

Jajarkot-Rukum Earthquake Response 2023

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

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DEAD
People
154



INJURED
People
361



DISPLACED
Families
21,402



AFFECTED
Families
61,083



FULLY
Destroyed
houses
17,860



PARTIALLY
Destroyed
houses
37,094



2,690
Mattresses
distributed



2,650
Blankets
distributed



3,840
Tarpaulins
distributed



6,090
Dignity Kits
distributed



100
Hygiene Kits
distributed

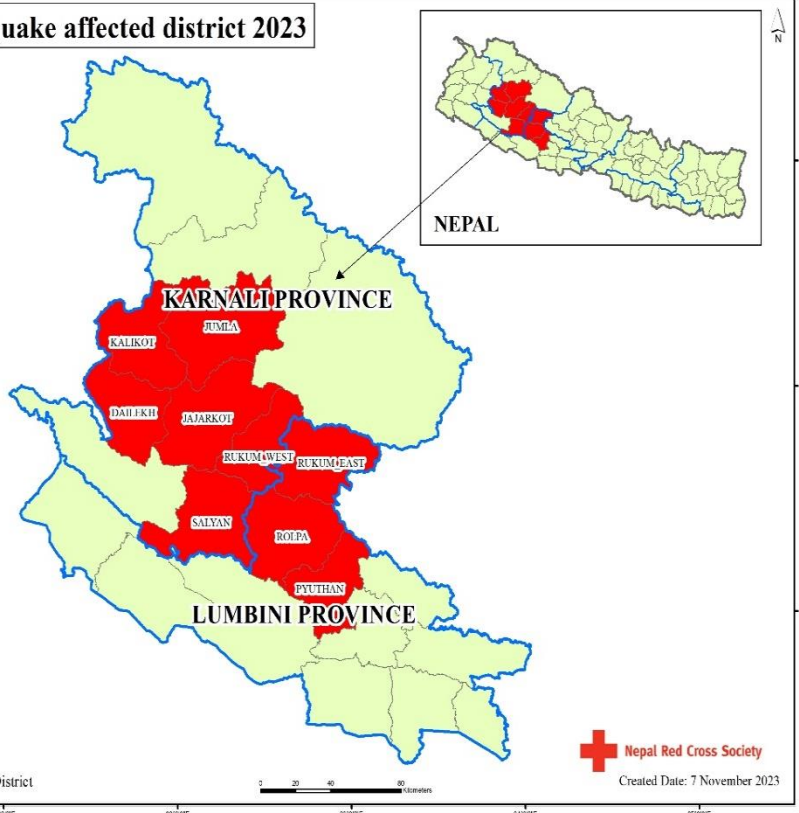


337
Volunteers mobilized
(including volunteers
mobilized for detail
assessment)

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 'जार्जकोट भूकम्प'बाट पीडितलाई १० करोड सहयोग – Nepal Press
- <https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/ifrc-releases-rs-100-million-assistance-for-earthquake-survivors>
- <https://nepalnews.com/s/health/ifrc-scales-up-aid-efforts-in-response-to-jajarkot-earthquake>
- <https://fb.watch/oe7GMOOr-lf/?mibextid=6aamW6>

Source of Information
Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) EOC, 21 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. Aftermath of the disaster, though the communities are striving to regain normalcy the situation remains critical in terms of overall impact. Amid the growing winter cold, thousands of people including many new mothers, lactating women, elderly and children have been forced to take shelter under the tarpaulin. Informal reports show that at least 13 people including a one-month old baby from the Bheri Municipality of Jajarkot, have lost their lives from the cold related complications. There is high potential that the people specially children, pregnant women, new mothers, senior citizen or people with chronic diseases living under the tarpaulin or in open might develop respiratory illness and subsequent complications. In addition, the houses along with the sanitation facilities were destroyed, there is increasing risk of contamination of water sources and other vector borne diseases among the affected population.



*Families with young children living in tarpaulin provided by NRCS
Source: NRCS*

A planned government led damage assessment are underway. Government has approved and issued guidelines for construction of the transitional shelter/temporary houses on 12 November 2023 with a commitment to provide NPR 50,000 to each families whose houses were completely damaged. Local Government has followed one-door mechanism for relief material distribution and is being distributed based on the requirement of affected people.

NRCS RESPONSE ACTIONS

Coordination

NRCS Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) is coordinating, 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. Similarly, NRCS organizes and coordinate with provincial and local government, movement and non-movement partners, NRCS sub national levels for the immediate response.



NRCS team with NDRRMA sharing about Red Cross engagement on transitional shelter and updates on the ongoing detail assessment in Jajarkot and Rukum West

Source: NRCS HQs

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 and with this NRCS is representing various national clusters and taking lead in the detail assessment process.

