

Nepal Earthquake Response: Bajhang

Situation Report

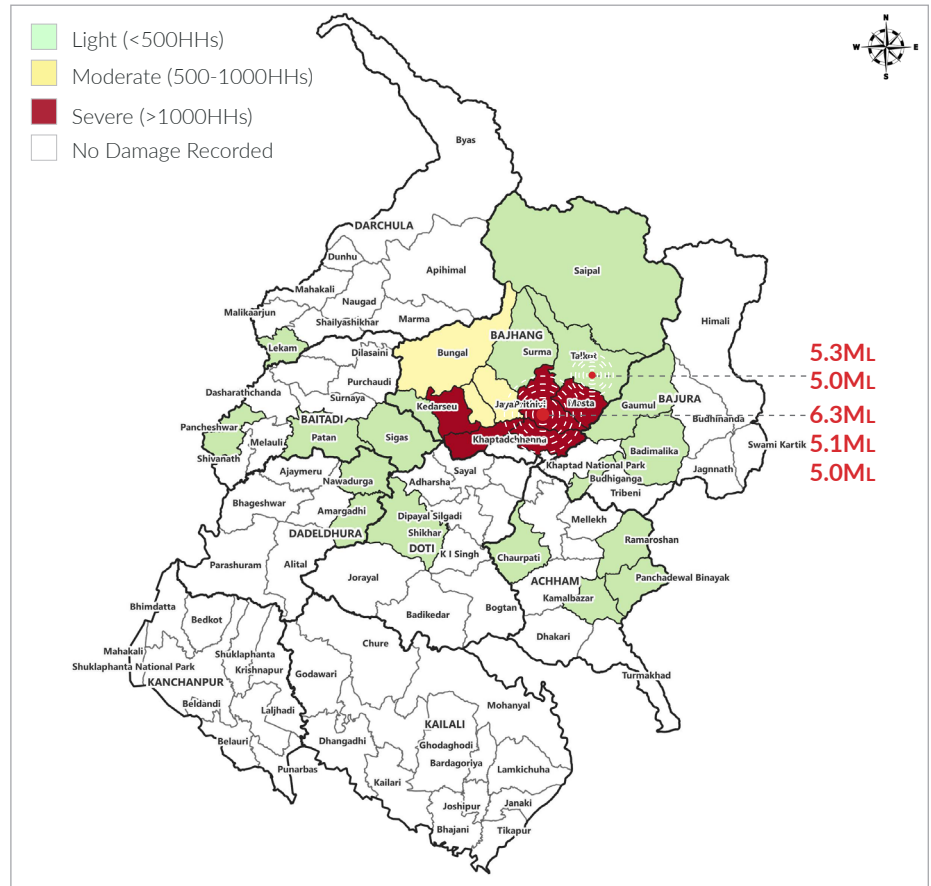
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This report is produced in a joint response effort of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) - Sudurpashchim Province. It covers the situation of Bajhang and neighbouring districts following the earthquakes and aftershocks on 3 October 2023.

Highlights

- 7 districts** are reported to be affected by the **5.3M_L** and **6.3M_L** earthquake and its after-shocks.
- 1 Female** lost her life due to earthquake induced landslide in Bajhang.
- 21 people** are injured in Bajhang, **5** in Achham, **2** in Bajura and **2** in Baitadi.
- 14372 private houses** is reported to be damaged.
- 329 government buildings** are damaged.
- Particularly traditional buildings made from brick masonry in mud mortar and stone masonry in mud mortar have collapsed. Parts of buildings have crumbled, and several houses have developed cracks.



Situation Overview

On **3 October 2023**, an earthquake of magnitude **5.3 M_L** followed by another **6.3 M_L** struck Bajhang district of Nepal which killed **1 people**, and injured **30** others. Approximately **65,000** people (**14,430** households) have been displaced across seven districts. The quake not only affected Bajhang district, but it severely affected other neighboring districts and the tremors were felt as far as Delhi in India. The impact of this earthquake was felt heavily in and around the epicenter of Bajhang district including the neighboring districts Achham, Baitadi, Bajura, Dadeldhura, Darchula, and Doti.

As per the initial report from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law (MoIAL) - Sudurpaschim Province and respective districts and municipalities a total of **14,430 houses** have been damaged. **329** government buildings that includes schools, hospitals have been damaged. Besides physical damages, hundreds of displaced families await rehabilitation and moving into temporary shelters. People panicked and



Photo: NDRRMA

rushed out of their homes as they felt the tremor. People from damaged houses and from those that had sustained major cracks are living in temporary shelters.

