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NEPAL MOVES TO DRAIN FOUR DANGEROUS GLACIAL LAKES

After catastrophic flooding killed more than 1,400 people and left more than 5,000 missing, officials say the project aims to reduce the risk of another devastating outburst flood.

AT A GLANCE



4 lakes

Thulagi, Lower Barun, Lumding Tsho and Hongu II



1,400+
dead



5,000+
missing



Project begins
this fiscal year

Devastating flood damage in Nepal following a recent glacier collapse near the China border.

KATHMANDU, NEPAL — Nepal plans to begin a major effort this fiscal year to drain four high-altitude glacial lakes, as the country works to prevent another catastrophic flood following a deadly glacier-collapse disaster near the China border.

The initiative will target the lakes of Thulagi, Lower Barun, Lumding Tsho and Hongu II, according to government officials. The project includes the construction of controlled drainage canals and gated structures to carefully lower lake levels and reduce the risk of the lakes breaching their natural dams and causing destructive downstream floods.

The move comes after a recent glacier collapse triggered massive flash flooding, killing more than 1,400 people and leaving more than 5,000 others missing. Entire villages were swept away, critical infrastructure was destroyed, and thousands of families remain displaced as rescue and recovery efforts continue.

Officials say the planned drainage work is a key step in reducing future risks from glacial lake outburst floods, which have become an increasing threat in the Himalayan region due to rising temperatures and rapidly changing glaciers.

The government is coordinating with scientific experts and international partners to ensure the project is carried out safely, with close monitoring and environmental safeguards in place.



Rescue workers continue recovery efforts in Nepal's high mountain region.

LUKE 21:25 (KJV)

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity..."

WHY THIS STORY MATTERS

WATCH • PRAY • PREPARE

Nepal's plan to drain four dangerous glacial lakes could save thousands of lives and help prevent another devastating flood.

KATHMANDU, NEPAL — Following last month's catastrophic flooding, Nepal is moving forward with a major project to drain four high-altitude glacial lakes and reduce the risk of another disaster. The project is expected to cost about \$50 million and may take up to six years to complete, according to government officials.

The plan includes the construction of controlled drainage canals and gate structures, along with modern monitoring systems. It will incorporate sensors, flood forecasting, early-warning systems, and community preparedness efforts to help protect vulnerable downstream communities.

Experts say lowering the lake levels by about 3 meters could significantly reduce the threat of catastrophic outburst floods. This would decrease pressure on the natural dams and make them more stable, even if earthquakes, avalanches, or heavy rainfall occur.

Himalayan glacial lakes have become increasingly dangerous in recent years as glaciers retreat due to a changing climate. The retreat leaves behind large lakes held in place by unstable moraine dams, which remain vulnerable to earthquakes, avalanches, and rapidly changing environmental conditions.

Nepal's project represents an important step toward long-term safety for mountain communities, combining engineering solutions, advanced technology, and local preparedness to reduce future risks.



One of the high-altitude glacial lakes in Nepal targeted for drainage, part of a plan to reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding.

THE FOUR LAKES

Nepal plans to drain and reduce the risk at four high-altitude glacial lakes:

- 1 Thulagi 
- 2 Lower Barun 
- 3 Lumding Tsho 
- 4 Hongu II 



Rescuers help a local resident in a community affected by the recent flooding in Nepal. Recovery efforts continue as the nation works to reduce the risk of future disasters.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1  **\$50 million project**
Expected to cost about \$50 million and may take up to six years.
- 2  **Modern systems**
Will include sensors, flood forecasting, warning systems, and community preparedness efforts.
- 3  **Lower lake levels**
Experts say lowering levels by about 3 meters could significantly reduce the threat.
- 4  **Greater risks**
Glacial lakes are more dangerous as glaciers retreat and natural dams remain vulnerable to earthquakes, avalanches, and climate change.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We lift up the people of Nepal who have been affected by the recent flooding. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, provide for those who are displaced, and bring hope to those who are hurting. We pray for the safety and strength of the rescuers, aid workers, and local communities as they continue recovery efforts. Give wisdom to officials and all who are working to prevent future disasters, and protect the people in the days ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

PSALM 46:1 (KJV)

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

