



# Early Recovery Cluster, Karnali Province

## Western Nepal Earthquake 2023, Update No. 3

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- FAO Nepal
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- NHRSP
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- SAC NEPAL
- Sundar Nepal
- Save the Children
- SWMO Surkhet
- Caritas Nepal

### At A Glance



**7**

**250,000**

**67,500**

**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 at the national level 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 households (HHs) in Barekot RM, Nalgad Municipality, Bheri Municipality in Jajarkot and Aathbiskot RM 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.
- Caritas Nepal, in partnership with Youth Awareness Raising Center, Nepal (YARCN), supported debris management/removal through CfW in Ward 1, Bheri Municipality, in 71 HHs in December 2023/January 2024 where as in 66 HHs in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 13 and 14,
- SAPPROS Nepal supported debris management in Ward 1, Bheri Municipality, in 54 HHs, through CFW approach in January.
- Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) with the financial support of UK-Aid Start Fund, supported debris management in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 14, through CfW in 100 HHs in December 2023/January 2024. Each HH received NPR 7273 for through CfW,
- Plan International Nepal in partnership with SAC Nepal and with the financial support from Canada International Assistance supported debris management in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 11, through CFW in 65 HHs.
- Care Nepal supported the debris management/removal at Ward 1 of Nalgad Municipality through CfW and is supporting the construction of 135 temporary shelters. It is also in the process of allocating NPR 35,000 for each household for debris management and associated tasks.
- Handicap International and People In Need (PIN), in partnership with KIRDARC and with financial support from START UP Nepal, supported debris management in Barekot RM through CFW where each household received NPR 15,000. It also supported the construction of 210 temporary shelters as per government norms with 10 accessible shelters

for Persons with Disabilities in Ward 1 and 5.

## 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.
- CMC - Nepal with support of UNFPA deployed 1 psychosocial counselor after EQ for the period of 6 months in the District Hospital Jajarkot and Rukum West to provide psychosocial help to the individuals affected from the earthquake.
- CMC-Nepal with support of the Swiss Embassy deployed 2 psychosocial counsellors in Nalgad Municipality after EQ for 6 months period to support socio-psycho counselling in schools of Nalgad through the school mental health program (Ongoing), similarly, also deployed 2 Community Psychosocial Worker, 1 Psychologist & 1 Psychosocial Counsellor management for TA support on mental health training support/awareness raising related program in community level of Sani Bheri RM,
- WOREC Nepal supported by UNFPA has set up 5 women-friendly spaces and deployed 2 psychosocial counsellors each in Bheri Municipality, Nalgad Municipality, Barekot Rural Municipality, Aathbiskot Municipality and Sani Bheri Rural Municipality for the six-month period. Respective Palikas also have recruited 3 staffs to support socio-psycho counselling and provide GBV referral services in communities especially women exposed to conflict and violence after the earthquake (Ongoing).
- Aawaj supported by UNICEF, deployed 2 psychosocial counsellors in Nalgad for 6 months

who are supporting CFW by providing Rs 10000 to each HH targeting Orphans, and people with disabilities. (ongoing)

- People In Need (PIN) has deployed 2 officers in Barekot RM from December for 6 months aimed at supporting in help desk and data management in addition to providing assistance to the beneficiaries in payment for temporary shelters.
- Bageshori Ashal Shasan (BAS) Nepal, through UNICEF support, has appointed one focal person 13 volunteers at the ward-level in Aathbiskot Municipality to focus on awareness raising on health hygiene sector, vaccination, behavior changes as well as developed a citizen help desk at municipality.
- Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) has deployed 2 volunteers at Bheri Municipality to assist with the entries of beneficiaries for temporary shelter construction in the BIPAD Portal since mid-February.