In coordination with Provincial Ministry, DAOs and Municipalities, NDRRMA (lead by Under Secretary) has done an interaction and field-based visit and observation in affected areas of Bajhang & Bajura districts. The following decisions were made during the visit:

- Existing policy measures, provisions and guidelines on disaster affected housing reconstruction was discussed.
- Roles & responsibilities of LDMCs/DDMCs was discussed.
- DDA mechanisms of private houses and public buildings were shared.
- Field-based monitoring of affected municipalities in Bajhang & Bajura districts were done in coordination & collaboration with DAOs & municipalities

Honorable PM Puspakamal Dahal "Prachanda" declared relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts upon reaching Chainpur, Bajhang's headquarters, to assess earthquake damage

- The extent, location, and severity of the earthquake's impact in Bajhang last Tuesday (3rd October 2023) will guide decisions on whether general maintenance, retrofitting, or reconstruction is necessary.
- Families whose homes were entirely destroyed by the earthquake will receive Rs. 50,000 (fifty thousand) for constructing temporary shelters.
- For other affected families, immediate relief expenses ranging from 15 to 20 thousand will be provided based on family numbers.
- Various relief materials, including tents, blankets, medicine, food, and items necessary for people with disabilities, have been procured. Additional materials, if needed, will be arranged in coordination with all three levels of government.
- Free treatment for earthquake injured people will be provided at the nearest health institutions.
- A tribute of 200,000 will be given to the families of the deceased in landslides caused by the earthquake.
- Long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation plan for damaged or partially damaged structures will be formulated based on damage assessments from local, district, and provincial levels. Reconstruction will follow the model used in Gorkha and Sindhupalchowk districts, utilizing local materials as best as possible.
- Government offices, community buildings, and schools will be rebuilt promptly following damage assessments.
- Concerning the forewarning of many recent earthquakes and to enhance the capacities to face big disasters, interventions on risk assessment, risk reduction, preparedness, and an early warning system to handle major disasters, including in high-risk areas like Bajhang, is underway.
- Several projects that contribute to advancements for districts such as Bajhang and in overall Sudurpaschim's have been arranged. Agreements with China on border crossings and budget allocation for infrastructure projects were made through recent visit to China such as to open boarder from Urai Bhanjyang to Taklakot boarder and Darchula

Loss and Damage

Districts	Private Housing		Government Building (Fully damaged)	Government Building (Partially damaged)
	Full	Partial		
Achham	1	27	1	9
Baitadi	17	14		14
Bajhang	2445	6084	123	152
Bajura	678	5092		28
Dadeldhura	7	5		
Darchula		1		2
Doti		1		
Total	3148	11224	124	205

Temporary Shelter

Districts	Temporary Shelter
	Need
Achham	1
Baitadi	17
Bajhang	2245
Bajura	678
Dadeldhura	7
Darchula	
Doti	
Total	3148

**based on the number of households damaged*

Tinker boarder. Investment is set aside for connection from Dipayal-Khutiya-Urai-Taklakot fast track road and from Tinker to Mahakali Corridor.

- Coordinated efforts between the three levels of government will support mining industry and mountain tourism projects of naturally rich Bajhang.
- The government is committed to the West Seti hydropower project, a vital for Nepal's economic development and electrification. Progress has been made in the necessary processes for its implementation.
- The government extends gratitude to involved national personnels and volunteers, security agencies, local bodies, civil societies, charitable non-governmental organizations, the private sectors, and others for their contributions to rescue, relief, and response support for earthquake affected people. Continued coordination, cooperation, and support are urged for the future.

Supporting Agencies

Bajhang														
Organization	NFRI Sets	Blanket	Tarpoulin	Dignity Kit	Solar Lamp	Hygine Kit	Jerrycan	Kitchen items	Tent	P-foam	Matress	Rope	Edu. Kits	Food Items
Ministry of Home Affairs	0	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
MolAL	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	30	1		0	0	0
NRCS	0	200	140	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0
APF	0	100	0	300	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Humanitarian Organizations	300	600	934	761	300	845	500	294	1	200	118	494	51	10027
Grand Total	300	1050	1274	1061	300	895	500	794	71	201	168	494	51	10027

Bajura									
Organization	NFRI Sets	Blanket	Tarpoulin	Dignity Kit	IA RH Kits	Solar Lamp	Hygine Kit	Jerrycan	
UNICEF	0	401	401	0	0	0	401	401	
NNSWA	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UNFPA	0	0	200	0	2	200	170	0	
NRCS	0	400	500	0	0	0	0	0	
Grand Total	250	801	1101	0	2	200	571	401	



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