



Early Recovery Cluster, Karnali Province

Western Nepal Earthquake 2023, Update No. 2

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CLUSTER PARTNERS:**

- Directorate of forest province Karnali
- DOLD, SURKHET
- FNCCI
- GIZ
- Helvetas
- IFRC
- IOM
- LWR
- NHSRP
- NRCS
- Oxfam
- Plan International
- RRN
- UNICEF
- UNFPA
- WHH
- WHO
- WFP
- WVI
- USAID Tayar
- SAC NEPAL
- Sundar Nepal
- Save the Children
- SWMO Surkhet

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.
- 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.
- Caritas Nepal in partnership with YARCN Jajarkot supported debris management in Aathbiskot Municipality Ward 13 and 14, through CFW in 66 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, 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.

Governance Support

- 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.
- 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

Livelihoods and Capacity Buildings

- 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.
- 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.

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 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.
- 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.



"After the earthquake, our house was damaged, and we couldn't stay there anymore. My family and I was staying at my brother-in-law's temporary shelter. Currently, I have started construction of a temporary shelter. During the construction, LG/UNDP Technical guidance in temporary shelter construction made me happy. Your technical advice on where to build the kitchen, how to maintain ventilation, prevent seepage, and manage the toilet and septic tank has been very helpful to me. It has given me confidence that my temporary shelter will meet municipal provisions."

Ram Kumar Nepali, Ward 7, Nalgad Municipality, Jajarkot District; Photo: UNDP Nepal

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