



Early Recovery Cluster, Karnali Province Western Nepal Earthquake 2023, Update No. 1

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- Directorate of forest Karnali province
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- FNCCI
- GIZ
- Helvetas
- IFRC
- IOM
- LWR
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- Plan International
- RRN
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- Sundar Nepal
- Save the Children
- SWMO Surkhet
- UNICEF
- UNFPA
- USAID Tayar
- WHH
- WHO
- WFP
- WVI

At A Glance



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250000

67500

19

6.4
magnitude
earthquake
on 3
November

Early
Recovery
Thematic
Area

Number of
people in
need

Number of
people
targeted.

Number of
Partners
(*updating*)

Western Nepal Earthquake

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Western Nepal, affecting the districts of Jajarkot, Rukum West and Salyan of Karnali Province on 3 November 2023 resulting in the loss of 154 lives (84 females, 70 males), 366 injuries, completely damaging 26,557 houses, and leaving around 250,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance. At present, the Government and humanitarian partners are shifting their efforts toward reconstruction and recovery, with a focus on transitional shelters. ([NEOC/MoHA Nepal, 22 Dec 2023](#); [UN RC Nepal & UNCT Nepal, 16 Nov 2023](#)).

Overview of Response

The Government of Nepal has mobilized 976 security personnel for rescue thus far. Further, the Government of Nepal provided free medical treatment to those injured in the earthquake across all hospitals and provided NPR. 200,000 (\$1,500) to the families of those killed in the earthquake. The key measures taken by the Government include the transfer of NPR. 50,000 (US \$376) to each household with completely damaged structures, to be distributed in two instalments incorporating the minimum standards necessary for transitional shelter construction ([NEOC/MoHA Nepal, 22 Dec 2023](#); [UN RC Nepal & UNCT Nepal, 16 Nov 2023](#)).

Early Recovery Cluster Overview

The Early Recovery (ER) Cluster was re-activated and held its first meeting on 6 November 2023, via the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MOFAGA), Kathmandu. Similarly, the first meeting of ER Cluster in Karnali Province, Surkhet took place on 8 November 2023. The key points from the first meeting include: employment generation for the earthquake affected, WASH, livestock, agriculture entrepreneur, Micro, Small and Medium- size enterprises (MSME), local roads, and irrigation canals activities will be implemented. The meeting decided to request the development partners to focus aid on early recovery through a one-door policy and that an action plan should be prepared for ER. Similarly, the second and third meeting of ER Cluster was held on 23 November 2023 and 4 January 2024 respectively. In the third meeting, the key decisions taken included: collection of vital data, including focal person and contact numbers of organizations working in ER. The meeting decided that the ER related progress till date will be published periodically.

Debris Management

- UNDP supported debris clearance of 400 HHs in Barekot Rural Municipality, Nalgad Municipality, Bheri Municipality in Jajarkot and Aathbiskot Rural Municipality in Rukum West districts as part of the Cash for Work (CFW) programme. Each beneficiary house received cash equivalent to 6 Days of work (2 members of each HH working for 3 Days) as per the district rate for unskilled labour.
- 190 HHs being supported with CFW - 60 in Bheri Municipality, 65 in Nalgad Municipality in Jajarkot and 65 in Aathbiskot Municipality in Rukum West – through Plan International.

Information Management and System Support

- In Chaurjahari Municipality, in Rukum West, a rapid assessment of 1500 HHs conducted and mapped along with the documentation of the photos of damaged houses and the owner through UNDP.
- 8 information management personnel supporting Provincial Emergency Operation Centre Karnali, District Disaster Management Committees of Jajarkot and Rukum West, Sani Bheri Municipality and Aathbiskot Municipality of Rukum West, Bheri Municipality, Nalgad Municipality and Barekot Rural Municipality in Jajarkot district through UNDP.
- National Housing and Settlements Resilience Platform supported Information Management personnel in Province and district levels.

Governance Support

- UNDP has initiated construction of 6 prefab structures in three municipalities including Aathbiskot, Nalgad and Barekot across Jajarkot and Rukum West districts. These prefabs will enable delivery of basic services by local government.
- A temporary primary health care center in Barekot Rural Municipality, Jajarkot set up through WHO.
- UNICEF installed 5 medical tents - 2 in Nalgad municipality, 2 in Barekot and 1 in Bheri Municipality Jajarkot - to ensure continuity of health services particularly maternal and

newborn care.

