

# SITUATION REPORT: EARTHQUAKES IN JAJARKOT-RUKUM, NEPAL

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**487** casualties reported

**17,740** houses fully destroyed

**17,127** houses partially destroyed

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

At 11:47 p.m. on November 3, 2023, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Jajarkot District in western Nepal with a 5.8 magnitude aftershock hitting the same area again on November 6 (National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre of Nepal). In addition to Jajarkot, Rukum West District was also heavily affected. Across both districts, 157 people have been confirmed dead, and 34,867 homes have been damaged or destroyed. In addition to Jajarkot and Rukum West Districts, the following areas have also been affected in some way: Rukum East, Salyan, Rolpa, Nawalparasi East, Dailekh, Dang, Baitadi, Jumla, Kalikot, Pyuthan and Achham. Several important connecting roads in Jajarkot and Rukum West are damaged with some parts blocked due to landslides. Despite the difficulty moving around the affected area, the market in Khalanga, Jajarkot remains functional without price inflation.

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO DATE

The Government of Nepal immediately assessed the earthquake-affected area, undertaking rescue and relief efforts with earthquake survivors and activating all humanitarian response clusters. Immediate needs were identified for shelter, WASH, winterization kits, food, and hygiene kits. To date, the Government of Nepal has provided 50 million rupees for relief efforts in Jajarkot and Rukum West; the army has deployed security personnel, medical workers and aircraft to support search and rescue efforts; and the Armed Police Force (APF) has dispatched non-food items (NFIs) to affected families, including 10,000 tarpulin and 700 tents.

The Governments of India and China have also provided some bilateral relief, and the World Food Programme (WFP) is providing 18 metric tons of nutritious biscuits in Nepalgunj and Surkhet, 5 metric tons in Jajarkot, and 3 metric tons in Rukum West. Additionally, they are providing 85 metric tons of nutritious flour for pregnant and lactating women.

In addition to Lutheran World Relief, other INGOs, such as Nepal Red Cross Society, Care Nepal, World Vision

International, Save the Children and others, are also offering NFIs, like shelter kits, baby care kits, and tarpulins.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF'S RESPONSE

Lutheran World Relief has joined forces with other peer NGOs, government representatives, local partners and staff in the affected communities to assess the ongoing needs and vulnerability of the population impacted by the earthquake. Based on the rapid results available to date, Lutheran World Relief has launched distributions of NFIs for winterization, like tarps and blankets, water jars and mattresses for at least 400 families in both Jajarkot and Rukum West Districts. Through its extensive network of local civil society organizations, Lutheran World Relief continues to monitor the situation and adjust the response within available resources, coordinating the targeting and outreach with other stakeholders.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF IN NEPAL

Lutheran World Relief has been working in Nepal since 2009, reaching indigenous, Dalit, and marginalized communities with programs in agriculture and food security, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian assistance. When the April 2015 earthquakes devastated Gorkha, Lamjung, and surrounding districts, Lutheran World Relief was one of the first NGOs to respond to the crisis, reaching the immediate and, later, the long-term needs of more than 66,200 people. For nearly three years following those earthquakes, Lutheran World Relief continuously invested in strengthening the local capacity to implement projects that addressed food security, NFIs and material resources, shelter, early recovery and livelihoods, and quality and accountability.

In all of our humanitarian programming, Lutheran World Relief works with local partner organizations to meet the immediate needs of households, IDPs, and refugees affected by conflict, natural disasters, and food and water crises through food, material resources, and cash assistance as well as shelter and WASH support. As immediate needs are met, we seamlessly transition to providing the knowledge and resources they need to start, diversify, and strengthen livelihoods and reduce their vulnerabilities in the future.



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