Jajarkot Earthquake



Situation Analysis Report - 02

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This Report details the response to Jajarkot earthquake, resulting in 157 deaths and 256 injuries. Prime Minister Dahal, in the Disaster Risk

157	256	937	2954		
Deaths	Injuries	Completely Damage Houses	Partially Damaged Houses		

Reduction and Management National Council meeting, emphasized the need for effective relief and rehabilitation, involving earthquake-affected individuals in these efforts, and improving preparedness based on lessons from the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake. He instructed for quick action, revision of laws, effective aid distribution, and prevention of misuse of relief materials.

The Ministerial Cabinet decided to accept formally requested international aid, ensure search and rescue operations, provide free medical treatment, and manage temporary housing for victims. The Cabinet expressed gratitude for the support received and appealed for continued coordination for disaster management. To aid recovery, financial assistance was given to victims' families, and infrastructure restoration was prioritized. Security forces, including the Nepalese Army, APF, and Nepal Police, were mobilized for rescue operations, with the government nearing completion of these efforts.

The government has provided tents, blankets, and sleeping bags to the affected areas, and various ministries and officials are actively involved in distributing these supplies. Humanitarian actors like NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies have mobilized to provide shelter, health support, and WASH initiatives, with coordination to avoid duplicating efforts. Organizations are also focusing on postemergency recovery, including educational and mental health support. Government has appealed for financial support to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and has highlighted the extensive damage in Jajarkot, including to historic sites and public buildings. Survivors are sheltering in tents, facing cold weather challenges. The international community, including China, the United States, Russia, and India, has offered condolences and material support, with China and India already sending supplies.

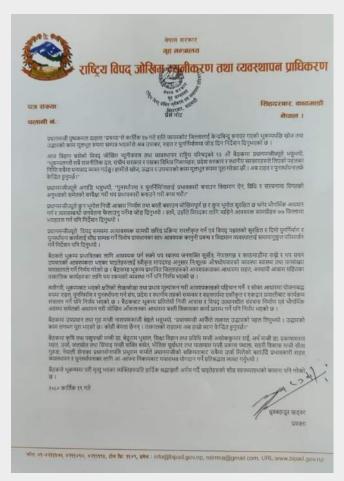
The report concludes with recommendations for improving relief distribution and coordination, such as need of defining a one-door policy, centralizing reporting systems, and communicating effectively with beneficiaries about aid distribution.

1. Prime Minister Calls for Effective Earthquake Response in Council Meeting

Prime Minister issued directives to ensure the effectiveness of relief and rehabilitation efforts for the victims of the Jajarkot earthquake. He conveyed these instructions during a meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management National Council held in Singha Durbar. PM Dahal emphasized the importance of being well-prepared and involving earthquake-affected individuals in the relief and rehabilitation operations.

The 13th Council meeting was convened to discuss the earthquake's damage in Jajarkot and Rukum Paschim and the necessary government actions in the aftermath. PM Dahal urged all stakholders to take the postquake rescue, relief, and reconstruction commending efforts seriously, instantaneous actions taken by the three tiers of government and other organizations immediately after the disaster. mentioned that preparations have been made to speed up work by revising existing laws, regulations, and structures based on lessons learned from the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake.

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude to various entities for their post-earthquake initiatives and highlighted concentrated efforts on relief and rehabilitation over the next three days. He called for effective distribution of warm clothing to earthquake affected people and more efficient medical



treatment. Recognizing Nepal's vulnerability to natural disasters, PM Dahal admitted that the government's initiatives and public awareness have been insufficient. He stressed the need for a geological study and risk assessment, improved disaster material storage, a streamlined relief distribution system, and the prevention of relief material misuse. PM Dahal highlighted the importance of collaboration between federal, provincial, and local governments in relief distribution. Participants in the meeting, including Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Narayan Kaji Shrestha, praised PM Dahal's proactive role during the earthquake response and commended the government's effective mobilization of resources. They recognized the positive message conveyed by PM Dahal's hands-on leadership in rescue, relief, and treatment efforts.

