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PRESS STATEMENT

Maldivian Red Crescent opens " Nepal Solidarity Fund"

In response to the flash flood emergency in Rasuwa, Nepal, and the humanitarian needs arising from it, the Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) announces the opening of the MRC Nepal Solidarity Fund.

On 26th August 2026, a glacial lake outburst flood originating from the Xizang/Tibet area caused widespread destruction across northern Nepal, with the worst impacts reported in Rasuwa district and neighbouring Nuwakot. Homes, roads, bridges, hydropower facilities and other critical infrastructure have been badly damaged, and multiple bridges washed away, leaving the worst-affected communities extremely difficult to reach and hampering efforts to assess the full scale of the disaster.

The Nepal Red Cross Society has deployed teams towards the affected areas and is mobilising additional volunteers to support local branches, providing drinking water, emergency supplies, first aid and health support, and working to restore access to isolated communities. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has released nearly One Million Swiss Francs through its Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) to enable the Nepal Red Cross to act immediately. As the situation remains highly dynamic and the full scale of needs is yet to be established, further international support may be mobilised as assessments are completed.

The MRC Nepal Solidarity Fund is open from 27th August 2026 to 03rd September 2026. To ensure the direct transfer of funds to the Nepal Red Cross Society, donations are currently being collected in U.S Dollars only. MRC welcomes collaboration of parties in a position to facilitate the conversion of Maldivian Rufiyaa to US Dollars, which would enable us to open donations to be accepted in Maldivian Rufiyaa. Should such arrangements be facilitated, the public will be informed accordingly.

Bank of Maldives	Maldives Islamic Bank
Account Name: Maldivian Red Crescent	Account Name: Maldivian Red Crescent
Account Number: 7701176022002 (USD)	Account Number: 99010155500036200 (USD)

Following the closure of the fund, contributions will be remitted in full to the Nepal Red Cross Society through the IFRC, supporting emergency shelter, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, first aid and health services, and basic relief items including food, clothing and household essentials.

Nepal and the Maldives share long-standing ties of friendship, and a significant Nepalese community lives and works alongside Maldivians across our islands. The Nepal Red Cross Society and the Maldivian Red Crescent are, likewise, sister National Societies within the same global Movement. Given the vital role played by the Nepal Red Cross Society, MRC appeals to the Maldivian community to extend their support towards the MRC Nepal Solidarity Fund and to stand alongside the volunteers and staff working tirelessly on the front lines.

26th August 2026

