

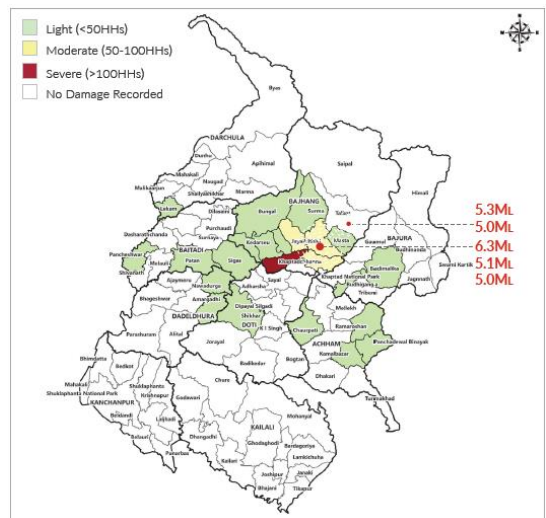
Humanitarian Situation Update #3 (5 October 2023)

Crisis onset	3 October 2023
Nature of crisis	Earthquake
Country/Affected location	Bajhang 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	1 dead, 27 injured and around 2000 people affected (Source: NDRRMA - 5 October 2023, NDRRMA (bipad.gov.np))

General Overview

As per National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre of Nepal, earthquake of 5.3 Richter scale hit Bajhang and adjoining districts in Sudurpaschim Province of Nepal at 14:40 on 3 October 2023. Another shock of 6.3 Richter scale occurred immediately at 15:06 same day followed by number of aftershocks. The epicentres of two first shocks were Talkot and Chainpur of Bajhang district respectively (see map).

After the shocks, there has been numbers of incident reports generated by different government as well as non-government organisations. The most recent update from National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority entails 1 death, 27 injury, 378 private houses, 7 schools, 25 government buildings and 1 health post damage. (Source: [NDRRMA \(bipad.gov.np\)](https://bipad.gov.np))



Sudurpaschim province and Nepal police have also reported almost same number of loss and damage. According to the meeting of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL), there is 1 death and 27 injured. Similarly, 76 private houses fully damaged, 301 houses partially damaged, 33 government buildings partially/fully damaged, 14 schools fully/partially damaged and one health post damaged. The report covers 7 districts as affected by the earthquake. They are: Bajhang, Bajura, Doti, Achham, Baitadi, Dadeldhura and Darchula. Table below shows the details of each district.

Sudurpashchim Province : Districtwise Detail															
SN	District	Human			Livestock			Private Houses		Govt. Building		Schools		Health facilities	
		Death	Injured	Missing	Death	Injured	Missing	Fully Damaged	Partially Damaged	Fully Damaged	Partially Damaged	Fully	Partially	Fully	Partially
1	Doti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	7		1	
2	Achham	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	5				
3	Bajura	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	13	0	6				
4	Bajhang	0	18	1	0	0	0	64	277	0	9	7			
5	Dadeldhura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0					
6	Baitadi	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	3				
7	Darchula	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2				
Total		0	27	1	0	0	0	76	301	0	33	14		1	

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On the contrary, Nepal Red Cross Society has reported much higher number of loss and damages (see table below). The one missing has been proven as dead by the government authorities. There are 29 people injured. The number of affected families are 1767 out of which 354 are displaced. 334 houses are fully damaged and 1185 are partially damaged. Red Cross data covers all the affected district.

Nepal Red Cross Society														
SN	District	Disaster Type	Date of Occurrence	Affected RMs/ Municipalities	People				Affected families	Displaced families	Displaced Family Return back to home	Houses destroyed		
					Dead			Missing				Injured	Fully	Partially
					M	F	Total							
1	Bajhang	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Jayaprithivi mun, Bungal mun., Bittadchid Rm., Kedarseu rm, Thalara Rm., Durgathali Rm., Chhabispathibhara rm., Khaptadchhanna Rm., Surma Rm., Masta Rm., Talkot Rm.				1	20	409	91	91	318	
2	Bajura	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Khaptad Chhededaha rm, Budhuiganga mun. and Gaumul					2	734	229	229	355	
3	Achham	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Mangalsen mun. Ramaroshan rm, Chaurpati, Bannigadhi, Sanfebagar mun.					5	605	15	12	490	
4	Doti	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Shikharpur mun. Purbichauki Rm, Sayal rm and Adarsha Rm., Panchadewal mun.Sanphebagar and Kamalbazaar						9	9		9	
5	Baitadi	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Patan, Pancheswor, Dilasaini and Sigas rm.					2	5	5	2	6	
6	Darchula	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Marma rm, Duha Rm, Lekam rm						1	1		3	
7	Dadeldhura	Earthquake	3-Oct-23	Ganyapurdhura rm and Nabadurga Rm.						4	4		4	
Total								1	29	1767	354	334	1185	

After consolidating Initial Rapid Assessments (IRA) of Bajura and Achham districts, which is jointly done by respective municipality, Nepal Police and Nepal Red Cross Society, the number of loss and damages are: 1 missed, 19 injured, 482 houses fully damaged, 1255 houses partially damaged, 833 families displaced.

However, the report from District Disaster Management Committee, Bajhang alone has reported 1 death, 20 injured, 315 private houses fully/partially damaged, and 21 government building fully/partially damaged.

The letter from Jaya Prithvi municipality, which is the epicentre of one of the major shocks has mentioned, 1 death, 30 houses fully damaged, 2607 houses partially damaged and 21 government building fully damaged.

Road situation

The access road to the earthquake affected district is now operational.

Humanitarian Situation/Response

Here, the above-mentioned data from different sources reports different levels of damages, however, the minimum number is i.e. 1 death, 27 injuries, 76 private houses fully damaged, 301 partially damaged, 7 schools, 1 health post and 25 government buildings. Considering the Red Cross report IRA report, updates from different sources and the ongoing detail assessments, the number of fully/partially damaged houses may go high.

Considering the minimum agreed number of loss and damages as mentioned in the detail above, there is an immediate need of shelter including clothing, WASH, protection, health, education and food.

Save the children being one of the largest humanitarian organisations in the country has dispatched 200 shelter kits, 200 hygiene kits (including 2 plastic bucket and 1 mug), 50 kitchen utensil sets, 50 dignity kits, 14 school kits, 7 ECCD kits for Bajhang.

Further, Save the Children has already deployed a response team who will be responsible to start the distribution of the emergency items from 6th October 2023 in collaboration with its local partners and further assess the situation, which will lead the intervention and design of additional short as well as long term humanitarian assistance.

General Coordination

Save the Children country office has been coordinating with NDRRMA, shelter cluster, AIN-TGDM, DPNET, Red Cross and other humanitarian actors at the central level. At province level, Save the Children, Surkhet field office has been taking part in disaster management committee meetings. At the district and municipality level, Save the Children's partner has been taking part in the meetings.

Field office/Country office capacity

Save the Children and its partner organisations have trained Emergency Response Team which consists of 122 members who could be deployed any time during emergency. In addition, Save the Children has 10000 emergency NFRI stocks pre-positioned over 6 different geographic locations. For Bajhang earthquake, Save the Children and its partner has already been deployed to the field for response. Likewise, immediate basic relief items for 200 households have been dispatched from its Dhangadi warehouse, the nearest one from the epicentre.