

# Nepal Earthquake Response: Jajarkot

## Situation Report #2

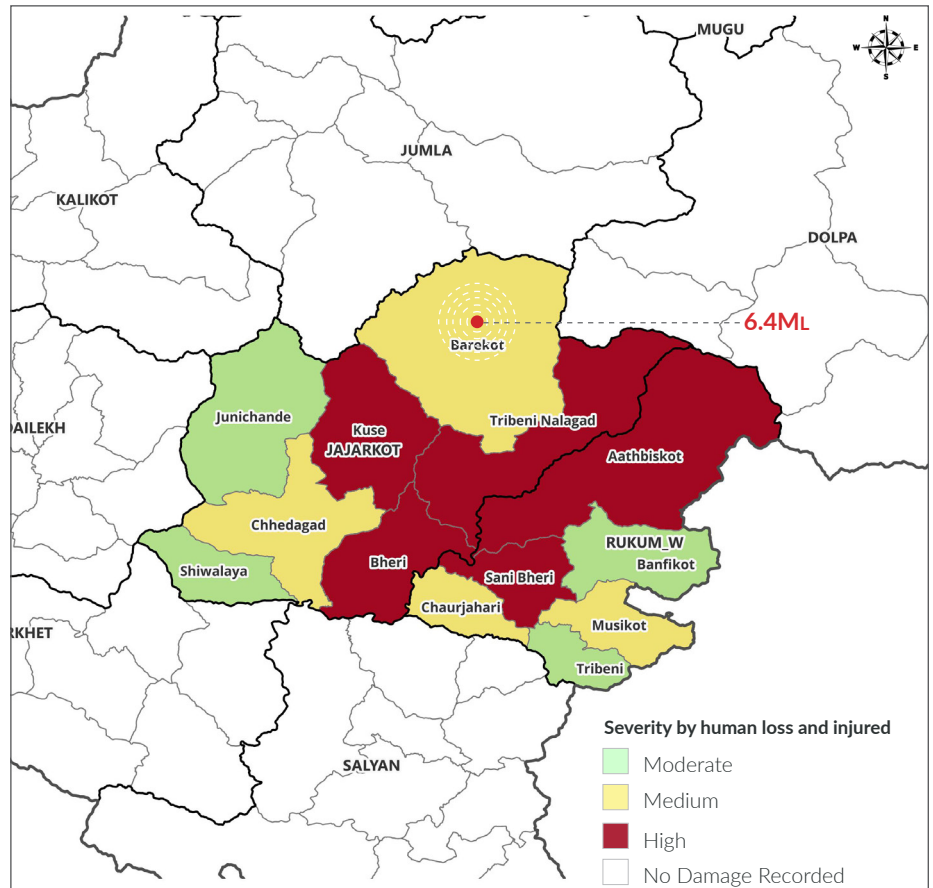
(as of 5 November 2023)