#### **Governance Support**

- CG Foundation supported the construction of 47 temporary shelters in Nalgad 1. Care Nepal in partnership with HRDC built 135 temporary shelters in Nalgad 1. Caritas, YARCN and Practise Nepal constructed 63 temporary shelters in Nalgad 1. 75 temporary shelter was built in support of Plan International in Nalgad 3. RRN built 65 TS in Nalgad 6. CSRC built 29 TS in Nalgad 7. Sundar Dhoka Sathi Nepal built 5 TS in Nalgad 12, and 4 in Nalgad 13.
  - Build Up Nepal has supported 3300 Pcs brick for Aathbiskot Municipality to build a temporary municipal police station in Ward 14 Chhepare. The municipality will cover the remaining associated costs for the construction.
  - DDMC Rukum West in partnership with WOREC Nepal conduct DDMC meeting with the participants of DDMC Members, development partners, other stakeholders on 27 Feb 2024 aimed at review of damage, search and rescue, relief distribution, construction of temporary shelters, distribution of grants and current scenario in the district after the disaster, review of development organizations roles in post-disaster and develop coordination platform.
- A total of 60 participants attended the meeting.
- A temporary primary health care center in Barekot RM has been 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.
  - World Vision International (WVI) has been constructing 17 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) in Nalgad Municipality and Bheri Municipality of Jajarkot.
  - UNDP has initiated construction of 6 prefab structures in three municipalities including Aathbiskot, Nalad and Barekot across Jajarkot and Rukum West districts. These prefabs will enable delivery of basic services by local government.
  - 229 Temporary Learning Centers built i.e. 157 in Aathbiskot Municipality and 72 in Sani Bheri Municipality Rukum West through UNICEF support.
  - UNDP-Nepal supported a total of 200 large sized tents in Barekot, Nalgad, Aathbiskot and Sanibheri Municipality to poor and marginalized group. The HHs selection was facilitated by respective local government.
  - World Vision International 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.
  - Cha-Ya Nepal has deployed engineer, 1 civil sub-engineer management for TA support on temporary toilet construction and drinking water supply system strengthening for 3 month at ward-10 of Sani Bheri RM,
  - NSET Nepal (funded by UNICEF) has completed the construction of Type 2 TLC and toilet in the schools of ward 11, 12 and 14. Details are ward 11- Type 2 TLC - 4 (with 4 rooms), Toilet - 4 (8 rooms), ward 12- Type 2 TLC - 1(2 rooms), Toilet - 1 (2 rooms), ward 14 - Type 2 TLC - 1 (2 rooms), Toilet -1(2 rooms), whereas SAC Nepal, Surkhet (Funded by Plan international) is working on TLC construction

in 2 schools of ward 11.

#### **Livelihoods and Capacity Buildings**

- DDMC and NHRSP provided training on temporary shelter construction and beneficiary data entry in BIPAD portal and reconstruction for engineer team of Nalgad, Barekot, Bheri, Aathbiskot, Sanibheri, Mushikot.
- UNDP/JSB project trained a total of 27 volunteers on Search and Rescue, Basic First Aid and emergency shelter management and have registered in Volunteer Management System in NDRRMA,
- UNDP distributed 247 metallic improved cooking stoves in Nalgad 11 and 13, and installed 50 mud brick improved cooking stove (ICS) in Nalgad 10. Other works include maintenance of existing goat sheds in 25 HHs in Nalgad 12 and providing improved breed of 3 goats, seed support for kitchen gardening, commercial vegetable farming and spice crop production for 125 households in Nalgad 4, 7, 8, 10, providing fruit saplings and orchard management tools for 25 HHs in Nalgad 3, and materials support for 25 bee-keeping farmers in Nalgad 1, 2 through Government of Japan support. The support also included construction of 3 naturally ventilated polyhouses and 1 multi-purpose nursery, and training programs for over 100 farmers.
- In Barekot Rural Municipality, UNDP provided seed support for kitchen gardening, commercial vegetable farming and spice crop production for 125 households in wards 1, 2, providing fruit saplings and orchard management tools for 25 HHs in wards 1, 2, and materials support for 25 bee-keeping farmers in ward 3 through Government of Japan support. The support also included maintenance of existing goat sheds in 25 HHs in ward 3, construction of 3 naturally ventilated polyhouses and 1 multi-purpose nursery, and training programs for over 100 farmers.
- Aathbiskot municipality Industry Development Branch (supported by MoITFE) has given skill development training aimed at income generation on (Saraf, Harpic, Phenyl, Jhol soap, Crystal Jewellery, Bangles) to the 24 people of ward 9. from Falgun 4 to 8, 2080.
- Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in the support of Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) and German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO): 90% of 47 HHs in Bheri Municipality-5 and 131 in Sani Bheri RM-3 are completed. Quick fixing of the community water sources is also ongoing. completing 20 water source rehabilitation within March 2024 (Sani Bheri-3, 7 Schemes, Bheri-5, 3 Schemes, and at Junichade-2, 10 Schemes).
- UNDP supported the installation of 40 mud/brick ICS in 40 HHs in Ward - 3, Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot.
- Integrated disease pest management to be conducted for 720 people through Save the Children International. Moreover, it will support 55 youths Start and Improve Your Business training in Bheri Municipality, Sibalaya RM and Kuse RM in Jajarkot.
- Capacity building trainings on commercial vegetable farming, bee keeping, commercial spice crop, goat rearing and shed improvement were provided in Nalgad and Barekot municipalities benefitting about 500 individuals through UNDP.
- Provided seed for kitchen gardening and commercial vegetable farming, as well as improved breed of goat for 250 households in Nalgad and Barekot municipalities under UNDP.
- FAO Nepal has been working in Sani Bheri RM Ward Numbers 1, 2 and 4, Aathbiskot Municipality Ward Number 14 in West Rukum district, Bheri Municipality Ward number 1 and Nalgadh Municipality Ward Numbers 5 and 7 in Jajarkot district with KIRDARC Nepal. It has in the process of procurement of 14000 kgs of Improved Maize seeds, and 1500 Packets of Composite Seeds Vegetable and materials for the home garden. This will be distributed in April to 1400 HHs in the project areas.
- Helvetas Nepal in partnership with HRDC is supporting 2 water supply system management and reconstruction in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 4 and 9.
- Plan International Nepal in partnership with SAC Nepal is supporting 3 water supply system management and reconstruction in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 11.

