

Jajarkot-Rukum Earthquake Response 2023

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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS



DEAD
People
153 (M56/F97)



INJURED
People
365



2,090
Mattresses
distributed



1,983
Blankets
distributed



DISPLACED
Families
21,404



AFFECTED
Families
61,298



2,230
Tarpaulins
distributed



567
Dignity Kits
distributed



FULLY
Destroyed
houses
17,824



PARTIALLY
Destroyed
houses
34,539



100
Hygiene Kits
distributed

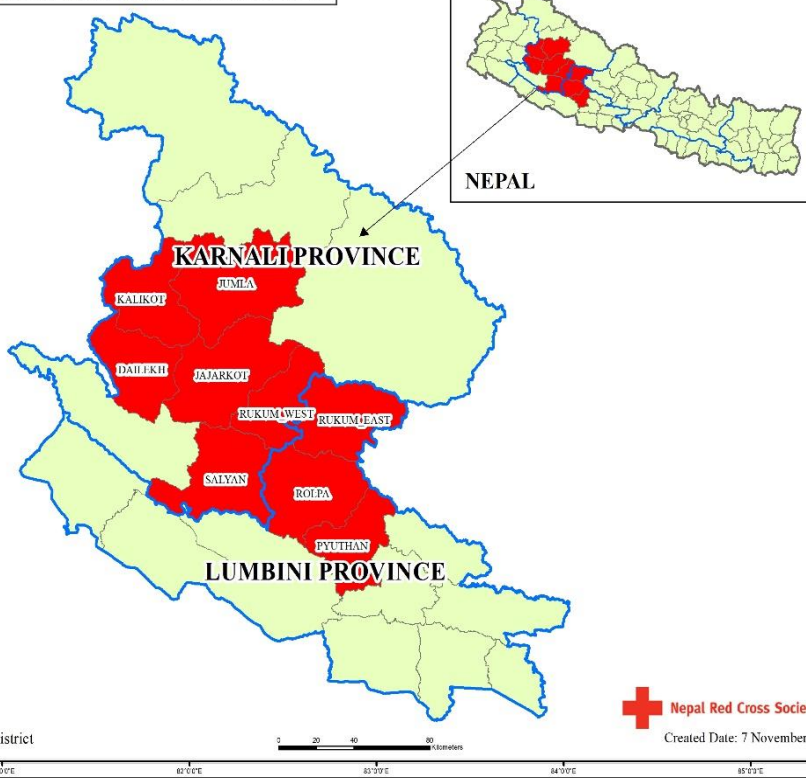


140
Volunteers
mobilized

Disaster Update

NRCS Response Update

Earthquake affected district 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)
- 01-5388485** (Kalimati, Red Cross Blood Bank)
- 01-6612266** (Bhaktapur, Red Cross Blood Bank)

RELATED LINKS

- <https://nrcs.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/nepalredcross>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nrcsvolunteers>
- <https://go.ifrc.org/>
- <http://ndrrma.gov.np>
- <http://drrportal.gov.np/>
- <https://seismonepal.gov.np/earthquakes>

NEWS COVERAGE

- आइएफआरसीद्वारा तत्काल 'जाजरकोट भूकम्प बाट पीडितलाई १० करोड सहयोग- Nepal Press
- <https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/ifrc-releases-rs-100-million-assistance-for-earthquake-survivors>
- https://www.kakhara.com/detail/5037?fbclid=IwAR2nEq3Jj04_xuEaODMa7wcYOPUnAQexvfjoD-qlfEFL7U065nfRjJe8mKl
- Muluk Pati; Most Popular News Portal in Nepal - Nepali news portal

Source of Information

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) EOC, 10 November 2023

DISASTER SCENARIO

The devastating earthquake in western part of Nepal on 3 November 2023 resulted in severe losses and damages of people and infrastructures. Continuous aftershocks of more than 4 magnitude have forced people to leave houses and spend in open spaces. People especially children, pregnant and lactating women and elderly people are suffering due to cold nights.

