

# JAJARKOT EARTHQUAKE

## Quad-Day Situation Analysis Report (9-12 December, 2023)

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### Grant Distribution for Construction of Temporary Shelter

Till 11 December 2023

**Rs. 1,410,000,000**

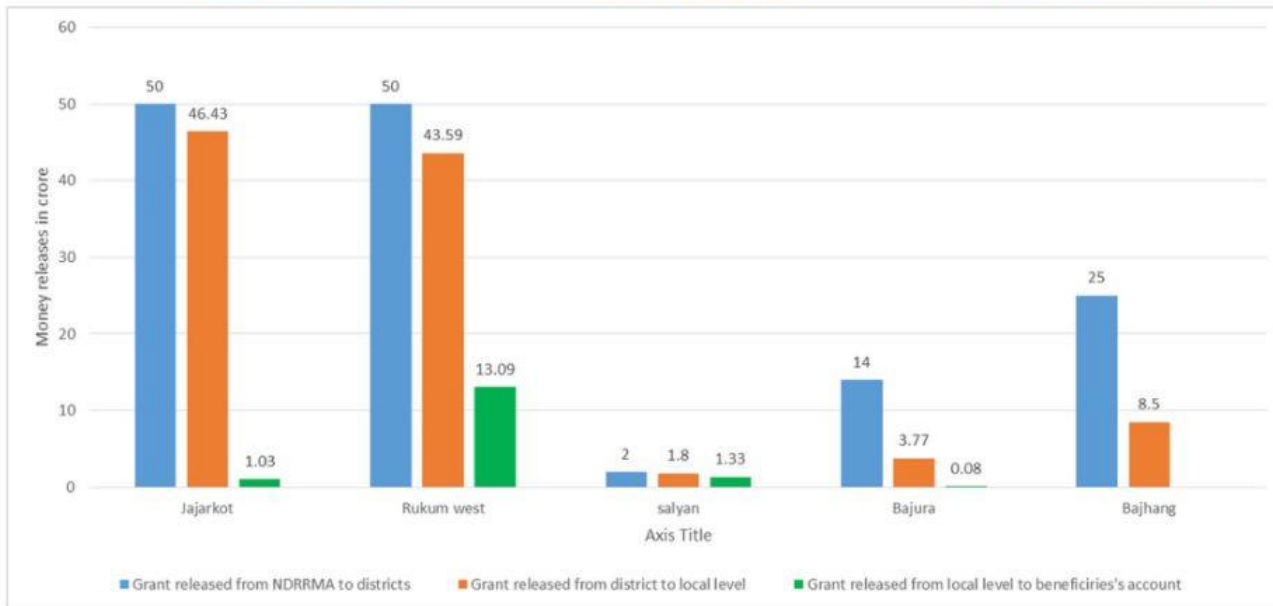
Grant Released From  
NDRRMA to Districts

