

# Jajarkot-Rukum Earthquake Response 2023

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## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS



**DEAD**  
People  
**157** (M58/F99)



**INJURED**  
People  
**205**



**1700**  
Mattresses  
dispatched



**1500**  
Blankets  
dispatched



**DISPLACED**  
Families  
**6,150**



**AFFECTED**  
Families  
**14,051**



**40**  
Tarpaulins  
distributed/  
**1500** dispatched



**200**  
Buckets  
dispatched



**FULLY**  
Destroyed  
houses  
**6,150**



**PARTIALLY**  
Destroyed  
houses  
**5,250**



**800**  
Roll Ropes  
dispatched

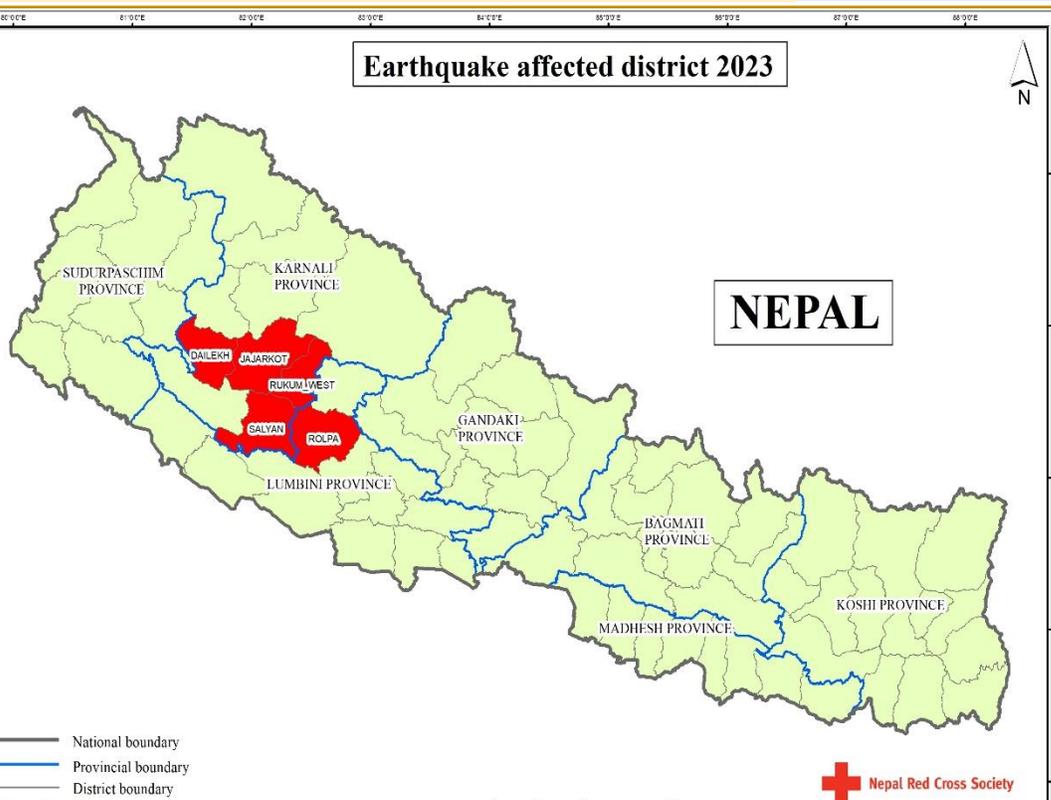


**8 (M7/F1)**  
Technical members  
deployed

### Disaster Update

### NRCS Response Update

Earthquake affected district 2023



Source: NRCS EOC, 5 November 2023

## HELPLINES

- 100** (Nepal Police)
- 102** (Ktm. ambulance)
- 104** (Missing Children cases)
- 1098** (Child Protection cases)
- 1145** (National Women Commission)
- 1166** (Suicide Prevention)
- 16600102005** (Psychosocial Support)
- 1130** (Red Cross Hotline)
- Red Cross Blood Bank:
- 01-4288486** (Kalimati)
- 01-6612266** (Bhaktapur)

## RELATED LINKS

- <https://nracs.org/>
- <https://go.ifrc.org/>
- <http://ndrrma.gov.np>
- <http://drrportal.gov.np/>
- <https://seismonepal.gov.np/earthquakes>

## Disaster Scenario

A magnitude of 6.4 earthquake hit western part of Nepal on 3 November 2023 at mid night 11:47 pm. The epicenter of the earthquake was at Ramidanda, Jajarkot district. Several aftershocks were experienced from that day terrifying local people. Continuous aftershocks have forced people to leave houses and stay in open spaces. According to the NRCS Situation report shared by NRCS EOC, there is a death of 157 people and 205 people are injured in five districts<sup>1</sup>. Altogether 14,051 families are affected, 6,150 families are displaced and 11,400 houses (6,150 fully/5,250 partially) are destroyed.



*A house destroyed in Nalgadh Municipality, Jajarkot district*

There is a huge devastation in Jajarkot and Rukum West districts. There is a major impact in the houses, schools, offices and public buildings, roads and bridges. Due to the remoteness, communication and road blockage in the epicenter areas, there is difficulty to get the actual updates of affected areas.

