

ADA SOLIDARITY STATEMENT WITH THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

Climate Justice for Nepal: Solidarity Must Be Translated into Rights, Resources and Resilience

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The Asia Development Alliance (ADA) expresses its deepest solidarity with the people of Nepal following the recent devastating flash floods. We mourn the loss of lives, extend our heartfelt sympathies to affected families and communities, and stand with all those who have lost homes, livelihoods and access to essential services. The destruction of roads, bridges, schools, health facilities, energy systems and other public infrastructure further deepens the vulnerability of communities already living on the frontlines of the climate crisis.

This disaster is not only a humanitarian emergency; it is a climate justice warning for Asia and the world. Nepal and other climate-vulnerable countries of the Global South are facing increasingly severe floods, landslides, glacial hazards and extreme weather despite contributing comparatively little to historical greenhouse-gas emissions. The climate crisis is therefore a human-rights crisis, threatening the rights to life, health, food, water, housing, education, livelihoods, development and a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

ADA calls for recovery and reconstruction to be people-centred, rights-based, transparent, locally led and climate-resilient. Affected people - particularly women, children, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, workers, low-income households and remote communities - must participate meaningfully in decisions on relief, relocation, compensation, rehabilitation and reconstruction. No community should be left behind or forced to carry the costs of recovery alone.

We urge the Government of Nepal and its development partners to ensure equitable humanitarian assistance, adequate compensation for losses, restoration of essential public services, strengthened social protection, and reconstruction based on climate- and disaster-resilient standards. Public resources and recovery programmes must be transparent, accountable and accessible to affected communities.

ADA further calls upon developed countries, multilateral development banks, public development banks and international financial institutions to recognise that countries such as Nepal cannot be expected to finance climate catastrophes through additional debt. Climate-vulnerable countries urgently need predictable and accessible grant-based adaptation finance, disaster-risk reduction resources and Loss and Damage financing. Those with the greatest historical responsibility and financial capacity must shoulder a fair share of the costs.

The disaster also underscores the need for stronger regional cooperation across the Himalayan region, including real-time hydrological and glacial monitoring, community-based early-warning systems, cross-border information sharing and coordinated disaster preparedness. Governments across Asia must move beyond responding after disasters occur and invest in prevention, resilience, ecosystem protection and accountable climate governance.

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