Nepal-Tibet Flood Death Toll Surpasses 1,400

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The death toll from flash floods and mountain torrents along the Nepal-Tibet border has surpassed 1,400. According to the latest official figures from Nepal, the bodies of 1,377 people have been recovered on the Nepalese side, while at least 43 people have died in Tibet.

More than 5,500 people remain missing on both sides of the border. Authorities said the chances of finding survivors have declined as considerable time has passed and the disaster has caused widespread devastation.

Nepal's financial losses from the disaster have exceeded 400 billion Nepalese rupees. The government is preparing to seek emergency loans and international assistance to rebuild damaged areas and infrastructure.

Local authorities are also struggling to provide medical care as hospitals and health centres in the affected areas have been damaged. Concerns over waterborne diseases are also increasing.

Of the 15 water sources in Bidur Municipality, harmful E. coli bacteria have been detected in five. This has raised fears of serious health risks and the spread of waterborne diseases in the disaster-hit areas.