

# World Vision International Nepal – Nepal COVER Project

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## Country Context

As of 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Source: <http://covid19.ndrrma.gov.np>

**35**  
Deaths

**15,964**  
Positive Cases

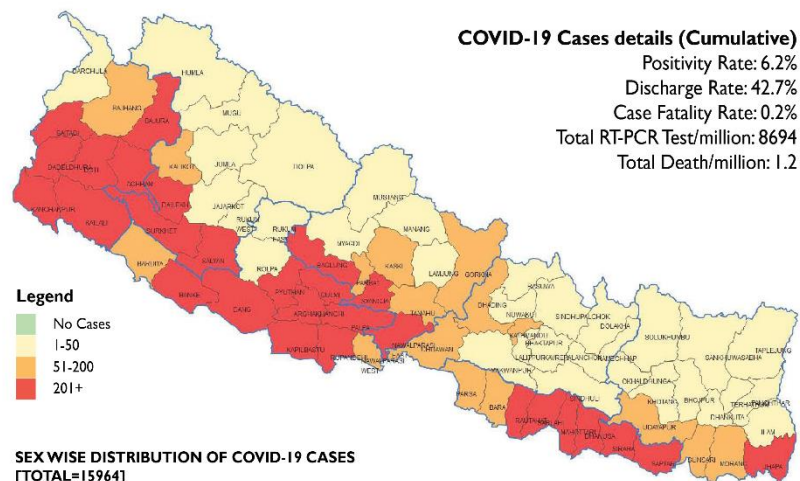
**9,118**  
Active Cases

**6,811**  
Discharged

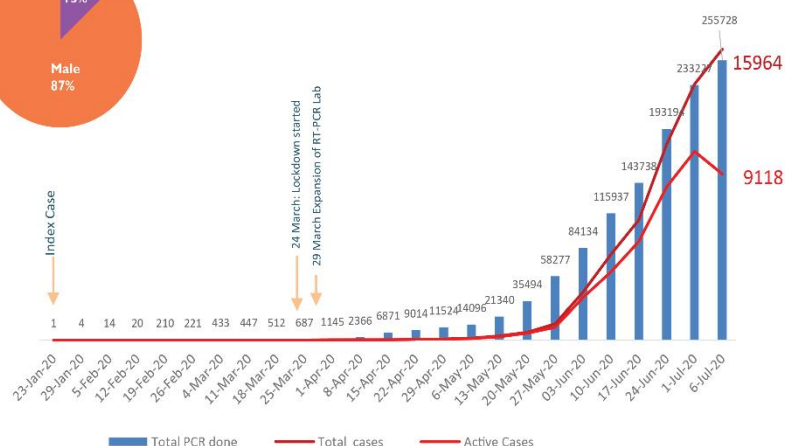
**29,215**  
Quarantined

**255,728**  
PCR Tests

## District wise distribution of COVID-19 cases



Trend of RT PCR and COVID 19 cases



## Humanitarian Situation Overview

- ❖ Government of Nepal further extended the “eased” lockdown till 22 July 2020. (Source: WHO Situation update #11)
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday notified all the 77 district administration offices to take stringent action against citizens who are found failing to obey safety precautions such as wearing masks or keeping physical distances, which are necessary for preventing spread of corona virus. (Source: The Kathmandu Post)
- ❖ According to the decision of the GoN (Council Ministers), the time of suspension of both domestic and foreign commercial passenger flights has been extended to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Unique permission from the Nepal Civil Aviation Authority (CAAN) is required for rescue, freighter, and medical and other essential supplies flights. (Source: WHO)
- ❖ MoHP is actively involved in supporting regional and municipal governments in the case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance and management of isolation, quarantine and treatment sites. (Source: MoHP)
- ❖ Approximately, 500,000 seasonal migrant workers from high food poverty and deprived communities have returned from India and are desperately in search of immediate jobs and income to sustain their livelihoods. June-August is historically the agricultural lean season, contributing to an elevated probability of food loss. (Source: UN Food Security Cluster)
- ❖ About 19,000 Nepalese migrant workers were repatriated from the Gulf and other countries by 5 July 2020. (Source: Relief web Nepal)
- ❖ As a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdown, hundreds of businesses such as cosmetic shops, beauty parlors, hotels, restaurants and pubs are on the brink of collapsing in the Kathmandu Valley. (Source: The Kathmandu Post)
- ❖ Hundreds of health workers like doctors, nurses, paramedics and laboratory technicians who came into direct contact with the infected people while deployed in front line to fight against Covid-19 were either put in isolation or quarantine. (Source: MoHP)
- ❖ According to the official record of Nepal Police until 20 June, a total of 1,498 people have committed suicide with a daily average of 19 people. (Source: Kantipur News Report)

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## Implementation Highlights

