

Nepal Earthquake Response: Jajarkot

Situation Report

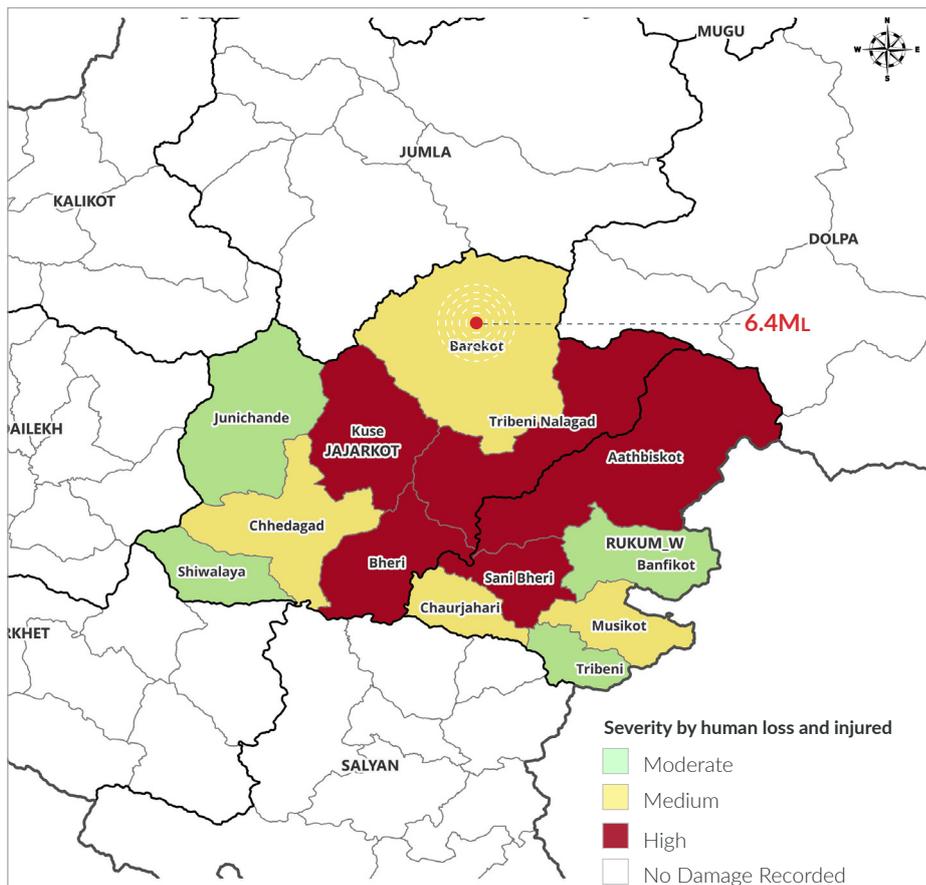
(as of 4 November 2023)



This report is produced by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) in collaboration with partners. It covers the situation of Jajarkot, Rukum West and neighbouring districts following the earthquake and subsequent aftershocks on 3 November 2023.

Highlights

1. **Jajarkot, Rukum West and few neighboring districts** are reported to be affected by the **6.4M_L** earthquake and its after-shocks.
2. **157** lives were lost due to earthquake, **105** in Jajarkot and **52** in Rukum West.
3. **102 people** are injured in Jajarkot, **78** in Rukum West, **1** in Rolpa and **3** in Dailekh.
4. A total of **184 Nepal Army**, **827 Nepal Police**, **328 Armed Police Force Nepal** and **22 Health work** personnel are deployed from the security forces for rescue and relief.
5. The major cause of deaths seems to be collapse of weak building structure.



Situation Overview

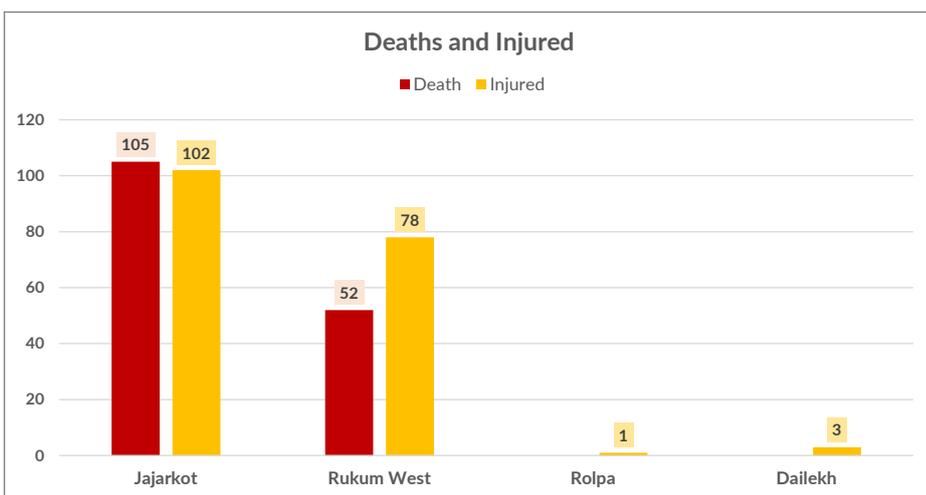
On **3 November 2023**, at **11:47 PM** an earthquake of magnitude **6.4 M_L** followed by several major aftershocks struck Jajarkot, Rukum West and five other districts in Karnali Province of Nepal.

