

RASUWA FLASH FLOOD NEPAL

Oxfam and Partners Response Update-V7

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Context and Background

A catastrophic flash flood on 26 August caused widespread loss of life and destruction across Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading. More than 1,300 bodies/human remains have been recovered, over 5,000 people remain missing or out of contact, and 1.6 million people have been impacted. Response operations continue amid major access and infrastructure constraints.

Oxfam and local partners are supporting the Government-led response through local humanitarian partners, prioritising lifesaving assistance in WASH, food and basic needs, protection and gender, and emergency shelter/ NFIs. Oxfam plans to reach 5,000 households / 25,000 people in the hardest-hit communities with lifesaving assistance, while linking the immediate response to longer-term recovery.

Situation at a Glance



Death
1,377



Missing
5,132



Holding Centres **37**
[3,685 people]

Oxfam and Partners: Reach So Far

Dhading

LOCAL PARTNER: FOCUS NEPAL
Gajuri Rural Municipality

Hygiene Kits **282**
Food Item **282**
Shelter Kit **282**

Dhading

LOCAL PARTNER: CSRC
Galchhi Rural Municipality

Hygiene Kits **222**
Food Item **222**
Shelter Kit **222**

Rasuwa

LOCAL PARTNER: CSRC
Uttargaya-Holding Center
through HSA

Hygiene Kits **200**
Aqua tabs **1000**
Water tanks **22**
Submersible Motors **9**
Food Item **554**
Shelter Kit **504**

Nuwakot

LOCAL PARTNER: BWSN
Bidur Municipality

Hygiene Kits **137**
Water tanks **22***
Submersible Motors **9**
Food Item **50**

*Ensuring access to safe drinking water for approximately 550–590 people (110–118 families) affected by the floods in Bidur Municipality.



Total HHs reached
(direct reach)
841



Total individuals reached
4205

CSRC, partner organization is providing critical operational support to Uttargaya Rural Municipality, strengthening relief packaging, information management and the coordinated distribution of assistance

Funding update:

Oxfam 6-month response target:

US\$ **2.7** million. Secured and likely funding so far: **90%** of the target.

Oxfam Priority Sectors



WASH



Emergency Food
Security and Vulnerable
Livelihoods (EFSVL)



Protection



Emergency Shelter
and NFI

Looking ahead to recovery

Oxfam aims to strengthening community preparedness for saving lives and protecting economic assets. A longer-term response and recovery plan is also being developed to address evolving needs. As the scale of damage becomes clearer, Oxfam and partners are moving swiftly to assess early recovery and rehabilitation needs alongside immediate humanitarian assistance. This will help identify priorities across water and sanitation, shelter, livelihoods, protection and critical community infrastructure, ensuring that our response evolves from immediate relief towards longer-term recovery.

Key Messages from the Field



Response capacity is stretched:

Government-led coordination and the “one-door” relief mechanism are under significant pressure given the scale and complexity of the disaster, particularly in logistics and reliable needs/data management.



Access remains a major constraint:

Damaged road connectivity leaves some communities isolated and difficult to reach, requiring alternative logistics, including targeted airlift of essential relief supplies where necessary.



Critical supply gaps persist: Acute shortages of essential goods and NFIs are being reported, alongside limited market functionality in isolated areas of Uttargaya Rural Municipality, Rasuwa.



Food security and livelihoods are being disrupted: Damage and losses to livestock, crops, agricultural inputs, tools, and other livelihood assets are undermining household food security and limiting recovery prospects. At the same time, disruption to markets, agricultural activities and transport networks is reducing income opportunities, particularly for households dependent on daily labour, further increasing their vulnerability and reliance on humanitarian assistance.



Shelter and settlement options are constrained: In Uttargaya Rural Municipality Rasuwa, there is very limited open space for temporary settlements, creating additional protection and shelter challenges.



A multi-stakeholder approach is essential: The scale and complexity of needs require coordinated, multisectoral support, with CSOs playing a critical role in complementing government capacity, including relief management, repackaging and distribution.



Information management: capacity is severely affected by damaged government infrastructure and loss of officials, creating challenges in identification, verification and targeting appropriate assistance to affected populations.



Significant gaps: remain in **safe water supply** with a need for chlorination in affected areas in Rasuwa. Meanwhile, more than 30 water systems in Nuwakot require extensive rehabilitation. Meeting the **privacy and dignity needs of women remains a gap** with limited access to private bathing facilities.



Market functionality is uneven and requires continued monitoring:

Although markets in accessible areas are functional at sub optimal level but remain disrupted, poorly supplied, and difficult to access in isolated communities. Regular monitoring of prices, availability of essential food and NFIs, trader access and stocks, transport costs, and supply routes is needed to identify emerging shortages and price increases. The response should therefore remain market-sensitive and flexible, adapting the modality and delivery approach as market conditions and access constraints evolve.

The key concern emerging from the field is not only the scale of needs, but the capacity and access constraints affecting the response. Continued support needs to be flexible, multisectoral and coordinated, while leveraging the strong role of local CSOs to reach communities that only government systems cannot adequately reach on their own.

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Oxfam has completed a rapid market assessment in Uttargaya Rural Municipality to assess market functionality, supply availability, price dynamics and key constraints affecting traders and communities. The findings will inform the feasibility and design of market-based interventions, including cash assistance, and support evidence-based response planning. The assessment report will be shared shortly.