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## **JOIN HANDS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE RASUWA FLOOD**

Nepal Development Initiative (NEDI) is deeply alarmed by the devastating flash flood that struck the Bhotekoshi–Trishuli corridor in Rasuwa today, sweeping through Timure and Syabrubesi and sending a surge downstream towards Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha and Chitwan. At least eight people have been confirmed dead, dozens remain missing, and entire communities have been cut off. Homes, markets, government facilities, vehicles, hydropower infrastructure and critical sections of the Betrawati–Rasuwadaghi road have been destroyed or severely damaged. Search and rescue operations are continuing, while downstream communities remain at high risk. For families living along Nepal's mountain rivers, this is more than a disaster—it is a devastating loss of lives, homes, livelihoods and hope. Many of these communities are already among the most vulnerable to recurring climate-induced floods and other hazards.

In response to the unfolding emergency, NEDI has initiated immediate support and coordination efforts in collaboration with local volunteers, community networks and civil society actors to reach affected communities and identify urgent needs.

However, the scale of this disaster is far greater than what any single organization can address alone. We therefore invite UN agencies, international donors, national and international CSOs, humanitarian organizations, development partners, private-sector actors, community networks and volunteers to join hands with us in this critical response.

### **WE CALL ON PARTNERS TO:**

- Mobilize emergency resources for search and rescue, food, clean water, emergency shelter and essential relief.
- Support local volunteers and CSOs already working on the ground to reach hard-to-access and highly vulnerable communities.
- Provide technical, logistical and specialized support, including equipment and airlift capacity where requested by the authorities.
- Prioritize the most vulnerable families, particularly those in remote highland, border and riverbank communities.
- Coordinate with NDRRMA, local governments and response actors to ensure assistance is timely, accountable and reaches those most in need.
- Support psychosocial care and early recovery for families who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.
- Look beyond immediate relief by investing in early-warning systems, river monitoring, GLOF risk reduction, resilient infrastructure and livelihood recovery.

The immediate priority is clear: save lives, reach those still waiting for help, and ensure that no affected community is left behind. But our responsibility does not end when the floodwaters recede. Communities will need sustained support to rebuild their homes, livelihoods and resilience. NEDI is committed to working alongside local communities, volunteers, CSOs, government agencies and national and international partners to ensure a coordinated and people-centered response.

We invite you to join hands with us. Together, we can respond faster, reach further, and help communities recover with dignity.

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