The affected districts experienced more than **150** additional aftershocks as reported by National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Center, with a magnitude of 3.3 Richter scale

on average, on Saturday afternoon. This has only exacerbated the challenges faced by the affected population, further testing the resilience of the region. The Jajarkot quake is the **deadliest since 2015** when about 9,000 people were killed in two earthquakes in Nepal.

The death toll is rising and by this reporting hour it reached 157 people dead with 184 injured however these figures are expected to rise.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda) along with cabinet ministers and ex-ministers visited the earthquake affected districts and gave instructions for effective search and rescue including distribution of relief.





Province Ministry meeting minute

On 4 November 2023, 6 AM, an urgent meeting of Provincial Disaster Council was called under leadership of Chief Minister of Karnali Province, Mr. Rajkumar Sharma. The meeting prioritized the immediate rescue and relief along with command post establishment, human resources mobilization and requested government agencies and existing partner organizations, communication media, political parties and civil society to join hands in extending humanitarian support.

From the wee hours of morning, government, UN agencies and humanitarian partners are working to mobilize immediate relief support from the humanitarian staging area in Surkhet, Kathmandu and across Nepal.



Meanwhile, from early morning a team of 67 APF personnel from Ashram Battalion in Jajarkot has been deployed to search and rescue the earthquake survivors. Likewise, Nepali Army personnel have been deployed for rescue and relief work in the earthquake-affected areas of Jajarkot and Rukum West.

Prime Minister's visit to the affected districts

A team including Rt. Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda), Minister of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet and Former Finance Minister Mr. Janardan Sharma has left for Rukum and Jajarkot with rescue, medical teams and supplies for search, rescue and relief in the earthquake-affected districts.



Meeting minute of the meeting under the chair of Deputy Prime Minister (NDRRMA/MoHA meeting on Jajarkot earthquake)

Under the leadership of Hon. Deputy Prime Minister/Home Minister Mr. Narayankaji Shrestha, Chief Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Health/Foreign Affairs/Law Secretary, Acting Home Secretary, Nepali Army Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant general, heads of all 3 security agencies, etc., held a meeting regarding effective disaster response in Jajarkot Earthquake. In addition to on-site study observation by the Honorable Prime Minister, all government mechanisms and stakeholders are being mobilized under the leadership of all security agencies and local administration in search, rescue and treatment work.

The meeting has taken the following decision while paying tribute to the citizens who died due to the earthquake in Jajarkot and Rukum West districts and wishing for the recovery of the injured.

- Conduct search and rescue measures in earthquake affected districts along with treatment of injured persons as the first priority.
- Urgent medical equipment and expert medical personnel to be mobilized immediately by fast track means and injured victims will be treated in Surkhet, Nepalgunj and Kathmandu. Necessary support of ambulances and helicopters will be kept ready and to be managed by the Ministry of Health and Population.
- Primary relief management, Temporary housing (Tents, Tarpaulin, Blankets, Mattresses, Sleeping bags etc.) from humanitarian warehouse storage in Surkhet, Nepalgunj and Kathmandu to be mobilized immediately based on the needs of earthquake affected districts.
- 5 million rupees to be immediately sent from the NDRRMA to the District Disaster Management Fund of Jajarkot and Rukum West which will be spent for the instant relief activities according to the approved standards for immediate relief fund.
- Specially trained team from the APF Nepal for rescue and management will be deployed with necessary materials for disaster rescue from the security forces.
- Nepal Red Cross Society (NRC) will deploy trained human resources in coordination with the District Disaster Management Committee for the Initial Rapid Assessment.
- Designate Surkhet as the main center and Nepalgunj as a subsidiary center for rescue and treatment work including the coordination and mobilization of human resources and resources as required.
- Expressing our sincere thanks for the assistance proposals received from international countries and delegations for disaster search, rescue and assistance, In the required basis as of the additional details and damage request for assistance will be done.
- The road department will make necessary arrangements to immediately open the roads blocked due to the earthquake.
- To adopt a one-door system through the District Disaster Management Committee for search, rescue and relief, and arrange for all the supporting persons and agencies to coordinate and support through the same mechanism.



Response

- The government has deployed an initial rapid response team, comprising 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 has 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.



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