**Rs. 1,040,825,000**

Grant Released From  
District to Local Level

**Rs. 155,300,000**

Grant released from Local Level  
to Beneficiaries' Account



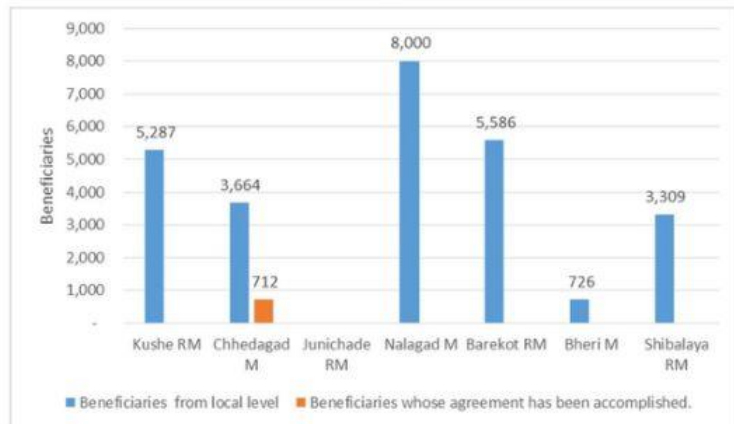
**51,863**

Number of Beneficiaries from  
Local Level

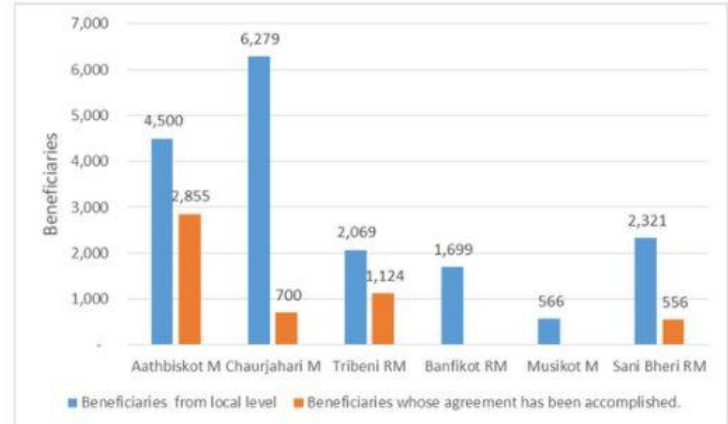
**6,512**

Beneficiaries Whose  
Agreement Has Been  
Accomplished

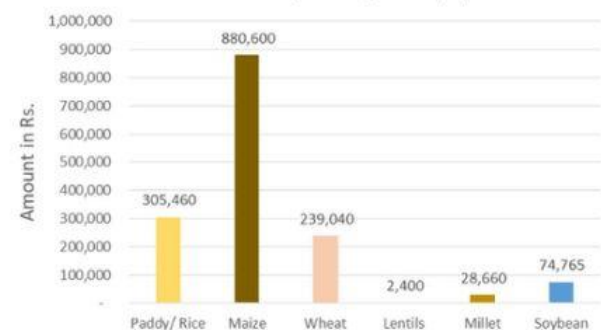
#### Jajarkot



#### Rukum West



#### Total loss of crops in Jajarkot (Rs)



*This report provides a comprehensive overview of the challenges and responses following the disaster. It discusses the efforts in making temporary shelter and assistance to over 59,000 registered beneficiaries across five affected districts. The report highlights the substantial financial allocation from the government for temporary housing, yet notes the insufficiency of these funds in meeting the housing needs of an estimated 30,000 beneficiaries.*

*The document details the challenges in beneficiary data collection and the distribution of aid, with issues such as non-operational bank accounts impeding relief efforts. Significant progress in constructing temporary housing units is noted, although the total number completed remains undetermined due to slow updates on data base. Report also focuses on the administrative process of grants and additional financial burdens like frequent transportation cost on the earthquake affected people.*

*Furthermore, the report highlights the impact of the earthquake on agriculture and food security, with substantial losses in food grains and livestock. The cold weather has forced many affected individuals to return to unsafe homes, posing additional risks. The challenges in maintaining education are highlighted, with schools struggling to provide adequate learning environments. There's an emphasis on the need for standardized relief data collection to streamline and improve the efficiency of humanitarian efforts.*

## Momentum Gains in Temporary Shelter Building Post-Earthquake

In post earthquake scenario, Rukum West DAO has been actively working to provide temporary shelter to those affected by the disaster. Assistant Chief District Officer Pravesh Baduwal reported that 25,000 beneficiaries have been identified as eligible for government assistance due to the earthquake's impact. Additional data collection efforts indicate that this number could increase by 5,000 as more details emerge. Despite the allocation of Rs. 500 million from the federal



government for the construction of temporary housing, the funds are proving insufficient. The District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) has already disbursed Rs. 435,850,000 to municipalities, but officials are now requesting for additional support to adequately meet the housing needs of an estimated 30,000 beneficiaries.

The DAO has been collecting comprehensive details of the affected individuals. However, the process is ongoing, and they expect to need another three to four days to finalize information from all involved municipalities. In Aathbiskot Municipality, the DDMC has provided Rs.112,500,000 for disaster management, of which Rs.71,400,000 has been allocated to 2,855 individuals. Despite these efforts, challenges persist, particularly regarding the distribution process, as some beneficiaries face issues with non-operational bank accounts. Out of 5,235 confirmed beneficiaries, 2,380 are still awaiting the first installment of aid.



