, a Chinese worker at a hydropower project, who survived approximately ten days inside a 225-meter tunnel before being rescued. His story came as teams continued searching for workers trapped or missing at hydropower projects. Approximately 900 hydropower workers were reported missing around several affected projects, making the hydropower disaster both an infrastructure and humanitarian crisis.

All figures are preliminary and subject to change as Nepal's government continues its search.

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Chinese person working in hydro-power is rescued after 10 days

EFFECT ON OUR MINISTRY AND OUR RESPONSE

Pastor Santosh has returned from Nuwakot, and Pastor Prem and Aron have returned after their field visit. They described the situation as being beyond explanation due to the extent of the damage. They distributed relief to 50 affected families in Nuwakot, providing rice, lentils, salt, cooking oil and dry food. In the Betrawati area of Rasuwa, assistance was provided to 28 families with young children, including urgent food supplies such as children's food, diapers, hygiene supplies and other essential items through Children's Kits. We are also sending more relief to our affected churches. The response is focused on food, clean water, children's supplies, diapers, hygiene materials, temporary shelter and other household necessities. The need will extend beyond the initial emergency, as families will need support to rebuild their homes, children to return to school, farmers to restore agriculture and livestock, and small businesses to restart their livelihoods.

In Kholabesi, around 30 families need our help. In Akre, Nuwakot, 46 families have been affected, they urgently need cooking utensils, tarpaulins, clothing, and basic supplies. In Khalte, around 40 households and we are sending more relief asap.

What's made a real difference is our former Bible school graduates, Sher Bahadur Tamang and Hira, who've been our eyes and ears on the ground, sending us firsthand information and helping us identify the families in most urgent need, has thrown himself into relief efforts even as he grieves alongside his neighbours.

Sher Bahadur has lived this tragedy himself by losing his cousin and four relatives. We are working with them together, local other partners as well to help and support the needy.

–Sudip Khadka

RELIEF EFFORTS: Food Supplies









A CALL FOR PRAYER & PARTNERSHIP

Please pray for the families who have lost loved ones, those still searching for missing relatives, displaced families, children whose education has been interrupted, rescue workers.

Please consider making a contribution to Compassion for Asia so we could continue to support flood-affected families in Nepal with urgent food and essential supplies.

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Sher's cousion who is swept a away by flood



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