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### Highlights

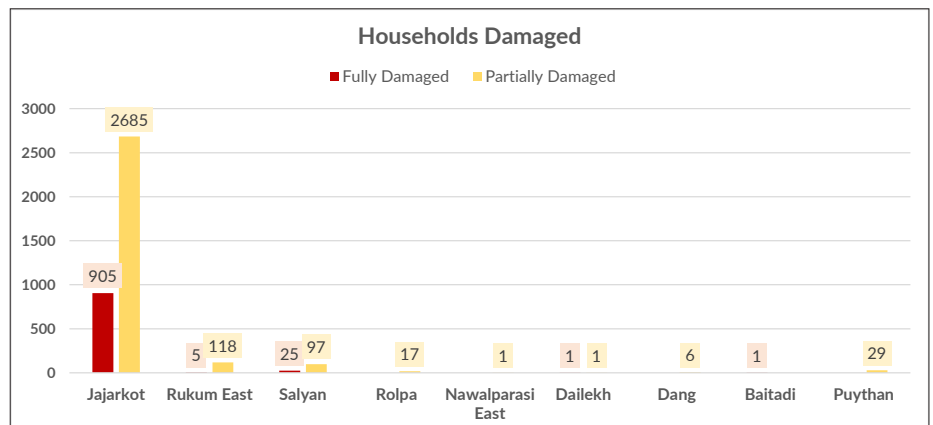
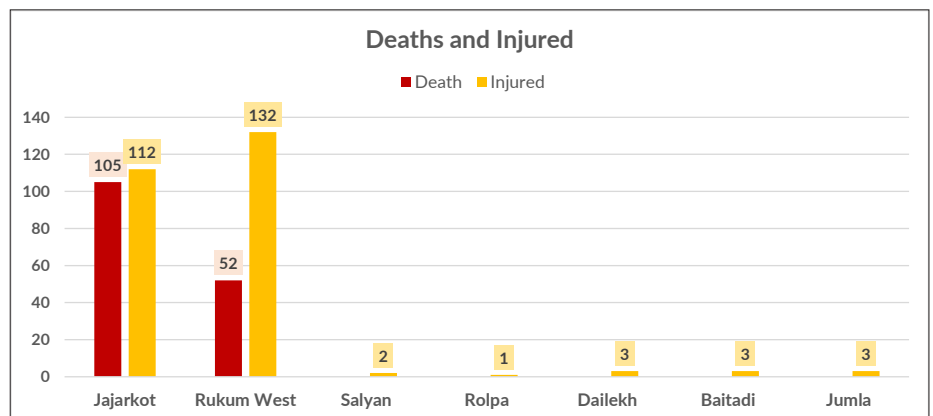
- Jajarkot, Rukum West and few neighboring districts** are reported to be affected by the **6.4M<sub>L</sub>** earthquake and its after-shocks.
- 157** lives are lost due to earthquake, **105** in Jajarkot and **52** in Rukum West.
- 256 people** were injured, **112 people** in Jajarkot, **132** in Rukum West, **3** in Dailekh, **3** in Baitadi, **3** in Jumla, **2** in Salyan and **1** in Rolpa.
- 937** houses are fully damaged and **2954** houses are partially damaged.
- 202 Nepal Army**, **874 Nepal Police**, **485 Armed Police Force Nepal** personnel are deployed from the security forces for rescue and relief.
- MoIAL Karnali Province has circulated a data collection template to DEOCs for collection of latest updates on human casualties, public and private infrastructure damage and Food and Non-food items (NFIs) need assessment.



### Situation Overview

On 5 November 2023, National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management held a meeting for discussion on Jajarkot earthquake and Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda), provided instructions for carrying out immediate relief need assessment for effective relief distribution and rehabilitation of the affected population.

A team of technical experts from Ministry of Urban Development and



\*Damage data from other districts are still being collected.

Data Source: MoHA - NEOC

Nepal Engineer's Association is being sent to Jajarkot for an onsite visit and monitoring of the damaged households.

### National Council for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management meeting minute

1. Immediate medical teams including necessary medical supplies and equipments were provided by the government in fast-track mode soon after the Jajarkot earthquake. Additional medical human resources will be kept in standby mode at Surkhet, Nepaljung and Kathmandu. All the injured person will be given free treatment as per the standard norm and Ministry of Health and Population will lead the treatment measures.
2. Regarding the government's prompt response to the Jajarkot earthquake, it has been determined that the search and rescue operations are nearing completion. These efforts will be efficiently managed with a focus on expeditious execution. The Ministry of Home Affairs will take the lead in coordinating the diverse support and relief efforts pledged by government agencies, I/NGOs, and private sectors to ensure their equitable and fair distribution. The Nepal Army will oversee the provision of helicopter services for the transportation of personnel involved in search, rescue, treatment, and relief management tasks.
3. To initiate immediate relief works the Disaster Management Fund from Federal government has already released Rs 5 crore to each of the District Disaster Management Fund of Jajarkot and West Rukum as per the standard norm. Rs 2 lakh each will be immediately provided to the families of the dead individuals. Additional funds will be managed to address the area specific requirements on relief support and temporary settlements of the earthquake affected districts.
4. A comprehensive evaluation of the impact and damage caused by the Jajarkot earthquake will be carried out to identify the specific needs. Following the assessment findings, the three levels of government (federal, provincial, and local) will collaborate on designing a series of interventions for relief, reconstruction, and rehabilitation. Plans for immediate temporary housing will be developed for families whose private residences have been demolished by the earthquake. Likewise, the assessment of damage and the impact on government and public infrastructure, as well as disrupted services, will be efficiently continued at designated safe locations under the supervision of relevant sectoral agencies.
5. Given Nepal's vulnerability to earthquake disaster risk, the Ministry of Urban Development will promptly take on the responsibility of formulating housing designs and standards, emphasizing alignment with local characteristics, socio-cultural significance, and the utilization of local skills, technology, and resources. This planning endeavor will be completed within 30 days and will also encompass the implementation of geological studies and planning of reconstruction of earthquake-resistant private residences and disaster-resilient infrastructure as suggested by the risk assessment studies. Furthermore, recognizing Nepal's susceptibility to various hazards, the district's organizational structure will be fortified to incorporate disaster preparedness measures related to storage, capacity enhancement, and public awareness regarding search, rescue, and relief supplies.
6. The government is under an obligation to swiftly deliver relief assistance to citizens who find themselves in distress and facing a grave situation as a result of the earthquake disaster's vulnerability, risk, and the havoc it has caused. Concurrently, plans for reconstruction and rehabilitation need to be initiated. The response from state mechanisms must be both efficient and transparent, particularly when it comes to streamlining the procurement of goods and services. This is essential for ensuring a safer reconstruction and rehabilitation process. We should adhere to the existing laws, working procedures, and governmental structure. If necessary, these laws and procedures can be adapted to the current context to address time-specific needs.
7. PM Prachanda expressed profound sorrow over the big loss of life and property caused by the earthquake and stressed the need to utilize the disaster as an important opportunity for reconstruction.