Some progress has been made in constructing temporary housing units for earthquake victims, though the total number of completed units is yet to be determined. In Chaurjahari Municipality, eight temporary houses have been completed, with plans for 435 more in advanced stages. The municipality has received Rs. 156,950,000 for 6,279 beneficiaries, and payments have been made to 7,00 individuals with operational bank accounts. An additional 800 beneficiaries are expected to be added following the completion of comprehensive data collection. Acting Chief Administrative Officer Sher Prasad Dhakal commended the efforts of beneficiaries in constructing these shelters using locally available materials such as wood, bamboo, and galvanized sheets.

In Jajarkot district, Bheri Municipality has been allocated Rs.18,150,000 for 726 families by the district disaster management committee to aid in shelter construction. The municipality is in the final stages of formalizing agreements with these families. Similarly, Kushe RM has received Rs.122,200,000, Chhedagad Municipality Rs. 91,600,000 (with Rs. 1,200,000 disbursed to 712 beneficiaries), Barekot RM Rs.129,700,000, and Shivalaya RM Rs.82,000,000. However, Juni Chande RM and Nalagad Municipality are still awaiting their funds. The situation remains fluid, with ongoing efforts to ensure all affected families receive the necessary support for rebuilding and recovery.

## Jajarkot Earthquake Beneficiaries Number Established at 59,162

In the aftermath of the Jajarkot earthquake, a total of 59,162 beneficiaries have been officially registered across five affected districts. This update was provided by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). Initially, 28,000 beneficiaries were identified, followed by an addition of 4,000 in a subsequent update. The government, through the Cabinet's decision and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Executive Committee, has been implementing measures to



provide temporary housing for the earthquake-affected. A sum of NPR 1.41 billion has been released from the Disaster Management Fund for the five districts of Jajarkot, Western Rukum, Bajhang, Bajura, and Salyan. However, all the allocated funds have not yet been received by the earthquake victims. As of now, NPR 1.04 billion has reached Local Government.

Among the registered beneficiaries, 10,153 have entered into agreements for constructing temporary shelters. The local levels have disbursed NPR 24.62 million to these beneficiaries, as per NDRRMA. In Western Rukum and Salyan, 2,463 families have started residing in their newly built temporary shelters. Further, there's a request from the districts for an additional NPR 2.60 billion to cover the first and second installments for the remaining beneficiaries yet to sign agreements. The Ministry of Home Affairs has corresponded with the Ministry of Finance to release these funds. Upon receipt of the funds in the Disaster Management Fund, the NDRRMA will distribute them to the local levels based on the number of registered beneficiaries.

## Building Consensus for *Standardized Relief Data Collection Form*

DPNet conducted the discussion program to review existing relief data collection form on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The session was facilitated by Dr. Raju Thapa and coordinated by the former Secretary, Mr. Kedar Neupane. This gathering is an important step in our ongoing project to develop consensus among government stakeholders for forming and implementing a standardized method for gathering information about relief materials, in line with the 5W approach.

Mr. Kedar Neupane emphasized the urgent need to streamline the relief data collection process, particularly in response to the

Jajarkot earthquake. He pointed out the current inefficiencies caused by the diverse forms used by different agencies, including the HEOC, AIN, MoIAL, DAO, and various local government entities. Our aim is to simplify this procedure, thereby minimizing redundancy and the time humanitarian workers spend completing these forms.

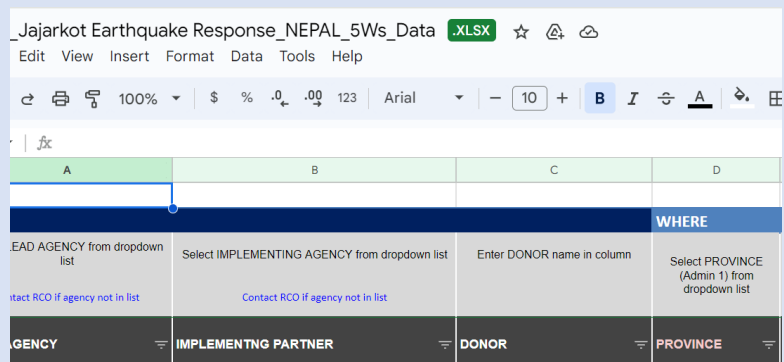
The Chief District Officer of Jajarkot District noted the challenges faced by the DAO in tracking the activities of different groups. Since November 27, humanitarian agencies have been asked to fill out a 4W form, and from today, we are actively updating our data and reaching out to organizations like CARITAS, IOM, DPNet for updates. However, we often receive inquiries from government officials and humanitarian agencies in Kathmandu and other provinces regarding who is doing what, where, and when, along with the details of materials provided, existing gaps, and stock requirements. Unfortunately, due to the lack of centralized data, responding to these queries is difficult. The necessity for a unified form is important, as it would significantly reduce the time and effort spent by those engaged in humanitarian efforts on filling out multiple forms.