## Actions for Response

- NRCS Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has actively been coordinating with different departments within NRCS and Karnali Provincial/district chapters for effective response. NRCS is also coordinating, organizing and participating in the meeting conducted by Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA): National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA), national clusters (health, WASH, shelter), provincial and local government, movement and non-movement partners.
- NRCS District Chapters of affected districts have immediately mobilized volunteers for supporting in search and rescue, distributing relief materials and helping families to evacuate in safe places. The injured people are being referred to district hospitals and hub hospital Surkhet and Nepalgunj.
- Nepal Government (NEOC) has also provided sole responsibility to NRCS for assessment process. NRCS HQs deployed three Emergency Response Team (ERT) members in each most affected districts (Jajarkot and Rukum West). Similarly, two trained volunteers are mobilized for Psychosocial Support (PSS) in each district. They are frequently coordinating with local government and relevant stakeholders for initial assessment and relief support. Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) Reports are on the process and will be shared soon.
- NRCS Situation Report/Bulletin and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC) Go platform is being updated.
- NRCS is distributing tarpaulins in the affected districts. Till date, 1500 tarpaulins, 1500 blankets, 1700 mattresses, 200 buckets, 800 rolls rope and 250 dead body bags are dispatched from NRCS to most affected two districts. 200 mattresses (100 in each hospital) promptly handed over to two district hospitals. NRCS HQs has transferred NPR. 500,000 in each two district.



*Unloading relief materials in Aathbiskote Municipality, Rukum West*

*Source: NRCS Rukum West*

<sup>1</sup> *Jajarkot, Rukum West, Salyan, Dailekh and Rolpa.*

- NRCS Hotline 1130 is working to provide information and addressing compliances and grievances. Similarly, Central and Districts' NRCS blood transfusion service centers are also in standby position and NRCS is prepared for emergency blood transfusion.
- IFRC and other PNSs have been continuously supporting in Nepal Red Cross Society's emergency response. IFRC Country Delegation team is working together with NRCS EOC team to collect further information, preparing one master plan for response and other humanitarian needs required to provide for affected population.
- NRCS and IFRC team has been coordinating with in-country partners and working collectively in preparing quick action fund and Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) for immediate response.
- NRCS is preparing the response plan according to the identified specific needs (*Table 1*). The needs were identified from consulting with deployed members, NRCS district chapters and provincial offices.



*Use of tarpaulin supported by NRCS for temporary shelter.  
Source: Binayak Poudel (deployed member in Rukum West)*

## DISTRICT-WISE UPDATES

### JAJARKOT DISTRICT

- Earthquake highly affected Barekot RM., Kushe RM., Bheri M., Nalgad M. and Chhedagadh M. where 105 people (M33/F72) died and 102 people injured. In total, 5,700 families are affected and 3,050 families' houses are fully destroyed.
- NRCS volunteers were mobilized in search and rescue of affected people along with security forces and community people. The injured people were rescued to district hospital and hub hospitals.
- NRCS HQs dispatched 900 pcs. Tarpaulins, 900 pcs. Blankets, 1,000 pcs. Mattresses, 100 buckets, 400 rolls rope and 150 dead body bags.
- Altogether, four trained people (ACT, ERT, PSS) are deployed to support in coordination, assessment and relief management. Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) has been started in the affected areas.

### RUKUM WEST DISTRICT

- Earthquake affected Aathbiskote M. and Sanobheri M. where 52 people (M25/F27) died and 100 people injured. In total, 8,000 families are affected and 3,000 families' houses are fully destroyed and displaced.
- NRCS volunteers are mobilized in search and rescue and data collection. The injured people were rescued to district hospital and hub hospitals.
- NRCS HQs dispatched 600 pcs. Tarpaulins, 600 pcs. Blankets, 700 pcs. Mattresses, 100 buckets, 400 rolls rope and 100 dead body bags.
- In total, four trained people (ACT, ERT, PSS) are deployed to support in coordination, assessment and relief management. Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) has been started in the affected areas.

### SALYAN DISTRICT

- Earthquake affected Darma RM where 350 families are affected and 100 families are displaced. In total, 100 houses are fully destroyed and 250 houses are partially destroyed.

## Good Practices

- Self-motivation and mobilization of volunteers for search and rescue and shelter management who were already in the affected districts.
- Prompt action i.e. EOC activation and planning, technical members deployment.
- Nepal Governments trust for NRCS response actions. And provided additional responsibility for Assessment in affected districts.

## Challenges

- Communication interruption in the epicenter's areas and road blockage created problem in data collection and relief management.
- The areas are very remote as well for relief materials transportation.
- Approaching winter has created difficulties for displaced families staying under tarpaulin.

## Coordination and Collaboration

Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA), National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), National Clusters, provincial and local government, movement and non-movement partners, NRCS sub national levels for the immediate response.



Coordination meeting with Chairperson of Sanobheri RM, Rukum West  
Source: Jhabi Sharma (deployed member in Rukum West)

Table 1: SECTORWISE SPECIFIC NEEDS

### **Shelter and Non-food items/CASH**

Emergency Shelter (tarpaulin, blanket, mattress, kitchen utensils and bucket)  
Safe and inclusive temporary shelter for girls and women  
Cash for transitional shelter

### **Health**

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) for children and adolescent girls  
Health promotional activities to displaced one

### **WASH**

Emergency toilets in displaced areas  
Provision of safe drinking water  
Hygiene promotional activities  
Waste management

### **Livelihood and basic needs/CASH**

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) for basic needs  
Ready to eat Food (RTEF)  
Nutritious food for children

### **Protection, Gender and Inclusion**

Dignity Kits for women  
Special focus needed for children, elderly, pregnant women, people with chronic illness, people with disabilities  
Restoring Family Links (RFL) services (as per need)

**Note: This report covers the information from 3 to 5 November 2023**

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