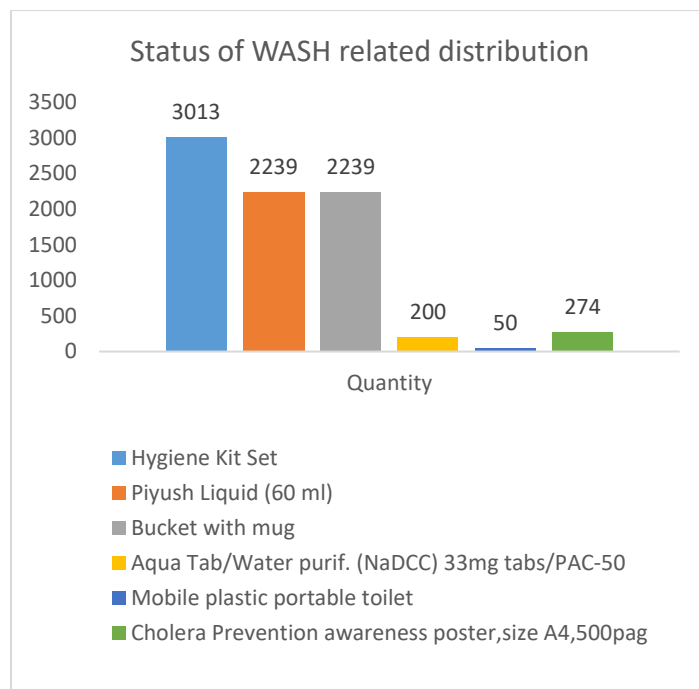


# Jajarkot Earthquake

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- Total number of Jajarkot earthquake aftershocks is 466 till 2080/07/22 10:30.
- Rs 37,83,497 on the Disaster Fund at Jajarkot district level but this amount is not mobilized yet.
- UNFPA distributes Kishori kits and Dignity kit.
- The Karnali province government has handed over Rs 24.5 million to the earthquake survivors from Jajarkot, Rukum Paschim and Salyan districts.
- Volunteers are approaching the Jajarkot to join hands and help the needy but proper mechanism is set up for volunteer mobilization.
- Nepal Electricity Authority is undergoing Geo Hazard Assessment.
- Habitat for Humanity Nepal is distributing 400 shelter kits in Jajarkot and 35 portable toilets for people with disabilities.
- Nepal army and APF started the recovery of grains, valuable goods, and kitchen utensils from today.

*This situation Analysis Report covers the impact of the earthquake in the earthquake affected area. The Karnali Province Government has allocated Rs 24.5 million to support the affected communities. Complementing this, the Chinese government has contributed relief materials valued at NPR 28 crores, including essential items like tents and blankets. As per ministerial cabinet meeting, to address long-term stability, there are plans to construct earthquake-resistant homes within the next year.*

*To strengthen these efforts, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has provided Rs 100 million to the Nepal Red Cross Society for rescue and relief operations. The Ministry of Health is actively working to prevent health crises, sending teams to monitor and mitigate the risks of disease outbreaks, with a particular focus on malnutrition and mental health. Recovery work includes clearing debris, a task undertaken by security forces and rescue teams, which is critical for retrieving valuables for the displaced families. To ensure the health and safety of the population, the WASH Cluster in Karnali is prioritizing access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, maintaining transparency by cataloging relief materials via Google Sheets. The emotional and psychological well-being of children is being addressed through the 'Child Club' initiative in Local Government like Bheri Municipality, and similar psychosocial support is being extended to women and other affected individuals by volunteers. Markets in Aathbiskot and Nalghad municipalities report stability in goods and pricing, showing a resilient economic recovery. In the midst of these restorative actions, everyday life is thoughtfully resuming, with farmers and tailors returning to their work, symbolizing the community's determination. In the midst of all this, Samunnubhuti Nepal is offering free food service in Khalanga Jajarkot.*

*Ongoing relief efforts are facing communication challenges in Jajarkot, complicating the coordination of these initiatives.*

