

Humanity's Team Sees a Common Thread in Nepal Floods, AI Water Strain and Job Risk

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Humanity's Team, a 23-year-old global nonprofit focused on a sustainable and flourishing planet, says this week's deadly floods on the Nepal-China border, the strain AI data centers are placing on water-stressed communities, and new warnings about AI-driven job losses point to a question worth public debate: whether these separate crises share a common root.

Flash floods struck Nepal's Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts and China's Gyirong region on August 26, killing hundreds of people, according to media reports, with search and rescue operations continuing and final casualty figures still being confirmed by authorities. The disaster follows a string of major climate-linked events in recent years, including the 2023 Lahaina fire in Hawai'i, the 2021 Marshall Fire near Boulder, Colorado, the January 2025 Los Angeles fires, and this summer's record-setting heat wave across Europe, as reported by multiple European meteorological agencies.

Separately, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates published a nearly 6,000-word essay on his personal website on August 26 titled "The turbulent AI era is here." In it, Gates named customer support, software engineering, and



World held in hands beautiful blue, yellow and white.



Steve Farrell Humanity's Team Executive Director and Co-Founder

paralegal work as the jobs most likely to be affected first, with construction and hospitality following by the end of the decade. He wrote that the world's institutions are not adequately prepared for the transition, and that ensuring AI becomes a force for good rather than harm should be a top priority. Gates also warned that AI systems are approaching or crossing important risk thresholds involving cybersecurity, biosecurity and social wellbeing. AI data centers have separately drawn scrutiny in several drought-affected Western states, where municipalities including Chandler and Marana, Arizona, have imposed new water-use restrictions on the facilities, according to reporting from Grist and Energy Platform News.

Steve Farrell, Co-Founder and Worldwide Executive

Director of Humanity's Team, said the organization sees a pattern worth examining across these events. "These are very different stories on the surface," Farrell said. "A flood in the Himalayas. A data center placing new pressure on a water-stressed community. An AI system advancing faster than governments can respond to it. We believe they share a common thread: the belief that we are separate from each other, from the planet, and from something larger than ourselves. That belief is what allows decisions to be made as though people, communities, technology and the natural world exist independently of one another."

Humanity's Team, co-founded by Farrell and best-selling author Neale Donald Walsch, has spent 23 years developing educational programs built around an idea found across many of the world's wisdom traditions: that human beings are deeply interconnected with one another and the natural world. Physicist Albert Einstein wrote in a 1950 letter that the sense of being separate from the rest of the universe is, in his words, "a kind of optical delusion of consciousness," and that freeing oneself from that belief was essential to human progress.

"These are very different events, but each one asks the same question," said Neale Donald Walsch, Humanity's Team Co-Founder. "What are the consequences of making decisions as though people, communities, technology and the natural world exist independently of one another? Two points can be a coincidence. A pattern like this one is worth taking seriously."

Farrell and Walsch said they welcome scrutiny of the argument. "We're not asking anyone to take our word for it," Farrell said. "We welcome debate and challenge from media, scientists and skeptics alike. What we would ask is that people not read this and set it aside like yesterday's paper. The question we're raising is how much more disruption it will take before more of us take the connection seriously."

Farrell and Walsch are available for media interviews.

About Humanity's Team—Founded in 2003 by Steve Farrell and Neale Donald Walsch, author of



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