### Council of Minister's meeting minute

1. Expressing deep sorrow on behalf of the Government of Nepal for the massive loss of people's life and wealth caused by the earthquake on 2023 November 17 at 11:47 PM in Jajarkot and Rukum Paschim districts (with Berekot rural municipality 1 Ramidanda in Jajarkot district as the epicenter)
2. Heartfelt condolences to those who died and Condolences to the bereaved families while wishing a speedy recovery to those who are injured due to the earthquake.



3. Priority to Search, rescue, immediate relief and free treatment of the injured people. In addition, arranging temporary housing, food and security arrangements for the families displaced by the earthquake.
4. Declared a Surkhet as the main point of contact and Nepalgunj as the auxiliary point of contact for coordinating Search, rescue and relief work management to make an one-door system.
5. Provide NPR 2 Lakh to each of the deceased family as a relief.
6. 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.
7. Special thanks to the government agencies, local levels, state governments, individuals and organizations involved in search, rescue, relief and treatment of the injured right after the earthquake and urge them to continue in coordination with the District Disaster Management Committee.
8. Thanking those who deposited money in the Prime Minister Natural Disaster Relief Fund and appealing for support.
9. Relevant agencies will arrange the earthquake damaged roads, communication and other structures Immediately operational.
10. An Integrated Action plan will be created to proceed the reconstruction and recovery of the affected areas.
11. Livelihood resource protection and livestock protection will be arranged.
12. Provide daily food expenses according to the rules to the Security personnel, health workers and other employees engaged in relief and rescue.
13. The Ministry of Urban Development will take Jajarkot as a base and proceed with the reconstruction of the structures damaged by the earthquake. When the reconstruction work is carried out, The earthquake resistant structure will be built within one year.
14. Building the temporary houses for families whose houses were damaged by the earthquake
15. Government health institutions will arrange free treatment for people injured by the earthquake.
16. Request everyone to be patient in this time of national calamity.
17. As a precautionary measure in the future, arrangements to develop settlements based on the study of geography
18. Keep stocks of relief and rescue materials that may be needed for the affected people.

## Response

- The government has deployed an initial rapid response team, consisting of security forces and healthcare professionals, to the affected areas.
- Security personnel, along with representatives from districts, local levels, and the local community, are actively engaged in search and rescue operations within the affected regions.
- Emergency healthcare facilities have been established to provide medical assistance to the injured at both provincial and district health centers.
- Various development partners have started allocation of resources towards assisting the affected population with search, rescue, and urgent emergency requirements.
- Nepal Government (NEOC) has also provided responsibility to NRCS for the assessment process. NRCS HQs deployed 3 Emergency Response Team (ERT) members in each of the most affected districts (Jajarkot and Rukum West). Similarly, two trained volunteers are mobilized for Psychosocial Support (PSS) in each district. Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) Reports are in the process and will be shared soon.



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