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Highlights

- Nepal flash flood has affected an estimated 84,270 people, including 32,021 children and 1,854 persons with disabilities across 17 municipalities in six districts.
- Essential services for children and families are severely disrupted. Fifty water supply systems and 20 schools have been damaged, while four health facilities have been destroyed and two partially damaged.
- UNICEF is delivering lifesaving support across WASH, child protection, health, nutrition, education and risk communication, working closely with the Government of Nepal and humanitarian partners to reach the most affected communities.
- Around 48,000 people have been reached with essential WASH supplies, while damaged water supply systems were restored in five priority districts.
- 2,700 cartons of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) have been provided for the treatment of children with severe acute malnutrition.
- Psychological first aid (PFA) and community-based psychosocial support has been provided to 1,029 flood-affected people, including 462 children, while specialized mental health and psychosocial support has reached 1,714 people, including 574 children and adolescents.
- Learning materials have been dispatched to support continuity of education, including 2,694 student kits, 148 teacher kits and 43 early childhood development kits.
- US\$17.2 million is required to meet the immediate needs of children and families affected by the flash floods, with additional resources needed to support recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

* Including 30,000 children, 35,000 caregivers and parents and 600 teachers

**The available funding of 34% includes a US\$2.5 million EPF loan.

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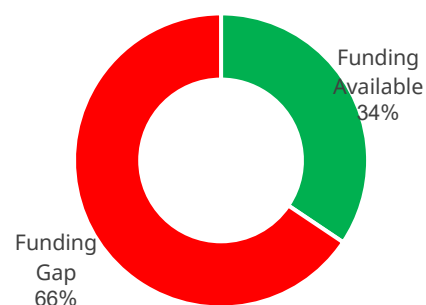
Situation in Numbers



Funding Requirement

USD 17.2 million

Funding Status**



Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF requires US\$17.2 million to meet the immediate needs of children and families affected by the flash floods, with additional resources needed to support recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

UNICEF is grateful for the early support provided by the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Government of Switzerland through reprogrammed anticipatory action funding. UNICEF's global humanitarian thematic funding and Emergency Programme Fund also enabled the rapid delivery of critical supplies and services. In addition, a European Union Humanitarian Aid-supported flight delivered 84 metric tonnes of urgently needed relief supplies to support the response. UNICEF also thanks the United Kingdom, Italy, and its National Committee supporters for their timely contributions, which ensure a swift and effective response.

These resources support interventions across water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), child protection, health, nutrition, education, social protection, and risk communication and community engagement. However, additional funding is urgently needed to scale up the immediate life-saving response. Timely and flexible funding will be essential to complement the Government-led response and address evolving needs.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

The Government of Nepal is leading the response through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority and National Emergency Operation Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

UNICEF works through the Humanitarian Country Team with government counterparts, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector and civil society partners to support a coordinated response.

Within the government-led cluster coordination system, UNICEF co-leads the WASH, Nutrition, Education and Protection clusters, and is an active member of the Health, Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Shelter clusters, and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Working Group. UNICEF is supporting the strengthening of cluster coordination mechanisms at national, district and municipality levels, including through enhanced information management, joint needs assessments, response planning and operational coordination to ensure assistance reaches the most affected communities. As access improves and assessments progress, this will help prioritize assistance for affected children, women and vulnerable populations in a harmonized manner.

On 4 September, the humanitarian community launched an inter-agency Nepal Rasuwa Flood – Flash Appeal in support of the flood response. UNICEF's response is fully aligned with the inter-agency appeal.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

An estimated 84,270 people, including 32,021 children and 1,854 persons with disabilities, have been impacted by the severe flash floods that struck 17 municipalities across six districts on 26 August.¹ Damage to homes, roads, bridges, water systems, health facilities, schools, and other critical infrastructure has disrupted essential services and restricted access to affected communities.

¹ Nepal, Rasuwa Flood – Flash Appeal, Inter-Agency Appeal, OCHA: <https://reliefweb.int/report/nepal/nepal-rasuwa-flood-flash-appeal-4-september-2026>

Over 4,500 displaced people are staying in 38 holding centres across Nuwakot, Rasuwa, Dhading districts,² where overcrowding and limited access to safe water and sanitation are increasing protection and public health risks.

Displacement and family separation are increasing protection risks. Some 232 unaccompanied and separated children have been identified across several holding centres, with verification and protection assessments under way. Women and girls face safety, privacy and dignity concerns, including limited access to safe, private and sex-segregated bathing facilities. Risks of trafficking, exploitation, unsafe migration and child labour are heightened, particularly in border and transit areas. Children and people with disabilities face additional barriers to assistance and services, including inaccessible facilities and inadequate support in temporary shelters.

Four health facilities were fully damaged, two further facilities were partially damaged, and two were reported non-operational, disrupting access to essential health and nutrition services. An estimated 10,600 pregnant and breastfeeding women, 7,000 children under five and 7,900 adolescent girls require emergency nutrition support.

Around 84,000 people require immediate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) support, with 50 water supply systems partially or fully damaged. No disease outbreaks have been detected to date, but disrupted water and sanitation services increase public health risks.

At least 20 schools have been damaged by the floods, affecting around 7,000 children, while a further 80 schools near riverbanks are being assessed for flood-related damage. Eight schools are currently being used as temporary shelters for displaced families, disrupting learning for an additional 1,300 children. Rapid assessments are ongoing across affected areas to determine the full extent of damage to education facilities.

Damaged roads and bridges, landslides and disrupted electricity and communications are constraining assessments and the delivery of assistance, particularly in Rasuwa and parts of Nuwakot districts. These constraints are also limiting disaggregated data on affected populations and their needs.

