

Nepal: Earthquake Response 2023

Major Highlights



1
Person missing



29
People injured



334
Houses fully destroyed



1185
Houses partially destroyed

Impacts of Earthquake

NFRI

8 Non Food Relief items set distributed

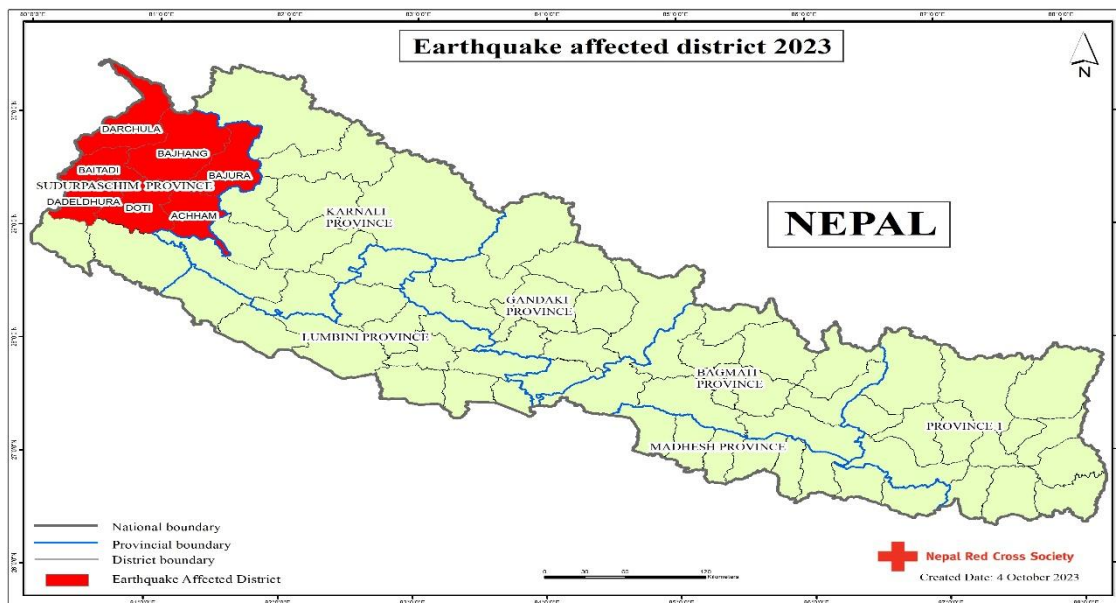


43
Tarpaulins distributed



69
Volunteers mobilized

NRCS Responses



Situation overview

A magnitude of 5.3 earthquake hit western Nepal on Monday, 3 October 2022, at 14.40 PM local time. Strong aftershock with 6.3 Richter scale occurred immediately after main shock at 15:06 PM and second after shock of 5.1 Richter scale recorded. The epicenter of the quake was located in Bajhang district. Tremors were felt in neighboring districts (Doti, Achham, Bajura, Dadeldhura, Baitadi and Darchula) as well as Kathmandu, Nepal and also in New Delhi, India. Initially, it was reported that earthquake has impacted houses, schools and public building. In the earthquake affected districts people are staying in open spaces, neighbor houses and the nearest schools that are located in the safe place.



According to situation report published by Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (PEOC) of Sudur-Paschim Province, moderate impact has been reported in seven districts. Data received from districts are as follows:

Doti district: The impact of earthquake is nominal in the district. As per the PEOC situation report, there is no any human casualty however, 1 house is partially

damaged and 8 school buildings are damaged.

Achham district: The earthquake has damaged 12 house fully, 2 houses are partially, 15 people are displaced and 5 people are injured.

Bajura district: As per the IRA report received from district, 199 houses are fully damaged, 548 houses are partially damaged and 2 people are injured in this district.

Bajhang district: As per the IRA report received from district, 91 houses are fully damaged, 318 houses are partially damaged, 20 people are injured and 1 woman is missing due to landslide triggered by the earthquake. One section of main highway (Jaya Prithvi highway) is blocked due to landslide the district is isolated from road transportation service.

Dadeldhura district: 4 houses are partially damaged and there is no any further impact so far.

Baitadi district: 2 houses are fully damaged, 3 houses are partially damaged and 2 people are injured in this district.

Darchula district: 1 house is partially damaged and the impact of earthquake is comparatively less in this district.

Nepal Red Cross Society is working in the affected districts to distribute the tarpaulins, collecting detail information. Further details about the activities are described below:

NRCS Action

- NRCS Bajura, Bajhang, Achham, Doti, Batadi, Darchula and Dadeldhura district chapters have immediately mobilized volunteers to conduct Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) and immediate response.
- The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) team from NHQs has been communicating with these district chapters and trying to collect information about impacts of the earthquake.
- NRCS has been managing relief items (tarpaulin, blanket, mattress, kitchen utensil, hygiene kits, dignity kits, and mosquito nets) from Kanchanpur warehouse to affected districts where 2,500 sets of non-food relief items (emergency shelter item) are stockpiled at present. So far, the current stock of relief items can meet immediate humanitarian needs of the affected population.
- NRCS distributed 40 tarpaulins in Bajhang district and 3 in Bajura district. Similarly, 8 NFRI set in Bajura district
- NRCS, Hqs. has decided to send Rs. 1,00,000.00 to cover volunteer mobilization, local transportation expenses and ready to eat food items purchase and distribution to affected families.
- NRCS. Hqs has decided to mobilize Emergency Response Team (ERT) in Bajhang and Bajura district for necessary support to district chapter in data collection, coordination with concerned stakeholders, detail assessment, distribute relief items, etc.



Earthquake affected people are staying under tarpaulin

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.
- Preparing quick action fund, emergency response fund for immediate response in close coordination with PNSs.

Overall understanding of needs

NRCS district chapters are deploying volunteers to conduct Initial Rapid Assessment, detail information about the impacts and needs are being collected. Received IRA reports and consultation with district chapters shows the following needs to the affected in the districts.

Shelter and non-food items

Since families whose houses are destroyed (fully or partially) are staying in safe place either under tarpaulin, relative houses and public buildings, they are in need for emergency shelter. As a part of emergency shelter items, NRCS generally distributes tarpaulin, blanket, mattress, kitchen utensils, bucket which may support displaced families to establish emergency shelter. NRCS has sufficient stock to fulfill the needs of these districts so far.

Health

As per the received information from the districts, there is the need of Mental Health and Psychosocial support (MHPSS) and health promotional activities for those who are displaced. NRCS is closely monitoring the situation and more clear needs will be identified after receiving Initial Rapid Assessment reports from the districts.

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.

Livelihood and basic needs

As per the received information from the district, there is need of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for basic needs and ready to eat food.

Protection

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

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Special focus needs to be given to children, elderly, pregnant women, people with chronic illness, people with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ community. Restoring Family Links (RFL) services for missing people.

Coordination and Collaboration

Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA), National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC), District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), provincial and local government, movement and non-movement partners, NRCS sub national levels for the immediate response.

Challenges

- Risk of increased spread of diarrhea in the affected districts.
- Limited access to some affected areas due to blockage of roads in Bajhang district

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