

PRESS RELEASE

Earthquake in Nepal

Welthungerhilfe: First relief supplies are on their way to the affected areas

Bonn/Berlin, 2023-11-05. In the aftermath of the severe earthquake in northwestern Nepal on the night of November 3, the first relief activities have started. While local rescue teams are still searching for survivors in the villages, Welthungerhilfe and its European Alliance2015-partners are sending the first relief supplies to the affected region. In the Jajarkot district, which was heavily affected by the earthquake, mattresses, tarpaulins, and water filters will be distributed to the people who have lost their homes. Relief items that had been stored by a local partner organization for potential disasters will be used for this purpose and will be able to rapidly ensure survival. At present, the biggest challenge is to get access to the affected areas, as many roads and access routes have been destroyed.

"The affected regions are among the poorest areas of Nepal. Many people in the villages are poorly nourished, and the food situation will deteriorate because of the earthquake. It is already very cold in this mountainous region, and people will urgently need more support to get through the winter," says Welthungerhilfe Nepal Country Director Shakeb Nabi.

Together with local partner organizations, Welthungerhilfe has been active in Nepal since 1972. Main activities, food security projects in particular, are implemented by a country office in the capital of Kathmandu and with local partners organizations. Another focus is on disaster prevention measures and strengthening civil society.

Our Country Director Shakeb Nabi is available for interviews in English.

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