UNICEF's Response

Child Protection

Through partners, UNICEF provided PFA and psychosocial support to 1,029 flood-affected people, including 462 children (202 girls and 260 boys). Four UNICEF-supported helplines are providing psychosocial and protection support, while 15 psychosocial counsellors have been deployed to expand mental health and psychosocial support services.

UNICEF and partners have identified 232 unaccompanied and separated children across several holding centres. Verification and protection assessments are underway to support appropriate care, family tracing and reunification and referrals to services.

Three child-friendly spaces have been established, providing around 70 children with safe spaces for structured play, recreational activities, psychosocial support and referrals to appropriate services.

² Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response, Situation Report #3, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, 3 September 2026, 6:00 PM.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

UNICEF is scaling up WASH support in five priority districts, working with local governments and partners on immediate response and early recovery. UNICEF has provided essential WASH supplies sufficient for approximately 48,000 people, including 9,720 hygiene kits, 8,000 water purifiers, 9,000 buckets, 7,800 mugs, 4,700 collapsible jerrycans, 200 mobile toilets, as well as information and communication materials to support access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene. UNICEF is also providing generators, pumps and pipes to support the restoration of damaged water supply systems.

UNICEF is supporting access to safe drinking water, sanitation and handwashing facilities and hygiene promotion in holding centres and host communities. UNICEF is also working with the health team to strengthen water-quality surveillance and hygiene promotion to prevent waterborne disease outbreaks.

Health

UNICEF, in collaboration with the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division and partners, deployed one psychiatrist, four clinical psychologists and one psychosocial counsellor to provide mental health and psychosocial support in 14 holding centres, reaching 1,714 people, including 574 children and adolescents. Three medical tents, 933 bed nets and 700 newborn kits were dispatched to Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts to support delivery of essential health services.

UNICEF is also supporting disease surveillance in affected districts under the Ministry's Surveillance Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System; as of 3 September, no disease outbreaks had been detected, though isolated cases of acute gastroenteritis, influenza-like illness and fever with rash are being monitored in holding centres in Rasuwa and Nuwakot.

Nutrition

UNICEF provided 2,700 cartons of ready-to-use therapeutic food for the treatment of children with severe acute malnutrition in flood-affected areas and supported their transportation to the medical stores of the Ministry of Health and Food Safety in the affected areas.

Immediate priorities include nutrition screening and the management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition, micronutrient supplementation, infant and young child feeding counselling, and nutrition support for infants, young children and their caregivers.

Education

UNICEF dispatched learning materials to flood-affected areas, including 148 teacher kits, 1,494 student kits for younger children, 1,200 student kits for adolescents and 43 early childhood development kits. Distribution to affected schools and children is planned.

UNICEF is also supporting rapid education needs assessments to inform prioritization of the response and identify the needs of affected learners, teachers and schools.

Shock-Responsive Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash Transfers

UNICEF is working with the government and partners to assess the feasibility of delivering cash assistance through existing shock-responsive social protection systems.

Based on market conditions, UNICEF is preparing to support a multipurpose cash transfer of NPR 15,000 (approximately US\$100) to around 6,500 affected households identified by the local government, using existing government delivery mechanisms. Two follow up monthly cash transfer of NPR 30,000 (approximately US\$ 200) will be delivered to households with children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women, and people with disabilities, particularly children, where feasible linking families to UNICEF-supported Nutrition, WASH and child protection services.

UNICEF will also work with the Government to strengthen shock-responsive social protection systems and link affected households to existing social protection programmes and longer-term support.

Social and Behavioural Change, Risk Communication, Community Engagement and Accountability to the Affected Populations

UNICEF is supporting access to verified, lifesaving information through local radio, SMS and digital, free-access community engagement platforms to help affected communities make informed decisions, adopt protective behaviours and safely access services and assistance.

Social listening is being used to identify community concerns, needs and priorities, and to track rumours and misinformation, informing UNICEF and partners' communication, community engagement and service delivery efforts and supporting Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) across the response.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF has completed the dispatch of pre-positioned WASH, child protection and education supplies, including psychosocial and recreational materials to affected areas.

A DG ECHO-funded charter flight carrying approximately 84 metric tons of emergency supplies from Copenhagen arrived in Kathmandu on 4 September, supporting the scale-up of the response. Additional lifesaving supplies are being mobilized from UNICEF's global supply hubs in Copenhagen and Dubai, alongside local and offshore procurement of health, nutrition, WASH, education and child protection supplies.

UNICEF has also deployed logistics capacity to Nuwakot district to coordinate the movement, distribution and tracking of supplies and support timely delivery to affected communities.

Funding Requirements

Sector	Requirements in US\$
Health	2,182,800
Nutrition	963,000
Water Sanitation and Hygiene	5,617,500
Child Protection	909,500
Education	2,675,000
Social Policy/Humanitarian Cash Transfer	2,407,500
Social Behavior Change	347,750
Operational Support	2,140,000
Total	17,243,050

Media, communications and visibility

- Press Release: [More than one week on from Nepal's floods, thousands of children remain without safe water and face rising risk of disease](#)
- Press Release: [Flash Floods in Nepal leave more than 17,000 children in need of urgent humanitarian assistance](#)
- Video explainer: [UNICEF was on the ground right and witnessed the impact on children](#)
- Video: [Supplies handed over to the Government and transported by helicopter to people in need](#)
- Human interest story: ["I didn't know where my parents were"](#)
- Human Interest story: [Finding a way through the fear](#)
- Human Interest story: [Holding on to childhood](#)
- Human Interest story: [From warehouses to families in need](#)
- Human Interest story: [A newborn's first days, far from home](#)
- Video: [First-hand account of escaping the floods, from Samir, 21, from Nuwakot](#)
- All multimedia media assets are available at [WeShare - Nepal](#)

Various media interviews have been completed.

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