The Assistant CDO of West Rukum expressed similar concerns, highlighting the lack of a system to report on activities and needs. This unified form, if successfully implemented in our response to this earthquake, could serve as a model for future disaster responses.

Mr. Dhurva Khadka, the Spokesperson of NDRRMA, also acknowledged the critical need for such a form. NDRRMA is considering this proposal and suggests that DPNet could review the existing forms used by different agencies and develop a concise, informative and user-friendly single form on Google Sheets. Following this, we can convene with relevant stakeholders to finalize the form, which NDRRMA plans to incorporate as an annex to the relief standard and enforce legally.

## Jajarkot Struggles with Food Shortage After Devastating Earthquake

The earthquake in Jajarkot has resulted in food grain losses amounting to 90 million Rupees. More than 90 million Rupees worth of stored food grains have been destroyed in 34,501 homes due to the earthquake. According to the Jajarkot Agriculture Development Office, these food grains, which were stored in homes, were buried and destroyed. This earthquake led to the destruction of food grains such as rice, maize, wheat, and millet stored in 34,501 homes. It is reported that 28 lakh 28 thousand 725 kilograms of rice, along with maize, wheat, and millet, were destroyed. The Jajarkot earthquake caused a loss of livestock worth 54 million Rupees. The earthquake directly affected 90,567 people in Jajarkot. The District Administration Office Jajarkot has requested for the storage of



food grains, as most people connected to agriculture also need to engage in other work. This concern arises due to the potential food grain crisis in the earthquake-affected areas. Due to the use of temporary shelters and tarpaulins in the fields where crops are grown, there is an anticipated reduction in food production.



The Barikot village municipality in the district is known to face food shortages annually. Therefore, the district administration office has also requested the collection and storage of food grains. Organizations like UNFAO and DPNet have been distributing waterproof and airtight hermetic bags to farmers for grain storage purposes.

## Cold Forces Earthquake Affected People Back to Unsafe Homes

Significant number of people in Jajarkot, affected by the earthquake, are being compelled to move back into their damaged and unsafe homes. Faced with the harsh cold and inadequate shelter under tarpaulins, they are choosing to risk living in their cracked houses, despite the ongoing threat of frequent aftershocks. The area has experienced 466 aftershocks since the earthquake, with no signs of them subsiding, especially in Ramidanda and its neighboring regions. The Chief District Officer (CDO) of Jajarkot has acknowledged



the terrible situation, where people are living in such vulnerable structure conditions due to the cold weather. 31 people have died due to the cold following the devastating Jajarkot earthquake.

Krishna Bahadur Khatri, the Epidemic Focal Person at the Health Services Office in Jajarkot, reports that approximately 12,404 children under five years old have been affected across the district. The earthquake has also had a significant impact on 1,883 pregnant women and 1,076 new mothers. Additionally, 6,026 elderly individuals over 70, 1,832 people with chronic health conditions, and 850 individuals with disabilities are among the 22,206 people directly affected by the disaster.

Similarly, the Health Services Office in Western Rukum has reported significant impact on the region's residents. According to Kali Bahadur Oli, the Information Officer of the office, 5,567 children under the age of five have been affected in Western Rukum. The earthquake has also affected 1,068 pregnant women and 739 new mothers in the area. Furthermore, 3,781 senior citizens, 596 people with chronic illnesses, and 516 individuals with disabilities in the district are struggling with the aftermath of the earthquake.



