



UNICEF-supported child-friendly space in Nuwakot
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Highlights

- An estimated 84,270 people, including 32,021 children and 1,854 persons with disabilities, are affected across 17 municipalities in six districts. As of 7 September, 3,630 displaced people are staying in 37 holding centres across three districts.
- Essential services remain severely disrupted, with 46 water supply systems, 23 schools and seven health facilities damaged.
- Critical WASH supplies have been provided for 48,600 people, and water supply systems serving 17,500 people have been restored.
- Mental health and psychosocial support have reached 1,952 people, including 782 children, through community interventions, and 2,893 people, including 1,382 children and adolescents, through specialist services.
- 541 unaccompanied and separated children have been reported to date, with 18 reunited with their families and follow-up support provided for all identified children.
- 112 children under-five have been screened for malnutrition, and 57 pregnant and breastfeeding women received infant and young child feeding counselling.
- Education supplies including student, school and early childhood development kits have been dispatched to support more than 9,500 children.
- Lifesaving information reached an estimated 1.67 million people through seven radio stations, alongside digital emergency information.
- US\$17.2 million is required to meet the immediate needs of children and families affected by the flash floods.

Situation in Numbers



84,270 people need humanitarian assistance



32,021 children affected



32,000 children need protection support



84,000 people need WASH support



14,900 children need nutrition support

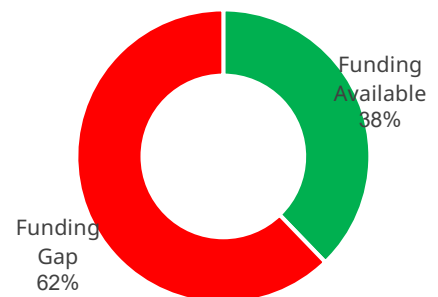


30,000 children need education assistance

Funding Requirement**

USD 17.2 million

Funding Status



*The available funding of 38% includes a US\$2.5 million EPF loan.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF requires US\$17.2 million timely and flexible funding for immediate lifesaving response to meet the immediate needs of children and families affected by the flash floods.

UNICEF thanks the European Union Humanitarian Aid, the Governments of Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Italy, Temasek Foundation, and National Committee supporters for their contributions, alongside global humanitarian thematic funding and UNICEF's Emergency Programme Fund.

UNICEF also recognizes the critical contribution of its local civil society implementing partners: Association of Community Radio Broadcasters of Nepal, Child Workers in Nepal Concerned Centre, Educational Pages, Hami Daju Bhai, National Inter-religious Network Nepal, Nepal Public Health Research and Development Centre, Samunnat Nepal, Setogurans National Child Development Services, and Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal. Their partnership, technical expertise and presence alongside UNICEF in affected communities have been instrumental in supporting the response.

As assessments continue and recovery planning progresses in close coordination with the Government, additional resources will be needed to support the restoration of essential services and help affected communities recover and build resilience.

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.

Within the government-led cluster system, UNICEF co-leads the WASH Cluster with the Ministry of Water Supply, the Nutrition Cluster with the Ministry of Health and Population, the Education Cluster with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Protection Cluster with the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens and the United Nations Population Fund. UNICEF also participates in the Health, Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Shelter clusters and the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Working Group. UNICEF is helping lead and strengthen 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.

UNICEF's response is aligned with the inter-agency Nepal Rasuwa Flood Flash Appeal¹ and coordinated through the Humanitarian Country Team and other national and subnational mechanisms.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Severe flash floods which struck Nepal on 26 August affected an estimated 84,270 people, including 32,021 children and 1,854 persons with disabilities, across 17 municipalities in six districts.² As of 7 September, government authorities reported 1,356 deaths (at least 85 children – 33 girls) and 4,994 people missing. Around 3,630 displaced people are staying in 37 holding centres across Nuwakot,

¹ Inter-agency Flash Appeal for Nepal: Rasuwa Flood (4 September 2026): <https://reliefweb.int/report/nepal/nepal-rasuwa-flood-flash-appeal-4-september-2026>

² These numbers are based on the inter-agency Flash Appeal and reflect the latest available assessment data at the time of reporting. Numbers may change as assessments continue and additional information becomes available.

Rasuwa and Dhading districts,³ where overcrowding and limited access to safe water and sanitation are increasing protection and public health risks.

Protection needs are evolving as displaced families move between holding centres, host communities and temporary shelters. According to the National Child Rights Council, 541 unaccompanied and separated children have been identified,⁴ while access to some affected areas is constraining their identification, verification, family tracing and reunification. At least 17,000 children require mental health and psychosocial support. Women and adolescent girls also require safe access to gender-based violence prevention and response services, psychosocial support, information and referrals.