2. Ministerial Cabinet Decided to Accept Formal International Aid

The Cabinet meeting held on the 5th November made several critical decisions in response to the devastating earthquake. It decided to accept the formally offered support from neighboring countries and international organizations and express gratitude on behalf of the Government of Nepal for the support. It prioritized search and rescue operations, immediate relief, and free medical treatment for the victims. Additionally,



temporary housing, food, and security arrangements for displaced families were to be managed urgently. Furthermore, the Nepalese government resolved to adopt a single-window system for coordinating relief efforts, with Surkhet as the main contact point and Nepalgunj as the secondary. Financial assistance was promptly provided to the families of the deceased, and international aid formally proposed by neighboring and friendly nations was gratefully accepted. The Cabinet also expressed gratitude to all government bodies, local authorities, provincial governments, individuals, and organizations involved in the disaster management efforts. It appealed for continuous coordination with the District Disaster Management Committee and urged for contributions to the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. Immediate steps were to be taken to restore damaged infrastructure such as roads and communication networks, and plans were outlined for the rehabilitation of affected areas, protection of livelihoods, and security of livestock. The Ministry of Urban Development was tasked with leading reconstruction efforts in Jajarkot, focusing on earthquake-resistant structures to be completed within a year. Details of the meeting decision is in annex section.

3. Rescue Operation by Security Forces

All three major security agencies, namely the Nepalese Army, the Armed Police Force (APF), and the Nepal Police, are actively engaged in rescue operations. From the NEOC data, Nepal Police reported that they have mobilized 874 police officers for relief, rescue, and search operations in the affected areas, with additional personnel on standby if required. The Armed Police Force and the Nepalese Army have also deployed their personnel in the earthquake-affected regions accounting for 485 and 202 respectively. The government has nearly completed search and rescue efforts in the aftermath of the Jajarkot earthquake. All levels of government, including Prime

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Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, are working together to assist survivors in the affected districts. They are providing immediate relief, medical care, and essentials. Many survivors are now living in temporary tents due to damaged or unsafe homes, facing challenges during the cold season.

4. Rescue Operations Have Come to an End

The government has announced that the search and rescue operations for the Jajarkot earthquake survivors are in their final phase. All three levels of government are collaborating to assist those affected in Jajarkot and Rukum Paschim, the hardest-hit districts from the recent tremor that occurred on Friday night. They're working together to ensure that immediate relief, including medical care and essential supplies, is provided to the affected individuals.



5. Government Efforts and Relief Packages

Emergency Relief Efforts and Distribution Plans in Earthquake-Affected Regions Led by Government Authorities and Organizations. The government has dispatched tents, blankets, and sleeping bags to the earthquake-affected areas. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry, Armed Police Force, and UNICEF have sent tents, blankets, and sleeping bags to Jajarkot and Rukum West. In Jajarkot, the Ministry of Home Affairs has sent 100 blankets, 100 tarpaulins, and 550 sleeping bags. The Armed Police Force has dispatched 5000 tarpaulins and 350 large tents, while UNICEF has sent 68 tarpaulins and 5 mattresses. In Rukum West, the Ministry of Home Affairs has sent 100 blankets, 226 tarpaulins, and 550 sleeping bags. The Armed Police Force has dispatched 5000 tarpaulins and 350 large tents, and UNICEF has sent 667 tarpaulins. According to the Ministry, a team led by Deputy Prime Minister Narayan Kaji Shrestha, the Home Minister, and parliamentarians will distribute 1050 sleeping bags, 202 tarpaulins, and 100 blankets in the affected areas. The team includes Deputy Prime Minister Shrestha, Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport Prakash Jwala, Health Minister Mohan Bahadur Basnet, Energy Minister Shakti Basnet, and MP Janardan Sharma, among others.

6. Relief Effort for Earthquake Affected Areas by Humanitarian Actors

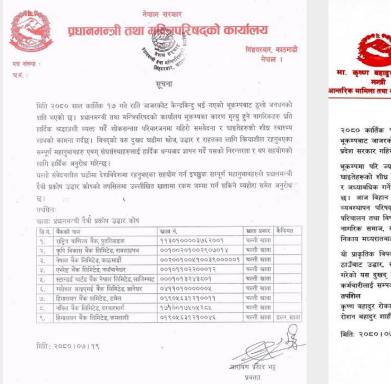
Various NGO, INGO, UN agencies have mobilized to offer critical support in the aftermath of the earthquake in Jajarkot and Rukum on November 5, 2023. Save the Children, World Vision International, One Heart Worldwide, AWO International, HI, PIN, RRN, RSDC, SOSEC, N-PAF, Yuva Jana Shakti, GPF Nepal, LI-BIRD are among the key organizations providing immediate relief through shelter kits, health support, medical tents, and WASH initiatives. These agencies are coordinating closely with local authorities and communities to assess needs and deliver aid effectively. For example, PIN is focused on not duplicating ongoing interventions but rather filling gaps in food, WASH, and emergency shelter sectors in collaboration with local partners.

As the relief operations agencies like FELM are engaging on post-emergency recovery, such as supporting schools and mental health services. Similarly, TEARFUND is providing medical

support, UMN has activated its Incident Management Team, and Plan International is deploying resources for gender assessment and response. Agencies like CARE Nepal, MDM France, ADRA, and Habitat Nepal are actively engaged in supplying shelter, food, and medical aid, among other support, to the affected regions. The collaborative efforts of these organizations are crucial to the recovery and rebuilding process. The details of the materials and support provided by the various organizations involved in the relief efforts are available in the annex for further reference.

