



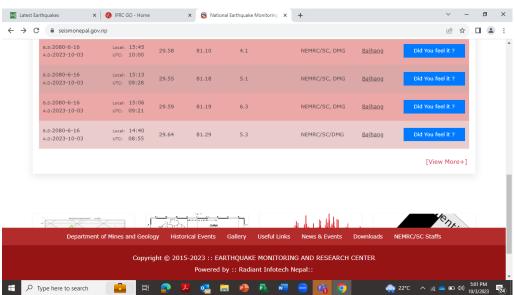
# Flash Update About Earthquake in Nepal

Tuesday, 03 October 2023

# The situation

According to National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre of Nepal, earthquake with 5.3 Richter scale occurred in Bajhang District in Sudur Paschim Province of Nepal at 14:40 on 03

October 2023. Strong aftershock with 6.3 Richter scale occurred immediately after main shock at 15:06 second and after shock of 5.1 Richter scale recorded. The epicenter of the quake was located in Dipayal of Doti district. Tremor was felt in surrounding districts (Bajura, Bajhang, Achham, Bajura, Dadeldhura, Baitadi, Darchula) as



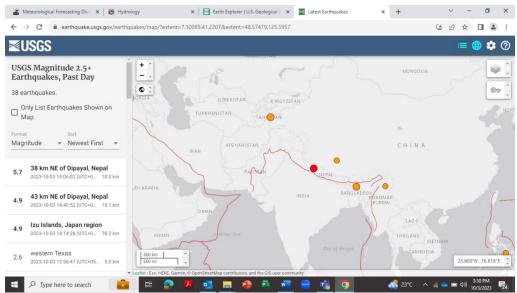
well as Kathmandu and also in Delhi, India.

The Emergency Operation (EOC) Team from NHQs has been communicating with these district chapters and trying to collect information about impact of the earthquake. Based on the telephonic communication with NRCS district chapters in these districts, they have been mobilizing their volunteers to collect information about impact of the earthquake and also to conduct Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA).





**Preliminary** report received **NRCS** from district shows that there not any human casualties so far According to NRCS Doti chapter there is no any significant damages are reported so far however NRCS volunteers are still trying to reach in remote villages to collect more information. According **NRCS** Bajhang chapter there is not any human casualty reported so far however chapter received



telephone call from various places and reported that more than 200 houses are damaged but the exact numbers yet to be confirmed. One school building (Two-room building) is collapsed in **Achham** district, and one student injured. The impact on houses and other infrastructure is not reported yet however volunteers are collecting more information in the district as well. As per preliminary information received from NRCS **Bajura** district chapter (telephonic information), around 500 houses are affected in Khaptad Chhededaha Rural Municipality which are not safe to live in however district chapter volunteer are conducting IRA in this municipality as well as in other parts of the district. NRCS NHQs is collecting additional reports from all these districts and updated information will be shared immediately if any additional report about damages is collected.

### **NRCS Action:**

- NRCS Bajura, Bajhang, Achham, Doti, Batadi, Darchula and Dadeldhura district chapters have immediately activated volunteers to collect reports from communities.
- NRCS district chapters are deploying volunteers in affected areas to conduct Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA).
- NRCS NHQs EOC team is communicating with respective district chapters, collecting information about the impact and assess the humanitarian needs.
- NRCS has been managing warehouses in 12 strategic locations throughout the country where relief items (Tarpaulin, Blanket, Mattress, kitchen utensil, hygiene kits, dignity kits, mosquito nets) are readily available in these warehouses. So far, the current stock of relief items can meet immediate humanitarian needs of the affected population.
- The nearest warehouse of this province is located in Mahendranagar of Kanchanpur district where 2,500 sets of non-food relief items (emergency shelter item) are stockpiled at present.

# Support from the IFRC and its membership

- IFRC Country Delegation team is working together with NRCS, NHQs EOC team to collect further information and any humanitarian needs required to provide for affected population.





- IFRC country delegation team is also closely observing the situation continuously and putting its' staff in ready position to engage in response operation in case of any further need.
- IFRC country delegation team has been coordinating with in-country members and working collectively.

# Overall understanding of needs

Since NRCS district chapters are deploying volunteers to conduct Initial Rapid Assessment, detail information about the impact and needs are being collected. There is an immediate need for the population whole houses are damaged in these districts.

#### Shelter and non-food items

Since families whose houses are destroyed (fully or partially) are staying in safe location either under Tarpaulin or other public facilities, they are in need for emergency shelter items. As a part of emergency shelter items, NRCS generally distributes Tarpaulin, Blanket, Mattress, kitchen utensil, mattress, bucket which may support displaced families to establish emergency shelter. NRCS has sufficient stock for this stage in order to fulfill needs of these districts so far.

#### Health

Though detail information is yet to be received from district chapters, there may be need for first aid services, health promotional activities for those who are displaced and psychosocial support. NRCS, IFRC and members are closely monitoring the situation and more clear needs will be identified once Initial Rapid Assessment is completed.

## Water Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH)

Since NRCS district chapters are conducting IRA, more detail need will be identified soon. However, they may be need for emergency toilets for those are displaced. Likewise, provision of drinking water and hygiene promotion activities may be needed in coming days.

### **Protection**

Since NRCS district chapters are conducting IRA, more detail need will be identified soon.

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