## 1. The Karnali province government handed Rs 24.5 million to the earthquake survivors

The Karnali province government has disbursed a total of Rs 24.5 million to assist earthquake survivors in Jajarkot, Rukum Paschim, and Salyan districts. This financial support was allocated to 16 local levels within these districts to aid the affected communities. Notable allocations included Rs 2.5 million each to Bheri and Nalgadh municipalities, and Barekot rural municipalities in Jajarkot. Kushe rural municipality received Rs 2 million, and Chhedgad municipality and Junichande rural municipality were granted Rs 1 million each. Government spokesperson and Minister for Internal Affairs and Law, Hon. Krishna Bahadur GC, shared this information, emphasizing the province's commitment to providing assistance to those affected by the earthquake. Similar financial support was extended to municipalities and rural municipalities in Rukum Paschim and Salyan districts, reflecting a coordinated effort to aid these earthquake-stricken regions.



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## 2. Chines Government Provided Relief Materials

The Chinese government has provided relief materials, and the Chinese Ambassador Chen Song has handed them over to Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Narayan Kaji Shrestha. These materials were transported by two Chinese planes and consisted of approximately NPR 28 crores (CNY 15 million) worth of items, including tents and blankets. Deputy Prime Minister Shrestha, expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for their assistance in this emergency situation and explained that the relief materials will be dispatched to the affected areas without delay.



## 3. Government's Comprehensive Plan for Relief and Reconstruction in Jajarkot

The government has come up with a plan to help the people affected by the recent earthquake in Jajarkot with an aim of building earthquake-resistant houses for the affected people within a year. Central office in Surkhet and another in Nepalgunj will help to coordinate search, rescue, and relief efforts. Government has decided to support Rs. 2,00,000, and provide free treatment at government hospital; providing temporary shelters and has also been planning to provide financial support to the earthquake victims.

#### 4. Communication Problem in Jajarkot

The headquarters in Jajarkot Khangala is currently experiencing communication issues, with phone calls being frequently disrupted, and the internet facility suffering from frequent breakdowns. Internet has been interrupted in DAO and DDMC office at Jajarkot. These problems are causing inconvenience and potential challenges in maintaining effective communication for residents and local authorities. Urgent attention is needed to address and resolve these communication disruptions to ensure smooth connectivity and operations in the area.

#### 5. IFRC Released Emergency Fund

IFRC has taken swift action to provide much-needed support to the affected communities. The IFRC recently released emergency funds, equivalent to Rs 100 million, to the Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) through the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF). The IFRC's General Secretary, Jagan Chapagain, expressed full solidarity with the affected people and emphasized their commitment to monitoring the situation and offering further assistance as required. The NRCS, along with over 90 volunteers, is actively engaged in rescue and relief operations in the affected districts, providing essential items to those affected by the disaster.

#### 6. Government's Call for Quick Response to Health and Disease Prevention

The government has called upon relevant organizations to take immediate steps to prevent potential disease outbreaks, malnutrition, and psycho-social problems, as well as ensure their effective management. Dr. Prakash Budhathoki, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health and Population, confirmed that they have communicated this information to all concerned agencies. The Ministry has dispatched a three-member team from the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division to evaluate the risk of disease outbreaks in collaboration with the provinces in the affected areas. The ministry reported that the affected people are being treated at various hospitals, with 19 at Provincial Hospital Surkhet, 46 at Bheri Hospital Nepalgunj, eight at TU Teaching Hospital Kathmandu, and one at the National Trauma Centre. Those areas which are mainly affected by the earthquake seem to suffer from diarrhea, common cold, cough and fever. Similar health related problems are identified in Nalgadh Municipality of Jajarkot District and Aathbiskot Municipality of Rukum West. With the help of WOREC Nepal and municipality hospital they have been giving treatment to the affected community. This kind of problem is expected to rise due to changing climate, lack of proper sleep, nutritious food and earthquake trauma. In addition to that, two teen girls are found suffering from anxiety and WOREC Nepal is providing them psychosocial counseling.