- UNICEF supported for a total of 223 Temporary Learning Centers (TLC) establishment in 105 schools in Jajarkot and Rukum West.
- World Vision International (WVI) is building 17 TLCs in Nalgad Municipality and Bheri Municipality in Jajarkot.
- 2 laptops and one printer provided to CDO Office, Jajarkot District through UNDP.
- 9 engineers have been deployed by UNDP to provide technical assistance on temporary shelter construction at municipal level.
- World Vision International supported in construction of 17 TLC in Nalgadh and Bheri of Jajarkot district, and an additional TLC is planned in Nalgadh.
- Plan International Nepal in partnership with SAC Nepal is supporting construction of 6 TLCs in Nalgadh and Bheri of Jajarkot and Aathbiskot of Rukum West.

Livelihoods and Capacity Buildings

- Save the Children provided vegetable seeds, maize seeds, and legume seeds to 720 people and plans to conduct integrated disease pest management (plastic drum, pheromone trap, light trap, yellow sticky tape) on vegetable crop, legume crop and maize crop of Bheri, Sibalaya and Kuse Municipalities of Jajarkot.
- Save the Children established a demonstration of a poly plus net house in Bheri Municipality Jajarkot. Provided goat farming and breed management training to 180 HHs of 12 groups in Kuse RM in Jajarkot and one dipping tank to be constructed in Kuse RM, Jajarkot for treatment of goats.
- Save the Children supported on construction materials (MUS, plastic lining pond, big sized HDPE pipe in seepage canal, plastic drum, and water supply system) for high value crop production in Sibalaya Rural Municipality of 60 HHs.
- Save the Children conducted a Vocational Trainings (VTs) to 55 selected youths and, also provided tools/equipment support to these 55 youths after training in Bheri, Sibalaya and

Kuse RM, Jajarkot.

- Save the Children conducted a Micro-enterprises training to 55 youths in Bheri, Sibalaya and Kuse Municipality of Jajarkot and also provided start-up support for these youths for establishment of their enterprises.
- UNDP conducted capacity building trainings on commercial vegetable farming, bee keeping, commercial spice crop, goat rearing and shed improvement were implemented in Nalgad and Barekot municipalities and benefitted about 500 individuals.
- UNDP supported seed for kitchen gardening and commercial vegetable farming, improved breed of goat for 250 households in Nalgad and Barekot municipalities.
- WVI constructed 67 transitional shelters in Aathbiskot of Rukum West, and 64 in Nalgad; and 67 water points in Aathbiskot and 64 in Nalgad. Toilet construction is ongoing in the same area.
- WVI has planned for mason training for 75 individuals from Bheri and Nalgadh in Jajarkot.
- WVI provided business recovery support for 250 HH in Bheri and Nalgadh in Jajarkot.
- WVI has planned for cash for work for 250 individuals in Bheri and Nalgadh in Jajarkot.
- Plan International has been distributing MPCA to 201 household, i.e. 81 Athbishkot, 60 in Nalgadh and 60 in Bheri Palikas.

Cash for Work/Unconditional Cash Transfer

- 3000 HH supported through unconditional cash transfer by WFP, at the rate of NPR. 15,000 per HH in Jajarkot and West Rukum,
- Save the children provided winterization voucher support to 800 families in Jajarkot (Bheri, Nalgad, Kushe and Chhedagad) and west Rukum (Aathbiskot & Sanibheri) palikas under ECHO support.

Other (DRR Preparedness)

- On the occasion of 26th National Earthquake Day NDRRMA, province level stakeholders in Karnali discussed about the success and challenges of reconstruction of Jajarkot earthquake in Birendranagar, Surkhet. Most significantly, the Chief Executive Mr. Anil Pokhrel and Joint Secretary Mr. Bharat Mani

Pandey visited and interacted in Jajarkot and Rukum West districts with earthquake affected people and stakeholders in Jajarkot earthquake.

- The provincial and local government marked the Earthquake Safety Day through awareness raising activity through snakes and ladders game in Aathbiskot, Nalad and Barekot, Bheri and Sani Bheri across Jajarkot and Rukum West districts.
- Radio programme "Hamro Palo" in communities in Jajarkot and West Rukum districts being played by Save the Children International.
- 142 families received NPR 200,000 per deceased family as insurance in Jajarkot and Rukum West. More families will receive support in the coming days in Karnali.
- Province has introduced risk transfer mechanism through insurance against natural disasters.
- NDRRMA is promoting information sharing through Community Information Board's displaying Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs to inform those affected by the Jajarkot Earthquake regarding NDRRMA's temporary shelter government grants for building temporary shelters. These boards are placed in 77 Wards of 7 Palikas in Jajarkot.

"After the earthquake, my family and I are in a very difficult situation. Our house, like many of our neighbors, has been damaged. But we received some relief items, including a tent, for which we are grateful. I am also engaged in a three-day debris removal programme where we have managed to remove debris from 12-13 houses while earning some money. I hope we continue to receive support in this difficult time."

Dhana Nepali, Ward 2, Barekot Rural Municipality, Jajarkot District; Photo: UNDP Nepal



Further Information

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