Local Government has followed one-door mechanism for relief material distribution and is being distributed based on the requirement of affected people. According to the NRCS Situation report shared by NRCS EOC, there is a death of 153 people and 365 people are injured. Altogether 61,298 families are affected, 21,404 families are displaced and 52,363 houses (17,824 fully/34,539 partially) are destroyed in nine districts¹.



Families of partially destroyed houses are forced to leave outside due to fear of continuous aftershocks in Jajarkot district.

NRCS RESPONSE ACTIONS

Coordination

NRCS Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) is coordinating, organizing and participating in the meeting conducted by 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, non-movement partners, NRCS sub national levels for the immediate response.



NRCS team coordinating with UNFPA team for distribution further planning for earthquake response in Rukum West.

Assessment and Reporting

Nepal Government has trusted NRCS as one of the active member in the earthquake response planning process. NEOC has also provided sole responsibility to NRCS for conducting assessment. Now, NRCS is representing various national clusters and taking lead in the assessment process.

Altogether, 13 **Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA)** reports are compiled and disseminated. The representatives from NRCS, security forces and local government carried out IRA in the affected areas.

The deployed technical volunteers are frequently coordinating with NRCS district chapters and sub chapters along with local government and relevant stakeholders for assessment and relief support.

Sectoral teams have finalized **detail assessment** questionnaire at NRCS HQs. The detail assessment will be conducted using mobile App (Kobo). NRCS technical member will lead this process and local volunteers will be oriented on use of Kobo tool before mobilizing in the field.

The orientation on IRA and relief distribution was conducted for executive committees of palikas before response actions in Rukum East. This orientation supported ward chairpersons on importance of assessment and relief management system and procedures.

¹ Jajarkot, Rukum West, Salyan, Dailekh, Rolpa, Rukum East, Pyuthan, Kalikot and Jumla.

NRCS EOC planned ERT deployment in two rounds. The first round deployed members who are already in field are supporting in IRA, relief management and initial planning of detail assessment. And the second round deployed members will orient the field volunteers on Kobo application and those volunteers will be deployed for detail assessment in selected areas. Then after, the data collection, analysis and report will be produced. Business Continuity Plan (BCP) prepared and shared in team for regular response actions during Tihar holidays.



NRCS team observing and understanding the situation of earthquake affected people in Rukum West. Source: NRCS Rukum West

NRCS Situation Report/Bulletin is being prepared and shared with relevant stakeholders and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC) Go platform is being updated. NRCS is preparing the operational plan for early recovery according to the identified specific needs (Table 1). The needs were identified from IRA reports, consulting with deployed members, NRCS district chapters, provincial offices and local government.

Table 1: SECTORWISE SPECIFIC NEEDS

<p>Shelter and Non-food items/CASH <i>Emergency Shelter (tarpaulin, blanket, mattress, kitchen utensils and bucket)</i> <i>Safe and inclusive temporary shelter for girls and women</i></p> <p>Health <i>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)</i> <i>Health support for pregnant women, people with chronic diseases and children</i> <i>Health promotional activities</i></p>	<p>WASH <i>Emergency toilets in displaced areas</i> <i>Provision of safe drinking water</i> <i>Hygiene promotional activities</i></p> <p>Livelihood and basic needs/CASH <i>Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) for basic needs</i> <i>Nutritious food for children</i></p>
<p>Protection, Gender and Inclusion <i>Dignity Kits for women</i> <i>Special focus needed for children, elderly, pregnant women, people with chronic illness and disabilities</i> <i>Restoring Family Links (RFL) services (as per need)</i></p>	

Relief Distribution

NRCS is involved as a team member in One-door mechanism for supporting relief materials distribution in the affected districts in coordination with local government. Till date, 3,400 tarpaulins, 3,400 blankets, 2,600 mattresses, 200 buckets, 1,700 rolls rope, 132 hygiene kit, 900 packing sage and 250 dead body bags are dispatched from NRCS to most affected two districts. Altogether, 4 NFRI set, 2,230 tarpaulins, 1,983 blankets, 2,030 ropes, 2,090 mattresses, 567 dignity kits, 375 kishori kits and 100 hygiene kits were distributed in affected districts (200 tarpaulins, 467 dignity kits, 1 solar lamp and 375 kishori kits were distributed in support of UNFPA).