## Surviving the Earthquake's Aftermath

In a remote village named Garkhakot, in Juni Chande-5, Gyan Bahadur Shahi and his family are dealing with life after an earthquake. They're living in a basic hut made of leaves and sticks, which shows how tough things are for many people after the disaster. The area's tough geography, with snowcapped mountains nearby, makes it very cold, making their simple shelter



even harder to live in. Despite harsh condition, the help they're getting from the local government isn't enough, leaving them in real trouble. They don't have enough food and their shelter isn't good enough, but Gyan Bahadur Shahi and his family are holding onto hope.

## School's Post-Earthquake Struggle for Education

The aftermath of the earthquake left the CEM School's building cracked and unsafe for use. This unfortunate situation has impacted on the approximately 400 students enrolled, compelling them to continue their studies in makeshift arrangements under the open sky and tents.



Despite their best efforts, the school has only managed to acquire two tents independently, with an additional one provided by the municipality. Moreover,

the "Badi Women Group" has offered their own tent to facilitate the students' learning environment. However, even with these combined efforts, the Temporary Learning Centers established for the students remain inadequate to accommodate the 400 students. This scarcity of suitable study spaces poses a significant challenge for maintaining the continuity of education after the earthquake in many places of earthquake affected area.

## Challenges and Progress in Earthquake Relief Efforts

In Aathbishkot Municipality ward no. 9 of Western Rukum, a significant number of people have gathered at a local bank to receive grant money allocated for earthquake relief efforts. The District Disaster Management Fund has transferred funds to the municipality's account for 4,500 beneficiaries. So far, 2,855 individuals have received their grants, while others are still awaiting their turn. The Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) is preparing the list of the remaining beneficiaries, out of a total of 5,235 confirmed individuals, to present to the district authorities. At the NIC Asia branch in Nalagad, approximately 200 people

arrive daily seeking assistance, with around 400 applications still pending processing. Kamal BK, a local resident, expressed concerns over the financial burden of traveling to the bank, which includes spending Rs. 400 on bus fare for each visit, in addition to extra costs for meals. Officials in Nalagad municipality are encouraging people to submit their bank cheques to receive Rs. 25,000 as part of the relief fund distribution process. This measure is designed to streamline the procedure and accelerate the provision of essential financial support to those impacted by the earthquake.



## AGENCIES PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

The details of agencies that have been providing humanitarian support in Jajarkot and Rukum West so far are as follows.

Aakhil Nepal Mahila Sangh Krantikari	Himalayan Reinsurance Limited	Patanjali Ayurveda
Aanandit Charity Center, Lalitpur	Himalayan Yoga Academy, Kathmandu	Phase Nepal
Action Aid Nepal	Home Ministry, Nepal Government	PIN
ADH	HRDC	Plan International
ADRA	ICIMOD	Pokhara Metropolitan City
All Angels Nepal (AAAN)	IDEA Nepal	Prabesh Tansen
Alliance 2015 (PIN, Helvetas, WHH)	IFRC	Province Health Logistics Management Center, Surkhet
ALWS	Indian Air Force	Provincial Hospital, Surkhet
America Nepal Medical Foundation	Indian Embassy	PTYSM
APF Maheshori, Surkhet	Indreni Foundation, Kathmandu	Public 4K TV
Arju Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd.	International Nepal Fellowship Nepal	Purple Foundation
Armed Police Force	International Nepali Artists Society INAS (France).	Qatar Charity
Army Barrack, Jajarkot	IOM	Radha Poudel Foundation