Four health facilities in Rasuwa district have been fully damaged and three in Dhading district partially damaged, while access to two hospitals has been disrupted. Damage to health facilities and cold-chain systems is affecting access to essential health services. An estimated 10,600 pregnant and breastfeeding women, 7,000 children under 5 and 7,900 adolescent girls require nutrition support. Access to remote areas, particularly in Rasuwa, continues to constrain the delivery of health and nutrition supplies and services.

More than 84,000 people across over 19,000 households require WASH support. Forty-six water supply systems have been damaged, and an estimated 10,000 toilets require restoration, leaving families without reliable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services. Access constraints, particularly in Rasuwa, are slowing immediate assistance and the restoration of damaged WASH infrastructure.

Most recent assessments indicate that learning has been disrupted for around 14,000 children across 62 schools in Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa.⁵ At least 23 schools are damaged, including 12 fully and 11 partially damaged, while a further 25 schools are being used as shelters for affected families across Dhading, Nuwakot and Rasuwa.

Damaged roads and bridges continue to constrain connectivity to some affected communities, particularly in Rasuwa, affecting the delivery of assistance and access to essential services, although transport links, electricity and communications are gradually being restored. Ongoing assessments provide a clearer picture of needs as access improves.

UNICEF's Response

Child Protection

A total of 541 unaccompanied and separated children have been identified across holding centres. Eighteen children have been reunited with their families, while verification, family tracing, reunification and case management continue in coordination with government and child protection partners.

³ Some 2,699 people are staying in 25 holding centres in Nuwakot, 733 people in 10 holding centres in Rasuwa, and 197 people in 2 holding centres in Dhading. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response, Situation Report No. 7, 7 September 2026.

⁴ National Child Rights Council, see National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority, Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi Flood: Search, Rescue and Relief Response, Situation Report No. 9, 9 September 2026.

⁵ The estimate of 14,000 children refers to those currently identified as experiencing learning disruptions due to impacts on schools in the affected areas. The broader estimate of 30,000 children in need of education support, as per the inter-agency Flash Appeal, includes both directly and indirectly affected children, including those attending additional schools affected along the flood corridor and children whose learning may be disrupted due to displacement. The figure will continue to be refined as assessments and cluster reporting are updated.

Seven child-friendly spaces have been established, reaching 318 children (176 girls and 142 boys) with structured play, recreational activities and psychosocial support.

UNICEF and partners have provided psychological first aid and psychosocial support to 1,952 flood-affected people, including 782 children (370 girls and 412 boys), 644 women and 526 men. Seventeen trained psychosocial counsellors and four helplines are supporting the delivery of these services.

A total of 349 people were reached through GBV and protection awareness sessions, including child safeguarding messages and awareness on trafficking and exploitation risks.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

UNICEF is scaling up WASH support in five priority districts. As of 7 September, 9,720 hygiene kits, sufficient for 48,600 people, as well as 8,000 water purifiers, 9,000 buckets, 7,800 mugs and 4,700 collapsible jerrycans, alongside information materials for affected communities and holding centres, have been provided.

UNICEF is also supporting the Government to restore damaged water supply systems through the provision of generators, pumps and pipes. Systems serving approximately 3,500 households, or 17,500 people, have been restored using climate- and disaster-resilient measures with UNICEF support.

To address urgent sanitation needs, UNICEF is supporting the cleaning, disinfection and rehabilitation of damaged or contaminated toilets, including in temporary and communal facilities, and providing mobile/emergency sanitation solutions where required. UNICEF is also establishing handwashing stations at priority locations, particularly around temporary shelters, communal facilities and other high-traffic areas, while promoting handwashing with soap and other key hygiene practices to reduce the risk of waterborne and communicable diseases.

Health

Sixteen mental health specialists, including two psychiatrists, eight psychologists and six psychosocial counsellors, are providing mental health and psychosocial support in 14 holding centres across Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Dhading districts. They have reached 2,893 people, including 1,382 children and adolescents.

UNICEF has installed three medical tents to facilitate timely healthcare spaces in Nuwakot and Rasuwa districts and provided 933 bed nets and 700 newborn kits.

UNICEF is supporting continuous disease surveillance through the national Surveillance, Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System. Reported symptoms, including acute gastroenteritis, fever with rash and fever and cough, are being monitored and verified by health authorities and the World Health Organization. No outbreaks have been detected as of 7 September.