Immediately after the earthquake, NRCS deployed Emergency Response Team (ERT) to Jajarkot and Rukum West to conduct the Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA). Altogether, 13 IRA reports were compiled and disseminated. 3-member IRA team includes NRCS, security forces and local government representative.

Similarly, the second round deployed ERT members are in the field from 19 November 2023 with the major role for overall coordination with the concerned local authorities for conducting the detail assessment. Prior to the assessment, coordination with CDO and concerned local government authorities to ensure the approval of the detail assessment questionnaire were done. After the approval, the team conducted the orientation to the selected volunteer on the use of Kobo tools for detail assessment.

A total of 193 volunteers (130 from Jajarkot and 63 from Rukum West) were orientated and are mobilized to conduct the detail assessment at Jajarkot (Bheri, Chedagad and Nalgad Municipality and Junichhande, Shivalaya, Kuse and Barekot Rural Municipality) and at Triveni and Sanobheri Rural Municipality of Rukum West. So far, 1,588 HHs from Jajarkot and 282 HHs data from Rukum West has been collected.



NRCS volunteer conducting detail assessment using Kobo tools in Nalgadh jointly monitored by Ward Chairperson, Jajarkot subchapter and technical team from NRCS HQs

Source: NRCS HQs



Orientation to the volunteers on detail assessment using Kobo prior to their mobilization in field at Triveni Rural Municipality, Rukum West

Source: NRCS HQs

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

Health

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Health support for pregnant women, people with chronic diseases and children

Health promotional activities

Protection, Gender and Inclusion

Dignity Kits for women

Special focus needed for children, elderly, pregnant women, people with chronic illness and disabilities

Restoring Family Links (RFL) services (as per need)

WASH

Emergency toilets in displaced areas

Provision of safe drinking water

Hygiene promotional activities

Livelihood and basic needs/CASH

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) for basic needs

Nutritious food for children

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 has prepared 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.

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 sack and 250 dead body bags are dispatched from NRCS to the most affected districts. Altogether, 4 NFRI set, 3,840 tarpaulins, 2,650 blankets, 2,540 ropes, 2,690 mattresses, 6,090 dignity kits, 3,640 Kishori kits and 100 hygiene kits were distributed in affected districts.

In total, 337 staff and volunteers from HQs, district chapters and sub-chapters are mobilized in search and rescue, coordination, data collection including the detail assessment and relief distribution in the affected areas. The trained volunteers for PSS are mobilized and about 305 people received PSS service. Similarly, Central and Districts' NRCS blood transfusion service centers are also in standby position and NRCS is prepared for emergency blood transfusion.



NRCS distributed dignity kit to women affected by earthquake.

Source: NRCS

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.



NRCS management team during field visit in the earthquake affected district to strengthen the coordination with government at all level

Source : NRCS

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 on 5 November 2023 to respond the impact in the affected districts. In addition, Emergency Appeal was launched on 7 November 2023 with an expectation to raise 7 million CHF to support pressing need of the affected districts in Karnali Province.

DISTRICT-WISE UPDATES

JAJARKOT DISTRICT

- Earthquake highly affected Barekot RM., Shivalaya RM., Bheri M., Nalgad 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 9,794 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.
- NRCS has distributed 4 NFRI sets, 1,600 tarpaulins, 900 blankets, 900 rolls of rope and 900 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.



NRCS team briefing and validating detail assessment questionnaire in coordination with CDO of Jajarkot

Source: NRCS

RUKUM WEST DISTRICT

- Earthquake affected Aathbiskot M., Sanobheri M. and Chaurjahari M. where 53 people 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 2,190 tarpaulins, 1,690 blankets, 100 hygiene kits, 2,165 dignity kits, 1,480 kishori kits, 1,590 ropes, 1,790 mattresses 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.



NRCS volunteer transporting the relief materials to the affected families in Rukum West

Source: NRCS Rukum

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

- Activation of Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), volunteer mobilization at all levels, ERT deployment for detail assessment was appreciated by local government.
- One door system of relief distribution supported in systematic relief management.
- MHPSS surge deployment that will strengthen/support the capacity of NRCS for delivering PFA services in the community
- IM SURGE is supporting the operation; this will support to institutionalize emergency response data management for evidence based decision making.



NRCS received one hundred thousand US Dollar from Embassy of the People's Republic of China to support EQ affected families.

Source: NRCS

Gaps and Constraints

- Relief material transportation and distribution challenges due to high hills and rough road access in order to fulfil the demands of the impending winter.
- Potential disease outbreak therefore higher need for awareness to improve water hygiene and sanitation.
- Dropout of the trained volunteers that might delay the timely completion of the detail assessment.



NRCS volunteer interacting with the senior citizen for extending the humanitarian assistance

Source: NRCS

Note: This report covers the information from 3 to 23 November 2023