Asal Chhimeki Nepal	Isha Foundation Nepal	Rapti minining and construction
AWO International	Islamic Relief UK	RARA Human Entertainment Banke
B Group, Banke	Islamic Relief Worldwide	Rastriya Swatantra Party
Bageshori Ashal Sashan Club	JAFS	RDC
Bahu Udesya Samudiyik Bikash Sewa Kathmandu	Jagadamba Synthetics	Relief Nepal
Balaji Fibres	JS Fashion, Kathmandu	RMHSF-N
Balbalika Biruddha ko sajha Abhiyan, Rukum	Karma Flight Foundation	Roadshow Securities
Baptist medical and Dental Mission International	Karma Flight Foundation Nepal	Rotary Club of Kathmandu
Bardibas Municipality, Mohattarai	Karnali and Rapti Samaj, Korea	RRN
BAS NEPAL Nepalgunj	Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center	RSDC
Bharatpur Metropolitan City	Karnali Province Society, Okinawa Japan	Rukum UNESCO Sanghiya Shikshya
Bhatbheteni Supermarket	Katahimai Rural Municipality	SAC Nepal
Bheri Environmental Excellence (BEE) Group	Kathmandu Metropolitan City	Sagarmatha Lumbini Non-Life Insurance Company (SALICO)
Bheri Samudayik Bikas Manch (BSBM)	KiA Netherlands	Sahakarmi Samaj
Bheri Sitbhandar Sahakari Sanstha, Banke	KIRDARC	Sainamaina Municipality, Rupendehi
Bheriganga Municipality, Surkhet	KIWANIS Club, Khara, Rukum West	Sainamaina Yuba Redcross, Rupendehi
Bidhyut Utpadan Company, Buddhanagar, Kathmandu	Kopila Valley Sewa Samaj	Sakkal Agro Group, Lalitpur
Binod Kumar Budha, Dailekh	Kumari Trust Kathmandu	Samaj Kalyan Parishad, Lalitpur
Birendranagar Sunchadi Byabasayi, Surkhet	Laxmi Sunrise Bank	Sambriddha Karnali ko hamro Chahana, Rukum West
BlinkNow	Li- Bird Green Karnali Project	Sana Byabasaya Pramasha tatha Talim Kendra



Blue Horse Entertainment	Lim Chai Lin Malaysia	Sanakishan Bikash Bank
BMZ AA	Lions Club International	Sanakishan Bikash Laghubitta Sanstha Limited
Botechaur Bajar Byabasthapan Kendra, Surkhet	Lions Club International B25N Nepalgunj	Sanga-sangai Nepal, Kanchanpur
Botechaur Bajar Byabasthapan Samiti, Surkhet	Lions Club of Butwal Center	Sani Bheri Water and Food Production
Butwal Sub Metropolitan City	Lions Club of Tulsipur Ishan	Sanskar Academy
Butwal Sub Municipality	Lumanti	Sarada Municipality, Salyan
CARE	Lumbini Medical College and Teaching Hospital	Satyabachana Param Iswariya Marga Darshan, Kathmandu
Caritas	Lumbini Sanskritik Municipality, Rupendehi	Save the Children
CBM	Lutheran World Federation	SCI
CCR-Karnali	Lutheran World Relief	Scout Nepal
CECI	Madhya Paschimanchal Truck and Tractor Byabasayi Sangh	SDG Global
Central College, Kathmandu	Makawanpur Udhyog Banijya Sangh	Shanti Nepal
CG group	Malika Rural Municipality, Gulmi	Shikharapur Samudik Sanstha
Chandra Surya Cloth Store, Surkhet	Mama Bhanja Hardware, Sanibheri, Rukum West	Shining Hospital INF Nepal
Chaurjahari Hospital	Manab Adhikar Tatha Shanti Samaj, Surkhet	Siddharth Business Group
Chemicals and Medical Suppliers, Dang	Manab Bikash Samudayik Sewa	Siddhartha Municipality
Chhitaram Smriti Pratisthan, Nalagad	Manab Bikash Tatha Samudayik Sewa	Siddhartha Municipality, Rupandehi
China Aid	Marwadi Sewa Samaj	Siddhartha Premiere Insurance Limited
Chitwan Automobile Association	Medecins du Monde	Silpi Samaj Nepal, Lalitpur
CIMOs	Meheelkuna Bajar Byabasthapan Samiti, Surkhet	Sipradiyan Sahayata Sangh