In support of cholera preparedness, UNICEF transported 21,600 doses of oral cholera vaccine (OCV) to Rasuwa district for an upcoming vaccination campaign in four high-risk municipalities (Gosaikunda, Aamachhodingmo, Uttargaya and Kalika). On 8 September, UNICEF also supported the delivery of 80,523 OCV doses to Nuwakot district for vaccination activities in four high-risk municipalities (Bidur, Kispang, Tarakeshwor and Belkotgadhi).

Nutrition

With UNICEF support, children in 18 holding centers in Bidur municipalities, Nuwakot district, have started to be screened for malnutrition. 112 children under 5 have been covered, with all found to have normal nutritional status. They received multiple micronutrient powder as a preventive measure. Fifteen pregnant women and 42 breastfeeding women also received infant and young child feeding counselling.

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 and partners have identified a need for 38 temporary learning centres in Nuwakot and Dhading districts. Site preparation for the installation of these tents has begun with local partners while UNICEF is dispatching school tents to these locations.

UNICEF has already dispatched 49 early childhood development kits, 167 school kits, 1,773 student kits for younger children and 1,530 student kits for older children to Dhading and Nuwakot districts, sufficient to support more than 9,500 children's learning needs. Hygiene and sanitary kits are also being dispatched to schools together with portable latrines and rehabilitation of damaged WASH facilities.

In coordination with the Protection and Health Clusters, UNICEF connected head teachers from 31 schools with psychiatrists to provide school-based psychological first aid for teachers and support affected students and school communities.

Shock-Responsive Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash Transfers

UNICEF is working with nine local governments (LGs) in the three most affected districts (Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading) to assess the feasibility of delivering humanitarian cash transfers through government registration, verification and payment systems.

In line with the Government's Shock Responsive Social Protection guidance, UNICEF is planning a multipurpose cash transfer of NPR 15,000 (approximately US\$100) to an initial estimated 6,000 affected households identified through Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMCs). At least three local governments have begun collecting beneficiary data, with the first transfers expected in the second half of September.

Three follow-up monthly cash transfers of NPR 30,000 (approximately US\$200) are planned for October, November and December for households with children under five, pregnant and lactating women, and persons with disabilities, particularly children. Where feasible beneficiaries of cash transfers will be linked to UNICEF-supported Nutrition, WASH and child protection services.

UNICEF is coordinating closely with the Cash Working Group and relevant humanitarian partners to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication of assistance across affected areas.

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

UNICEF is supporting Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) across the flood response by providing affected communities with access to timely, verified and lifesaving information through multiple communication channels, while gathering community feedback and insights to inform response efforts. UNICEF has reached an estimated 1.67 million people in flood-affected and neighbouring districts with lifesaving information through broadcasts on seven radio stations. Digital emergency information shared through the Internet of Good Things platform generated 7,670 visits between 30 August and 6 September.

UNICEF also deployed a social and behaviour change expertise to flood-affected areas to gather community insights. These findings informed child protection risk communication, psychosocial support and monitoring of community concerns and misinformation.

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 arrived in Kathmandu on 4 September, supporting the scale-up of immediate response. Additional lifesaving supplies were mobilized from UNICEF's global supply hubs, alongside local procurement of essential supplies. A charter flight supported by Dubai Humanitarian arrived in Nepal on 8 September carrying 30 metric tons of essential supplies from the UNICEF Supply Hub in Dubai, including Ringer's lactate for cholera treatment, WASH and dignity kits, and high-performance medical tents. UNICEF has also procured additional nutrition supplies, including RUTF and therapeutic milks, to maintain a sustained pipeline of commodities for the treatment of children with severe acute malnutrition in affected areas.

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 Releases:

- [Press Release - Flash floods in Nepal leave more than 17,000 children in need of urgent humanitarian assistance \(27 August\)](#)
- [Press Release - More than one week on from Nepal's floods, thousands of children remain without safe water and face rising risk of disease \(3 September\)](#)
- [Press Release - Flight lands in Kathmandu carrying vital humanitarian supplies for children and families affected by the Nepal floods \(4 September\)](#)

Videos

- [Video explainer - UNICEF was on the ground and witnessed the impact on children](#)
- [Video - Supplies handed over to the Government and transported by helicopter to people in need](#)
- [Video: First-hand account of escaping the floods, from Samir, 21, from Nuwakot](#)

Human-interest stories:

- [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](#)
- [Human Interest story: "Nothing but riverbank now"](#)

[All multimedia media assets are available at WeShare - Nepal](#)

Various media interviews have been completed.

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