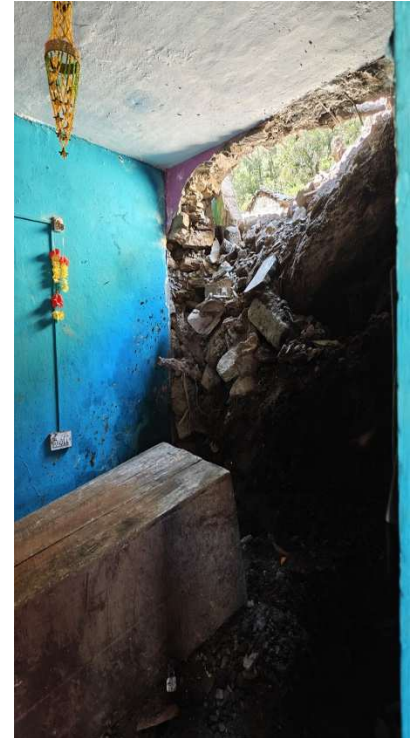


Disaster in Nanda Nagar Chamoli Uttarakhand

13 to the 17 September 2025



On the 17th of September 2025, a major disaster, brought on by a cloud burst, struck 3 Mountain Children's Foundation villages, Kuntari Phali, Sera, and Dhurma, in the Nanda Nagar block of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand . In this devastating tragedy, 9 people lost their lives. Two little boys of our 'Happy Bal Sangathan' were among those buried under the debris.

Earlier, on the 13th of September, 09 houses were declared abandoned as large cracks were observed in the mountain above the bazar, and it was sliding.

The current situation in the area is still very grim, with several houses completely destroyed and families being forced to move to safer locations elsewhere. Over 67 families have been impacted by this catastrophic disaster. Homes have been destroyed, and there has been significant loss of livestock, including cows, oxen, goats, and buffaloes, as well as damage to cattle sheds. Fields have been severely affected, and standing crops have also been damaged. 28 families have had their homes completely destroyed, leaving them with nothing. This amounts to 213 people – of which about 100 are children

On the 17th of September we provided ration and blankets to 6 families from the Band Bazar.

After this we reached out to 19 children in Kuntari and provided them with towel, shoes, and slippers, Sanitary Napkins, T-shirts, Pajamas, Underwear and Chocolate. We also provided them with indoor and outdoor games (Carom, Badminton, Bat and Ball, Chess, Ludo etc.) to help them deal with the stress of having lost their homes and living a disrupted life. We have found that this helps children and begins the psychosocial healing process.

The team visits the children regularly and speaks with them often, providing much needed support. They also listen to the adults providing support in whatever way possible. The Program Coordinator is in touch with his team providing moral support as they navigate this very difficult time, as the communities that are facing this disaster are the communities that the team has been working with these past two years.

On the 27th of September the entire team visited the families in Sera and Durma to estimate the loss incurred by the families. They took with them fruit and sanitary napkins that were distributed immediately. Also the team found that out of 22 homes, 06 were totally destroyed in Durma out of 11 homes 06 were destroyed in Sera. The team carefully made a list of those who had nothing left.

On the 4th of October our team of Darshan, Mahipal, Kanti and Sangeeta visited Durma and Sera to identify the immediate needs of the children and the community. One child told them, "You are the first people who have asked us what we need, otherwise people send what they want." The team noted that tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, slippers, shoes, oil, combs, sweater and head scarfs were what they needed immediately. This was provided on the 11th of October. We are continuing to work with the effected families to identify areas of support and necessary relief items as the situation evolves.

The President and Secretary visited the effected villages on the 13th of October and interacted with the community and discussed further interventions with the staff.

The support we have received from you is unprecedented and greatly appreciated. The Team, with your help, has gone that extra mile to ensure that relief and support have reached those that need it the most.

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