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In the wee hours of 5 October 2025, the Amochu River experienced a sudden flood that affected several families residing in temporary Quarantine housing and Workforce Management Centre. The swift rise in water levels left many individuals stranded, prompting an immediate emergency response from local authorities.

Thanks to the quick and courageous efforts of local rescue teams, all affected families were safely evacuated. However, four workers from the Rigsar Construction Private Limited, who were positioned at the far end of the riverbank, were initially left stranded. During the early stages of the rescue operation, two individuals were reported missing; one believed to have been washed away and the other unaccounted for.

Local authorities quickly sought support from Druk Air Helicopter Services. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the helicopter was unable to take off from Paro. The Royal Bhutan Army (RBA) then coordinated with the Indian Army for urgent assistance.

In a prompt and commendable response, two helicopters from the Indian Army were deployed and arrived at the site around 12:55 PM. The helicopters successfully airlifted the three stranded individuals to the CST ground, from where they were transported to the hospital for medical care. In a positive turn of events, it was later confirmed that the two previously reported missing workers were also found alive and safe. Additionally, after a slight improvement in weather conditions, a Druk Air helicopter was able to take off from Paro and rescue one of the individuals earlier reported as washed away.

The Royal Government of Bhutan extends its heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude to the Indian Army for their timely and life-saving assistance. We also commend the Royal Bhutan Army, Druk Air and all local responders who acted with bravery and selflessness, risking their own safety to ensure the well-being of others.

Disasters have also been reported in other dzongkhags. The Royal Government is closely coordinating with local authorities to ensure timely response efforts.