



Floods in Kathmandu after heavy rainfall lasting several days. ©UNICEF Nepal/2024/LPNgakhushi

Nepal Floods Humanitarian Situation Update # 2

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Overview

One week after the onset of heavy rainfall in Nepal, over 80,000 people are estimated to be affected by floods and landslides. Around 10,000 houses are destroyed and damaged, displacing an estimated 50,000 people. With more rain being forecasted for the next 48 hours, UNICEF is deeply concerned about children's safety and wellbeing.

The incessant rains, which lashed down non-stop between 27 and 28 September, are one of the heaviest rains Nepal has seen over the past few decades. It is estimated that more than **230 people**, including **55 children*** (20 girls and 35 boys) have lost their lives, with many others injured or reported missing. An estimated **4,667 houses are fully destroyed while 5,310 houses are partially damaged**. Landslides and rubble have blocked major roads into the Katmandu Valley, hampering access to goods and critical services, including healthcare. Reports of increase in food prices and other essential items in the valley have begun.

Children – especially those displaced – are at increased risk of violence, exploitation, and abuse during and directly after emergencies. Access to critical services is affected, with **62 health facilities, 550 water supply systems, and 9,000 sanitation facilities** damaged. UNICEF is concerned about possible disease outbreaks, including cholera and dengue fever. Damage to over **190 schools** deprives over 23,000 girls and boys of access to safe spaces where they can learn, play, and heal.

UNICEF response

UNICEF is on the ground and working tirelessly to reach the most affected people, including children, women and the most vulnerable groups with life-saving interventions and critical supplies in a timely and effective manner. Rapid assessments – to assess the full damage of the disaster – are currently being conducted.

**Data obtained from Nepal Police*

Situation in Numbers:

81,215
people affected (estimated)

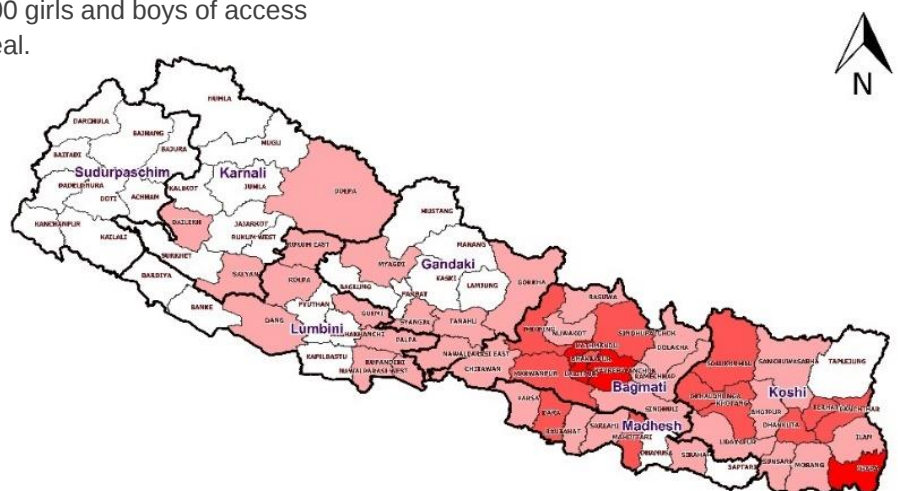
27,613
Children affected (estimated)

233
People killed, including 55 children

169
People injured

Flood and landslides- affected areas:

The areas highlighted red in the map represent those most affected by floods and landslides.



With government leadership, UNICEF's response focuses on ensuring the protection of children, continuous access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, and health and nutrition services. Through existing interagency coordination mechanism, UNICEF is leading the response to the humanitarian situation in the following sectors:

HEALTH



- With an estimated 62 health facilities – including tertiary level hospitals and several health posts hospitals – damaged, access to healthcare for children, women, and their families is of a serious concern. The floods have significantly increased the risk of water-borne and vector-borne disease outbreaks including cholera and dengue, as well as typhoid fever. Assessment of cold chain equipment is ongoing.
- In response**, emergency supplies, including 1,000 bed nets, have been dispatched to the affected areas to meet the needs of over 2,000 affected households. The Government of Nepal asked UNICEF to provide 10 medical tents. So far, one medical tent has been installed in Panauti Municipality, Kavrepalanchowk district to ensure essential health services are provided to an estimated 2,000 people.



