

Field Visit Report:

Assessment and Needs Analysis at Mahadev Secondary School Holding Centre

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Destination:	Belkotgadhi, Nuwakot
Location Visited:	Mahadev Secondary School, Ratmate, Belkotgadhi Municipality, Nuwakot
Distance:	Approximately 85 km from Kathmandu via Galchhi, Dhading



1. Executive Summary

A field visit was conducted to assess the impact of the recent Bote Koshi and Trisuli river floods in Ratmate, Belkotgadhi of Nuwakot District. While no human casualties were reported, the infrastructure and agricultural damage is severe. The local **Mahadev Secondary School** is currently functioning as an emergency flood holding centre, housing families whose homes were completely destroyed. Immediate relief materials have been sufficiently delivered; however, the critical priority has now shifted toward long-term rehabilitation, reconstruction, and specialized healthcare infrastructure.



2. Impact Assessment & Current Situation

- **Displacement:** 8 houses have been completely swept away by the floodwaters. These 8 families are currently taking shelter inside the Mahadev Secondary School campus. Additionally, hundreds of other houses are partially damaged, forcing numerous villagers to use the school as a safe shelter during the night.
- **Infrastructure & Connectivity:** 3 motorable bridges and 4 suspension bridges were completely swept away. This total structural failure has disconnected multiple villages from the main hub of Belkotgadhi, severely hindering commuting and access to essential services.
- **Agriculture:** The region's rice fields have suffered catastrophic damage, directly threatening the long-term food security and livelihoods of the local farming community.





3. Immediate and Long-Term Needs Analysis

Based on consultations with local authorities, including Belkotgadhi Vice Mayor Mr. Shiv Prasad Dahal, Health Post Administration Officer Mr. Satyendra Saha, and Ward Member Ms. Gamala Lama, the following needs have been identified:

Housing and Rehabilitation

- **Resettlement of Displaced Families:** Permanent or transitional housing must be built urgently for the 8 homeless families. The school campus cannot function as a long-term shelter because it needs to reopen for students as soon as possible.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- **Safe Drinking Water Supply:** The local population relies heavily on the Trisuli River, which is currently highly contaminated due to flood debris and runoff. Clean drinking water solutions (purification systems, filters, or temporary tankers) are required immediately to prevent waterborne disease outbreaks.

Health and Medical Shortages

- **Chronic Disease Medications:** While general food relief is abundant, there is a severe shortage of essential long-term medicines. The Belkotgadhi Healthpost urgently requires supplies for chronic conditions including **hypertension (blood pressure), diabetes (sugar), asthma, and general respiratory ailments**.
- **Maternal and Neonatal Care:** Special care, nutritional support, and targeted medical attention are needed for **2 postpartum women (who recently gave birth)** and several pregnant women currently staying at the holding centre.
- **Follow-up Medical Camps:** A cardiac and trauma health camp was successfully conducted during the visit. However, health post administration emphasizes that a **follow-up health camp** must be scheduled in the coming weeks once the initial chaos of emergency relief settles.

4. Conclusion and Strategic Recommendations

The emergency relief phase (food and basic supplies) has been adequately covered by various donors and agencies. The situation now demands a transition into a **Rehabilitation and Rebuilt Program**.

To successfully execute this, close collaboration with the Belkotgadhi Municipal Authority and relevant government bodies is essential. Resources should be diverted away from dry food supplies and directly funneled into infrastructure reconstruction, clean water deployment, targeted pharmaceutical logistics, and sustainable housing solutions.