#### 7. Recovery and Debris clearance

Various security forces (Nepal Army, Nepal Police and Armed Police forces), rescue and recovery members of the municipalities and the voluntary team are starting to debris clearance of the devastated houses and recovering their buried property (money, gold, clothes, cooking utensils and food grain).



Recovery team from Nepal Police has successfully cleared the debris and successfully extracted gold and money from the devastated house.

## 8. Karnali WASH Cluster's Strategic Relief Plan: Prioritizing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

The WASH Cluster in Karnali has taken a significant step in disaster relief efforts by deciding to create and share a comprehensive relief material list through Google Sheets. This initiative aims to ensure transparency and accessibility of real-time information regarding relief supplies. Their primary focus is on activities related to water quality, the establishment of temporary toilets, and the distribution of hygiene



materials, recognizing the critical importance of sanitation and clean water sources in disaster-affected areas. The priority is to provide relief to 48,488 households. As of now, only 2,750 households have received WASH relief materials. The urgent need to scale up relief efforts to reach the remaining affected households. The

assessment of schools and healthcare facilities is another crucial aspect of their relief strategy.

## 9. Children's Wellbeing Initiative Led by Deputy Mayor of Bheri Municipality

The deputy mayor of Bheri Municipality has established a special 'Child Club' in Medi Village ward no 1 to address the fears and anxieties of children affected by the recent earthquake. The club, administered by a lady police officer, encourages children to express themselves through art, writing, playing different games like football and indoor games carom board, ludo, chess etc. by providing a safe space for them to process their emotions. This initiative not only addresses immediate fears but also fosters resilience and healing for the children in terms of psychology. The deputy mayor of Bheri Municipality, acknowledging the trauma faced by children, has initiated a heartwarming project to create a haven for them. Also, Armed Police Force (APF) efforts to provide assistance and consultation to the affected population are commendable, and they are not alone in this endeavor. Likewise, NCRS has also started mobilizing volunteers for Psycho Social counseling with the women of Pipaldada community of Bheri Ward 3 from today. Locals reported that that one man has been mentally disturbed whose identity is kept secret for now.

## 10. Resuming Livelihood

After the earthquake, in people are slowly getting back to their normal life. Farmers are in their fields, turning the soil to grow new plants. Tailors are sewing clothes with steady hands. Everyone's trying to move on and do their jobs, even though things are still not easy. It's their way of showing that they won't give up, even after a big shake-up.



*Maheshowr Jaishe, a resilient 50-year-old from the Chhepare area of Aathbiskot Municipality, Ward No. 14 in Rukum district, stands as evidence to the strength of the human spirit. **Despite the difficulty of losing his own house and injuries, including the loss of three teeth**, Maheshowr remains remarkably happy. His satisfaction comes from knowing that he and his wife were both safely protected during the difficult period. In an expression of love, he says, "Though I lost my house, teeth, and got injured, I am fortunate to save my wife's life and my own. I thank God for giving me a second life." This story emphasizes the strength and positive attitude that people like Maheshowr possess in the face of significantly shifting situations, highlighting the importance of appreciation and placing life above material things.*



## 11. Market functionality

Local market of the rural areas of Aathbiskot Municipality of Rukum district and Nalghad Municipality of Jajarkot district are observed to be running smoothly after earthquake event. There is no any indication of artificial shortage and price hike. The small amount of food grain and other daily essential goods (Shop, tea, salt, sugar, rice etc.) found available easily.

## 12. Free Food Service

In the heart of Khalanga Jajarkot, Samunnubhuti Nepal has set up a lifeline for those affected by the recent earthquake by providing free food services. This noble campaign is dedicated to feeding the hungry, targeting especially those who are facing dire need in the aftermath of the disaster. With a spirit of compassion and community support, they are ensuring that the earthquake survivors have at least one less worry—where their next meal will come from. This initiative not only offers nourishment but also brings a sense of solidarity and hope to the distressed community, serving as a reminder that they are not alone.



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