

Humanitarian Situation Update

Nepal

Earthquake Response

Situation Report #1 (Last Updated: 4 November 2023)

Crisis onset	3 November 2023, 23:48 HRS
Nature of crisis	Earthquake
Country/Affected location	West Rukum, Jajarkot and adjoining districts
SC operational Area	Yes
Is the area affected by the crisis accessible? If not, why?	Yes
Number of people affected/killed/injured	140 confirmed deaths, more than 500 people injured, detailed data of casualties and damage is yet to come.

General Overview

- On November 3rd, 2023, at 23:48 HRS, an earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale, followed by several major aftershocks, struck various places of Jajarkot and Pashchim Rukum districts in the Karnali province, located in the western part of Nepal. The death toll is more than 140 with hundreds injured, but these figures are expected to rise.



District	Municipality	Death	Injured	Damaged Hhs
Jajarkot	Bheri	47	200	200+
	Nalgad	49	150	1200+
	Kushe	9	25	40
	Chhedagad	1		15
	Barekot			
Rukum West		37		

Photo Source: SCI Field Team (Ananta BK)

- Thousands of houses are damaged partially, fully and most of the houses remain cracked.
- Rimna Bridge is Cracked.
- Loss of Livestock is also reported.
- Landslides in various parts of the area have obstructed the roads and telephone communication, making the relief work even more difficult.

- The local government has requested immediate support in relief and rescue from all relevant stakeholders. Shelter, blankets, and warm clothes for the children are the immediate needs, along with food items.
- More than 1,000 Police has been deployed for Search and Rescue from different Police offices, Medical team of 11 people has been deployed by Nepal Army and reached via helicopter.
- Save the Children is coordinating with the ministry of Social Development of Karnali province to dispatch medical items to Bheri Hospital Jajarkot.
- Save the Children is working closely with the local governments of the affected areas and has already dispatched a response team and relief materials for 200 households, based on the preliminary data of the loss and damage. More response efforts will be planned as additional data becomes available. The current dispatched items are 500 Hygiene kit and 400 High Altitude Shelter Kit.
- Save the Children Field team is supporting in immediate response in Khalanga, Jajarkot, Kushe and Bheri.
- Save the Children Surkhet field Office has deployed additional Emergency Response team members for response.
- The president has appealed to the government, and all concerned to ensure effective rescue and relief work in the quake-affected areas.
- The Prime Minister has left for the affected areas with a medical team including 16 members of the Nepali Army and necessary materials for the rescue, search and relief of the earthquake survivors, according to the Prime Minister's Press Advisor Govinda Acharya.
- An emergency meeting of the Council of Ministers of Karnali province government was held on Saturday morning to take a decision on the earthquake-affected areas."The meeting is currently underway and we will make the decision public after some time," karnali province government spokesperson Internal Affairs and Law Minister Krishna GC said.



Save the Children's Capacity:

- Save the Children has a team of 122 members trained on Emergency Response and nearly 10,000 kits in preposition across 5 different geographic locations.
- Save the Children is working in close collaboration with the local governments of the affected districts and has dispatched a humanitarian response team along with the response materials.

Immediate Need:

- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Shelter
- Winterization Support
- Food
- First Aid and Health Workers
- Wash Facilities



General Coordination:

- Save the Children has been coordinating with the local governments, provincial government and other humanitarian agencies in different level for immediate humanitarian assistance.
- At the provincial level, Save the Children has been coordinating with the ministry of internal affairs and law (MoIAL), humanitarian agencies and stakeholders.

Challenges:

- The major challenge is the obstruction of the road and communication channels because of the landslide in various parts of western Nepal.

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