7. Government Appeal for the Aid

The Government of Nepal appealed to deposit financial support in the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. Similarly, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Karnali has appeal for support. Please have a look at information and press statement released recently.





7. Devastation by Jajarkot Earthquake

CDO of Jajarkot reports extensive damage to stone-and-mud houses in the district, with over 50 public buildings, including historic sites, affected. Rescue and relief efforts are ongoing, and the full extent of casualties and destruction is still being evaluated. Many houses in Aathbiskot Municipality and Sani Bheri Rural Municipality have cracks, and half are unsafe. Residents are facing a lack of shelter and food. The Jajarkot Palace was also among the damaged buildings due to the earthquake. Many survivors are currently forced to spend nights under the open sky as their homes have been destroyed or deemed unsafe to occupy. They are residing in temporary tents, and

even though the cold season makes this situation particularly challenging, need to face the difficulties of living outdoors with young children. According to the latest data by MoHA, 937 houses were severely damaged 2954 houses were partially damaged but this data is subject to change as the assessment takes pace. The photo gallery can be accessed in Annex section.



A man inspects the remains of a house destroyed by the quake in Aathbiskot-14 on Saturday.



Women and children take shelter in a tent at Khalanga Bazar, Jajarkot on Saturday evening





Community performing final rituals of the lost loved ones

8. International Attention to the Jajarkot Earthquake

The disaster has grabbed international, regional, and national media attention. The international community has expressed solidarity and offered assistance to Nepal in response to the recent earthquake. China pledged materials worth Rs. 100 million, including tents and blankets, from the China South Asian Countries Emergency Supplies Reserve, expected to arrive soon. The United States Embassy in Kathmandu expressed sadness and readiness to support Nepal in its recovery from the earthquake. Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed deep sorrow for the damage caused by the earthquake in Jajarkot district. President Putin sent a letter to President of Nepal Ramchandra Paudel, conveying deep sympathy for the Nepali people who have been affected by the tragic natural disaster. President Putin mentioned his solidarity, support, and condolences to the earthquake-affected Nepalese, wishing for the speedy recovery of the injured and their well-

being.Indian government provided relief materials worth Rs160 million to support the survivors of the Jajarkot earthquake in Nepal, aligning with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise of assistance during the crisis. The aid included tarpaulin sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, portable ventilators, medical equipment, and medicines, totaling over 11 tons, delivered by a special Indian

Army aircraft. The initial batch of emergency supplies was received by Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Purna Bahadur Khadka at Nepalgunj Airport, with the Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava, managing the handover alongside the Chief Minister of Karnali Province, Raj



Kumar Sharma. Further aid from India is expected to arrive in Nepal soon.

Note: Please inform dpnet@dpnet.org.np of your organization's involvement in earthquake relief to coordinate efforts and avoid duplication.

9 Recommendations

Provide a clear explanation of the one-door policy to maintain a common understanding across all stakeholders.

Local governments should be at the forefront of the relief. CDO could facilitate the process and support local governments where necessary.

Establish a clear, centralized reporting system for daily monitoring of relief distribution progress, which should be managed by NDRRMA.

The recent decision is made by the cabinet and the National Council for DRRM have determined the established of a main hub in Surkhet for collecting relief items for both Rukum and Jajarkot districts. Additionally, a base will be set up in Nepalgunj to reinforce the Surkhet hub.

Standardize the amount of relief based on the number of family members in a household to ensure fairness.

Formalize commitments by organizations with the government and ensure coordination among those serving the same geographical area to avoid duplication.

Communicate effectively with beneficiaries about the relief efforts, including details on the aid they will receive, the organization responsible, and the distribution points. Utilize SMS for timely communication, leveraging support from mobile phone service providers.



