

Call for applications for DERF funding of rapid response interventions answering to the following humanitarian crisis:

Title: Nepal Flash Floods

Country and location(s): Nepal – flood-affected areas along the Bhote Koshi-Trishuli river corridor and downstream river systems, including Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha and Chitwan districts.

DERF Funding Modality: Applicants are to apply for the DERF Funding Modality *Rapid Response* as per the DERF Funding Guidelines.

Call window for submission of applications: Applications are received and processed on an ongoing basis from 01.09.26 until 21.09.26 at 12:00 noon CEST.

Funds allocated for this call: The DERF allocates a total of up to **DKK 2.8 million** for this call. Applicants can apply for **maximum DKK 749.999** each.

Alert title and location(s)	Alert type, source and date	Crisis type	Information on the humanitarian crisis and emergency relief needs	Known DK org. in crisis location(s)	Assessment of DERF relevance
Title: Nepal Flash Floods Country & locations: Nepal – including Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha and Chitwan districts.	Alert Type: Local Alert Alerting Organisation: IWGIA Crisis Start: 26 August 2026 Sources supplemented with: WFP, Situation Report, 30 August 2026 IOM, Nepal Flood Response Situation Report #1, 27 August 2026 IFRC GO, Rasuwa Flood Field Report, 26 August 2026	Rapid Onset	Background: On the morning of 26 August 2026, a sudden and powerful flash flood swept through the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli river systems in central Nepal. Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading are the primary affected districts, while impacts have also been reported further downstream, including in Gorkha and Chitwan. The exact trigger remains under investigation, although preliminary assessments point to an upstream ice-and-rock avalanche or glacial lake outburst rather than local rainfall. The flood moved rapidly downstream with little warning, damaging settlements and critical infrastructure and prompting alerts and evacuations along the river corridor. Needs assessments and operational monitoring remain ongoing. Extensive damage to roads, bridges, energy facilities and communications infrastructure continues to restrict access to affected communities and hamper the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Search and recovery operations also remain ongoing. (Sources: WFP, 30 Aug 2026; IOM, 27 Aug 2026; IFRC GO, 26 Aug 2026) Humanitarian impact: As of 30 August, approximately 734 people had been reported dead, 242 injured and 2,448 missing in Nepal, while more than 8,198 people had been rescued. Search and recovery operations remain ongoing. Earlier government relief requirements were calculated against approximately 8,692 affected households (43,460 people), while around 10,000 households were reported to require immediate relief. (Sources: WFP, 30 Aug 2026; IOM, 27 Aug 2026) Homes, markets, schools, health facilities, police posts and critical transport, energy and communications infrastructure have been damaged. Approximately 40 km of roads, more than 80 bridges and at least 14 hydropower and energy facilities along the Bhote Koshi-Trishuli corridor have been affected. The extensive infrastructure damage continues to restrict access to affected communities, while many households have lost shelter, essential belongings and access to food, safe water, sanitation and health services. (Sources: WFP, 30 Aug 2026; IOM, 27 Aug 2026)	Number of organisations present in-country: 19 Number of organisations with external funding experience (both CSF and DERF grants): 11 Number of organisations present in specific localities: 7	Critical emergency and/or protection needs: Yes Particularly vulnerable groups: Yes Timeliness of potential DERF funded intervention: Yes Significant funding gap exist: Yes DERF funds available: Yes Recommend : Activate DERF.

			Prioritized Emergency Actions • Emergency shelter and essential non-food items. • Food and other essential household assistance, including multipurpose cash assistance where appropriate. • WASH assistance. • Emergency health and psychosocial support. • Protection assistance, including family tracing and reunification. Additional locally identified needs may be considered when they are clearly substantiated, feasible within the implementation period and aligned with life-saving humanitarian priorities. Vulnerability Groups particularly vulnerable to the impacts of the floods include households whose homes and essential assets have been destroyed, displaced households, injured people, children, older persons, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, and people in remote and hard-to-reach communities cut off from essential services and humanitarian assistance. Funding Situation The Government of Nepal is leading the response, supported by humanitarian organisations and bilateral donors. WFP has secured approximately USD 5.4 million for its emergency food assistance and logistics response, while IOM, IFRC and other humanitarian actors have mobilised initial emergency resources. However, significant funding gaps remain across the wider humanitarian response. Additional resources are required to sustain and expand assistance, particularly for emergency shelter, essential relief items, health assistance, displacement support and assessments in hard-to-reach areas. (Sources: WFP, 30 Aug 2026; IOM, 27 Aug 2026; IFRC GO, 26 Aug 2026) Humanitarian Access Humanitarian access remains severely constrained in parts of Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading. Damage to approximately 40 km of roads and more than 80 bridges, together with disruptions to electricity and communications, continues to restrict access to affected communities and the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Remote communities along the Bhote Koshi-Trishuli corridor remain particularly difficult to reach. (Sources: WFP, 30 Aug 2026; IOM, 27 Aug 2026)		
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