CMC Nepal	Mercy Corps	Sipradiyan Sahayata Sanstha, Kathmandu
CRS	Mid-West University	Siyari Rural Municipality, Rupendehi
DANIDA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxemburg	SOS
DAO, Dang, Ghorahi	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Surkhet	SOSEC
DAO, Kaski	Ministry of Physical Infrastructure Development, Karnali province	SPA
DCA	Mission East	START Fund
DDMC, Baglung	Municipal Hospital Nalagad	Suddhadhan Municipality
DDMC, Banke	Mutu Foundation	Sudur Paschim Scout Cloths Bank, Kailali
DDMC, Rukum East	NBCC, Laitpur	Sundar Dhoka Sathi Sewa, Lalitpur
DFID	NDRRMA	Surkhet Udhyog Niresanalaya
Dharmakata Byabasthapan Samiti, Hetauda	NECO Insurance	Surya Nepal Pvt. Ltd.
Dhorpatan Udhyog Badhiya Sangh	NEEDS Nepal	Swarga Pabitra Satya Sundar Samaj Nepal, Kathmandu
Dhurbatara Baal Bikash Samaj	Nepal Bidhyarthi Sangh Kendriya Samiti	Swiss Embassy
District Hospital, Khalanga, Jajarkot	Nepal Christian Relief Fund	Tarangini Mahila Adhikar Prashikshen Kendra
District Hospital, Musikot, Rukum West	Nepal Communist Party	TDH Foundation
DPNet Nepal	Nepal Graman Purna Nirman Organization	Tear fund
Ekal Mahila Jilla Sanjal, Rukum West	Nepal Gramin Punarnirman Sanstha	Terres des hommes
ENRUDEC	Nepal Jadibuti Byabasayik Sangh	Thakur Baba Rural Municipality
Environment and Rural Development Center	Nepal Life Insurance	The Nepal Distilleries Pvt. Ltd

ESCON	Nepal Najareth Society Naba Jyoti Kendra, Surkhet	Tilotama Municipality, Lumbini
Everest Club Dailekh	Nepal National Engineering Union, Surkhet	TPO
Everest Fuji Society	Nepal Nijamati Karmachari Sangh, Surkhet	Transformation Nepal, Bhaktpur
Fairmed Foundation Nepal	Nepal Paropakari Samaj	Triangle Génération Humanitaire Nepal
FAIRMED HQ	Nepal Pharmacy Sangh	Tulsipur Jaycees
FCA	Nepal Rastriya Karmachari Sangathan, Karnali Province	Udhyog Banijya Mahasangh
FCA Disaster Fund	Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS)	UML Maoist Central Valley special Task committee
Federation of Nepal Gold and Silver Dealers Association	Nepal Satgun Tatha Naitik Samaj, Kathmandu	UNDP
Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO)	Nepal Satgun Tatha Naitik Samaj, Tulsipur	UNFAO
FGTCHURCH Nepal	Nepal Students Union District Committee	UNHCR
FHI 360 Nepal	Nepal Telecom	UNICEF
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)	Nepal Trade Union Congress	Unilever Nepal
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Nepal Udhyog Banijya Mahasangh	United Academy, Lalitpur
German Embassy	Nepal Upakar Sanstha	USAID
GIZ	Nepalgunj Muslim Samaj Nepal	VG Foundation, Thapathali
Global Peace Foundation (GPF)	Nepalgunj Neuro Hospital	Volunteer Corps Nepal
Golden Horizon Academy, Kathmandu	Nestle India	Wash Nepal, Jajarkot
Good Neighbors International Nepal	NFDN	Water Aid
Green Foundation	NLIC	WHH
Gulariya Municipality	NRN	WHO
Habitat for Humanity Nepal	NRNA	WHR Kathmandu
Habitat Nepal	NRNA NCC Wisconsin	WIN



Hami Nepali	Nyayadhis Shrimati Sangh, Kathmandu	Women for Human Right Single Women Group Surkhet
Handicap International	OHW	WOREC
HCRC Hospital	Omsatiya Rural Municipality	World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO)
HDC Nepal	One Heart Worldwide	World Food Programme (WFP)
HEAL Nepal	Oxfam	World Link Communication
Help Nepal Network	Pahadi Khsetra Bikash Abhiyaan	WVI
Helping Hand for Relief Development KTM	Panchtara Yuba Samrakshyak Manch	YARCN
Helping Heart	Paribartan Rural Municipality, Rolpa	Yeti Brewery
Himalayan Bank	Pashusewa Bibagh, Lalitpur	Y-Y-Y FOUNDATION UK

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