In total, 140 staff and volunteers from HQs, district chapters and sub-chapters are mobilized in search and rescue, coordination, data collection, assessment and relief distribution in the affected areas.

The trained volunteers for PSS are mobilized and about 305 people received PPS service. Similarly, Central and Districts' NRCS blood transfusion service centers are also in standby position and NRCS is prepared for emergency blood transfusion.



Nepalgunj warehouse team is loading relief materials for dispatching to most affected districts.

Source: NRCS Warehouse

Enabling Factor

NRCS ensures the dignity, access, participation and safety of affected people during earthquake response process. Timely information collection and dissemination is being done from districts as well as HQs to the relevant stakeholders for effective response operation. Dignity kits are also being distributed to affected women. Also, NRCS Hotline 1130 is providing information and addressing compliances and grievances.

IFRC AND IFRC MEMBER NATIONAL SOCIETIES' ACTIONS

IFRC and other IFRC member National Societies have been continuously supporting in NRCS's emergency response. NRCS and IFRC team have been coordinating with in-country partners for collecting further information, preparing response plan and conduct detail assessment. NRCS sectoral focal with IFRC and movement partners are collectively working for preparing operational plan for emergency and early recovery.

IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) was launched for further response in the affected two districts. In addition, Emergency Appeal is also launched to support all districts of Karnali Province.

DISTRICT-WISE UPDATES

JAJARKOT DISTRICT

- Earthquake highly affected Barekot RM., Shivalaya RM., Bheri M., Nalgadh M. and Chhedagadh M. where 101 people (M31/F70) died and 145 people injured. In total, 34,501 families are affected, 12,904 families are displaced and 9,756 families' houses are fully destroyed.
- NRCS staff and 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.



Relief materials unloading in Jajarkot district.

- NRCS has distributed 4 NFRI sets, 390 tarpaulins, 333 blankets, 390 rolls of rope and 400 mattresses. About 200 people received PSS services.
- Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) report was compiled and disseminated of Barekot RM., Shivalaya RM., Chhedagadh M. Junichande RM., Kuse RM. and Nalgad M.

RUKUM WEST DISTRICT

- Earthquake affected Aathbiskot M., Sanobheri M. and Chaurjahari M. where 52 people (M25/F27) died and 204 people injured. In total, 25,896 families are affected, 7,916 families' houses are fully destroyed and displaced.
- NRCS staff and volunteers are mobilized in search and rescue and data collection. The injured people were rescued to district hospital and hub hospitals.
- NRCS HQs distributed 1,790 tarpaulins, 1,590 blankets, 100 hygiene kits, 567 dignity kits, 375 kishori kits, 1,590 ropes, 1,690 mattresses, 400 rolls rope and 100 dead body bags.
- Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) report was compiled and disseminated of Aathbiskot M., Sanobheri M., Musikot M., Triveni RM. and Chaurjahari M.



Affected families are residing under tarpaulin supported by NRCS in Aathbiskot Municipality, ward no. 14

Source: NRCS Rukum West

SALYAN DISTRICT

- Earthquake affected Darma RM. where 2 people are injured, 581 families are affected and displaced. In total, 132 houses are fully destroyed and 449 houses are partially destroyed.
- NRCS HQs distributed 50 tarpaulins, 60 blankets and 50 rolls rope.
- Only three volunteers were mobilized for relief distribution and data collection. IRA report was compiled of the affected area.

Good Practices

- Prompt action i.e. volunteer mobilization, EOC activation and planning, technical members' deployment. This is also appreciated by local government.
- Nepal Governments trust for NRCS response actions. And provided additional responsibility for Assessment in affected districts.
- IRA was conducted in a systematic way and local government also supported in this process. In addition, palikas (r/municipalities) also verified the data (IRA) received from affected areas before dissemination.



IRA verification from Mayor of Musikot Rural Municipality.

Gaps and Constraints

- One door system of relief distribution has supported in systematic relief management.
- The areas are very remote for relief materials transportation.
- Still many affected people are waiting to receive emergency relief support. And those who received is also not sufficient due to the approaching winter and remote geographical location.

Note: This report covers the information from 3 to 10 November 2023