Quick Snapshot of TGDM Member's support and response plan for Jajarkot & Rukum Earthquake, 5 Nov 2023

S.n	AIN Member INGOs	Support/plan/commitment
1	Save the Children	Dispatched 400 Shelter kits, WASH, and Winterization in coordination with local authorities
2	World Vision International	Ready to respond, already started work
3	One Heart Worldwide	Health support and medical tents, already responding in Rukum West. Team in the ground, provide medical supplies, set up health posts & and birthing centers where damaged & equip them, around 5-6 facilities
4	AWO International	Non-food items. Immediate shelter, tents
5	ні	Deploying two Physiotherapists, collaborating with District Hospitals, 100 Shelter kits, assistive devices
6	PIN	2 people deployed and doing assessments. Under NHSRP PIN seconded a provincial technical coordinator and Provincial IMO to Ministry of Internal Affairs and law who requested to deploy the staff to Jajarkot and west Rukum for information management support. Based on gaps and needs analysis done with DDMC, Alliance 2015 Partners (Helvetas, PIN, WHH) do not want to replicate the ongoing interventions but together with its local partners, they will jointly respond for Food, WASH and Emergency shelter sectors (up to 75 K USD for immediate response from its internal sources, mainstreaming protection in coordination with provincial chapters.
7	FELM	Ready to support schools after IRA REORT in the second phase. Mental health
8	Mercy Corps	Support DPNET for a week to develop situation report
9	TEARFUND	Medical support service
10	UMN	Incident Management Team activated, support by tomorrow
11	Plan International	500 NFI Kits, Baby kits Hygiene and winterization kits, Plan emergency Response team mobilized for RNA, Rapid Gender Assessment and response, started in Jajarkot.

12	Oxfam	Discussing with actors
13	FCA	Coordinating with Humanitarian partners
14	ADRA	Planning to support based on initial assessment
15	СВМ	Planning for NFI/Winterization kits, psychological support, health camp
16	Mission East	Planning to support
17	WHH	Planning to respond
18	Action Aid Nepal	Taking action to provide immediate support
19	CARE Nepal	Actively coordinating with HPP, local partners and Govt for immediate response with shelter kits, dignity kits, kitchen utensils for 250 households, WASH, Food, livelihood, psychosocial counseling
20	MDM France	Supporting Nepalgunj Team for patients and caretaker management and assisting ambulances
21	FIDA International	Planning to support Rukum
22	ADRA	Working with Local partners to mobilize 250 emergency shelter kits
23	Habitat Nepal	Dispatching Shelter kits
24	Lutheran World Federation, LWF	Collaborating with other actors to support winterization and dignity kits, immediate (and transitional) shelters, WASH and psychosocial counselling in Jajarkot.
25	Nick Simons	4 Health Workers (3 Doctors and 1 paramedic) mobilized to Rukum and West hospital from Rukum East hospital. 5 Health workers (2 doctors, 2 nurses and 1 Parmedic) mobilized from Salyan hospital to Jajarkot hospital. Both are NSI supported hospitlas
26	INF	Sending team
27	Helvetas	Responding
28	FAIRMED	Project Office in Rukum East, ready to support
29	Dan Church Aid	With local partner SOSEC deploying the relief team to affected areas and support 75 Household with ready to eat food, tarpaulin and necessary relief supplies

30	FHI360 Nepal	One staff at the Provincial Logistics Management Center (PHLMC) Surkhet is supporting to dispatch and supply emergency health commodities in earthquake affected districts. Discussion on further support based on needs and gaps
31	China Foundation for Rural Development	Food Pack
32	Blinknow Foundation	Ambulance service

Gallery Section





Grieving Families performing final rituals of their lost family members









Houses were completely damaged leaving families homeless



Cracks Pose Risk to the Houses

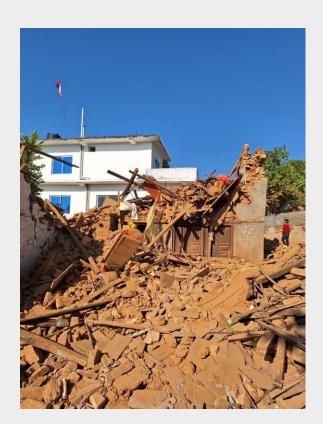








Turbulent Shakes smashed the Houses flat







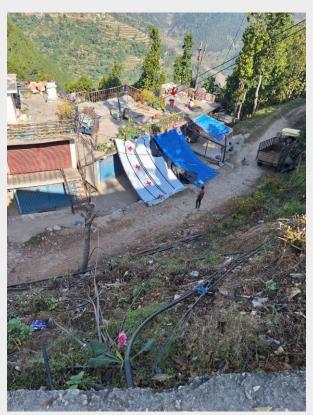


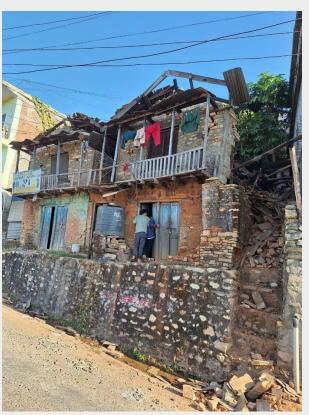
















Sufferers grieving while also looking for alternatives to safeguard oneselves.









Affected failies in need of shelter hoping to receive support soon





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