- UNICEF in partnership with RSDC and in collaboration with district drinking water supply office Rukum West supported 30 drinking water supply scheme in Aathbiskot Municipality in Ward 11, 12, 13, 14; and 15 drinking water supply scheme in Sani Bheri RM 1,2,3.
- Plan International is working on rehabilitation of damaged water supply system through CFW for 3 schemes in partnership with SAC Nepal in Ward 1, Bheri Municipality.
- CMC-Nepal, in partnership with CBM-Global, trained 67-health workers on Primary level Psychological Treatment Training (TOT) in Sani Bheri RM.
- DDMC Rukum West in partnership with Save the children, CRS, Caritas Nepal, PTYSM, YARCN, UNDP and technical support of NHRP conducted two events of technical training to EQ affected Palika technical staff regarding temporary shelter construction, grading damaged houses and reconstruction on 4-5 and 5-6 March respectively in Rukum West aimed at properly uploading the required documents for getting II installment of temporary Shelter Construction. A total of 40 participants from EQ affected LGs were attended in each event.
- Save the Children, in coordination with HRDC, Jajarkot, is supporting 220 HHs, especially pregnant women, lactating mother and people with disability through Cash Voucher Assistance in Ward 1, 2,3 and 4, at Bheri Municipality. The project supported the Cash for their WASH facilities and Wintarization. Each household will be receiving NPR 20,000 (10,000 for the first installment). The cash amount has been allocated as follows: i) NPR 5,000 for buying WASH materials in each month (the cash amount will be handed out for three months, amounting to NPR 15,000). ii) NPR 5,000 for repairing of WASH facilities. So far, 220 HHs have received CVA of Rs. 10,000. (ongoing)

#### **Cash for Work/Unconditional Cash Transfer**

- 3000 HH supported through unconditional cash transfer by WFP, at the rate of NPS. 15,000 per HH.
- Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) with financial support from IFRC, distributed multipurpose cash grant of NPR 15000 for 1452 HH in Sani Bheri RM, 726 in Triveni RM, 1623 in Bheri RM (taking into consideration NDRRMA's calculation on the minimum expenditure for daily living of an individual in a month) for earthquake affected individuals in January.
- SOSEC Nepal in partnership with DCA, distributed multipurpose cash grant at the rate of NPR 15000 for 200 HH in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 13 and 14 in December 2023/January 2024; as well as for 260 individuals in Ward 1 and 3, Bheri Municipality, including for pregnant women, lactating women, and individuals suffering from chronic illness in January and February.
- SOSEC - Nepal distributed multipurpose cash of NPR 3000 as livelihoods support for 110 HH in partnership with LUMANTI in Ward 1, Bheri Municipality for marginalized families in January.

#### **Other (DRR Preparedness)**

- On the occasion of 26<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Radio programme "Hamro Palo" in communities in Jajarkot and West Rukum districts being conducted by Save the Children International.
- 144 families received NPR 200,000 per deceased family as insurance in Jajarkot and Rukum West. More families will receive support in the coming days as 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,
- UNDP in partnership with SAC Nepal supported the conduction of trainings on CADRE (Search and Rescue), basic First Aid, Early Warning System and Shelter construction in Ward 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Berekot Rural Municipality to 100 (25 in each event) beneficiaries. A detailed list of volunteers is in process of being updating on NDRRM website on behalf of RM.
- Public Service Announcements being disseminated from 4 local FM radios for 3 months and information is being shared via 2 online newspapers for 3 months.

Field Story:

"Bal Bahadur Shahi-60 a resident of Berekot RM, ward. 02 was one of the EQ victims and applied for the construction of temporary shelter subsidy as per government standard. He said that "Initially he was planning to raise the stone masonry wall height of TS more than 80cm without proper bands as my neighbor had built earlier but, LG embedded UNDP engineers reached to us when I had just started the work, they instructed on engineering aspects of robust temporary shelter and ensuring the bands on the wall if it has plan to raise the wall height more than 80cm and also oriented the importance of bands on walls. To be honest, I was unknown about all these criteria before. Later on, I changed the design of TS construction, and followed the guidance from Engineers. Thus, my family feels a comfort living in this structure following technicality of construction. They also helped us in estimating the CGI sheet for roofing, so we don't have to worry about exact quantity to be procured from market. I am happy and satisfied with LG embedded UNDP Engineer for their guidance from the beginning of work".



[Further Information](#)

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