WASH

- Initial reports suggest that 550 water supply systems and 9,000 sanitation facilities have been affected by floods and landslides, affecting the provision of safe water and sanitation in affected areas. Notably, with over half of the urban population relying on alternate sources of water - such as through tankers or wells - risk communication and community engagement interventions are crucial to prevent possible disease outbreaks. Environmental cleaning and disinfection of water supply/sanitation facilities are also a top priority along with restoration of essential water supply, provision of temporary sanitation facilities and provision of hygiene practices to prevent disease outbreaks.
- In response**, emergency pre-positioned supplies, including 2,200 sets of hygiene kits, buckets, and water purifiers have been distributed to the affected areas. Further, 30 sacks of bleaching powder, 10 temporary toilets and 1,000 water purifiers have been provided to the urban flood-affected areas. These supplies are enough to meet the needs of 16,200 people. UNICEF aims to reach 65,000 people with safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene supplies along with repairing damaged WASH infrastructure.



EDUCATION



- Over 190 schools have been reported as damaged by the floods affecting over 23,000 children. In addition, thousands of people are sheltering in school buildings after the floods. UNICEF is working with the government and partners to ensure minimum disruption of access to education and continuous access to safe learning spaces, quality education and psychosocial support. UNICEF has prepositioned supplies available in its warehouses – to cover the needs of 11,000 children – that are ready to be dispatched based on needs currently being assessed.

Examples of UNICEF response in Madhesh - distribution of supplies - and Bagmati - setting-up medical tent - Provinces. ©UNICEF Nepal



NUTRITION

- Concerns over malnutrition have increased, particularly for vulnerable children under-five due to inadequate intake of healthy, diverse food, contamination of water sources and subsequent disease outbreaks, and disruption of essential health, nutrition, and other services. UNICEF's main concern is to ensure continuation of lifesaving nutrition services for affected children and their appropriate feeding and care.
- In response**, UNICEF as cluster lead is supporting the Government of Nepal to screen children under-five years of age for malnutrition. Identified malnourished children will be provided with support through government programmes. In addition, UNICEF is supporting the provision of essential nutrition services such as micronutrient supplementation and breastfeeding and complementary feeding counselling to mothers and caregivers.



CHILD PROTECTION

- The recent floods and landslides in Nepal have had a devastating impact on the physical, emotional, and mental health of children and their families. Children and their families are at high risk of increased violence, abuse and exploitation including gender-based violence, trafficking, psychosocial distress, and trauma, particularly with the erosion of the normal routines of families.
- In response**, together with the Child Rights Council, UNICEF helped rescue 50 women and children from flood-affected areas, including 20 children (7 girls and 13 boys) who were relocated to a temporary shelter and provided with essential services such as food, clothing, and medicine. Additionally, 30 women and children were rescued from their damaged homes and relocated to safe spaces. Further, 44 community-based psychosocial workers and volunteers were trained and deployed in Saptari district, Madhesh Province, to provide psychosocial support and other emergency support. UNICEF plans to establish 15 child-friendly space for 1,500 displaced children in the Kathmandu Valley and provide psychological first aid for the families affected.

SOCIAL PROTECTION/CASH +

- Many already vulnerable children and families have been affected by the floods and landslides.
- In response**, UNICEF and its partners, led by the Government of Nepal, are planning to start humanitarian CASH+ approach next week to provide families with much needed support. The CASH+ includes a small cash grant to families with vulnerable children as well as access to a package of basic social and protection services.



SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE (SBC)+

- The SBC+ components of the Anticipatory Action plan have been activated to engage and support affected communities in mitigating the heightened risks of waterborne and vector-borne diseases.
- In response**, 50,000+ people have been reached through broadcasted public service announcements through four local FM radio channels, 4,000 households have been reached by megaphone announcements (by four tuk-tuks). Forty (40) SBC-trained social mobilizers reached flood-affected individuals across affected areas to gather information on communities' needs. They guided affected communities on lifesaving measures and distributed 835 communication packages with guidance how to stay safe and healthy amidst the crisis (with a further 4,000 printed communication packages ready to be dispatched to the affected people).

Funding needs

Preparedness ahead of the floods has supported a timely response, including timely delivery of supplies to address urgent and immediate needs of the affected communities. UNICEF is reviewing its supply stock and replenishing need. However, without adequate and timely funding, UNICEF's ability to provide essential services for children, including children with disabilities and women through access to health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene, education services will be significantly compromised.

USD 4 MILLION

An initial USD 4 million is needed to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of an estimated 65,000 people. Funding will also allow UNICEF to replenish its emergency stock, including lifesaving supplies, such as hygiene kits, bed nets, water purification tablets, buckets as well as medical tents.

Communication content on the flood situation and response can be found here: [WeShare Package](#)

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