- WV supported the Ministry of Health and Population with 1000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and 130 Infrared (IR) thermometers through the Ministry of Women Children and Senior Citizens to be delivered to frontline health workers in 14 WVIN working districts
- WV is continuously broadcasting PSAs through 300+ radio stations associated with the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal (ACORAB). WVIN has reached 15 million people throughout the country.
- A total of 224 children identified with Child Protection concerns out of which 130 have been referred to relevant agencies and remaining are under further assessment to support.
- Total 44 events of MOUs with Palikas completed to support CP cases. So far 130 children with CP concern have been supported with referral to other services like food & hygiene kits and 4 of Sexual Abuse case were provided with medical, transportation and legal aid support. *\*New*
- Total 126 frontline workers including Women and Children service focal person of 13 districts oriented on basic Psycho-social support and communication skills. *\*New*
- Psychosocial counselors established at 13 districts in partnership with Center for Mental Health Counseling Services (CMCS) Nepal. Till now, 16 individual cases and 3 Group Counseling have been referred for Psycho social counseling. *\*New*
- WV is airing radio program nationwide named *Hamro Ghar Hamro Pathshala* (6<sup>th</sup> episode completed) to contribute to learning of children during lockdown targetting 104,000 Children in working areas. *\*Updated*
- Food support provided to 4 Child care homes to reach 214 Children in Kathmandu.
- Material support provided to 44 local level governments to build and operate quarantine centers. *\*Updated*
- 1,997 households supported with Agri input and livelihood promotion support. *\*New*
- Orientation on psychological counselling and communication skills provided to 126 frontline staffs. *\*Updated*
- 28,961 people reached through social media messaging. *\*Updated*

During this pandemic situation, food stored in our houses were already out of stock. But World Vision provided us essential food items for our baby. We are very much happy for the timely support. (Beneficiary from Kailali)

## Our Reach



**1,000 Health workers**



**57,362 Adults**

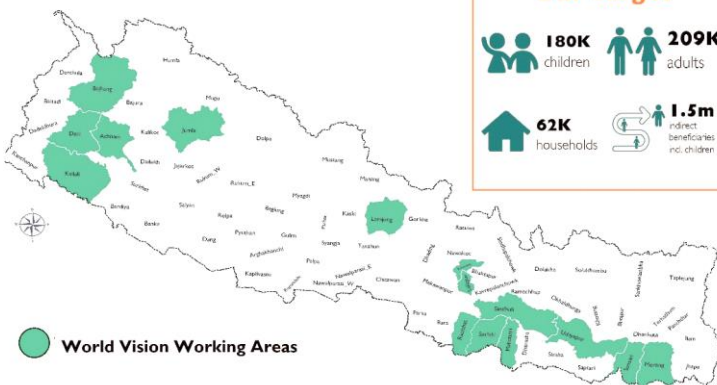


**89,563 Children**



**15M** (Indirect reach through PSA)

## Our target



## Distribution Highlights



**1,000 PPE Sets**



**16,499 Soap Bars**



**10,661 Food Packages**



**1,038 Woolen Blankets**



**824 rolls of Rope**



**261 Plastic and PU foam mats**



**130 IR Thermometers**



**1,338 Tarpulins**



**818 Mosquito nets**



**117 Liters of Hand Sanitizer**



**3,868 Masks**



**494 Jerry Cans**



**40,299 Hygiene Kits**



**361 Buckets**



**7736 packages of education materials**



**42 Handwashing Corners**

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## Innovation : Use of Sikka for distribution

WVI Nepal deployed Sikka, a digital assets transfer platform, as a tool to track commodities -- under food consumption support, ingredients for super flour, agricultural input/tools and livelihood support distributions -- in COVID-19 Response activities. Activity specific Sikka tokens were created and disbursed directly to the phones of the beneficiaries with registered phone numbers through SMS. Moreover, the beneficiaries also received HA (Humanitarian Accountability) messages with detailed lists of items they are to receive along with toll-free numbers for complaints, suggestions or queries in general, if any. The Sikka tokens were redeemed at the point of distribution through SMS based transactions, in exchange of commodities whereby all the transactions were logged on the blockchain to further ensure accountability of distribution activities. Sikka was developed at the WVIN Innovation Lab in 2017. Visit the Sikka website for more details: [www.sikka.me](http://www.sikka.me)

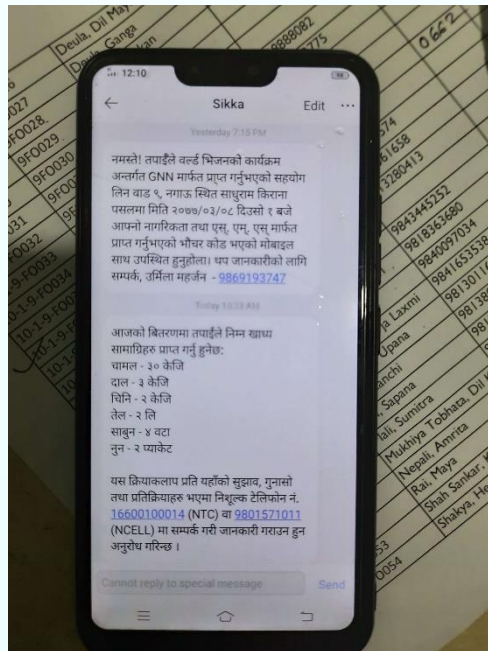


Image 1: Humanitarian accountability messaging



Image 3: Beneficiary reading sikka message about the details of distribution

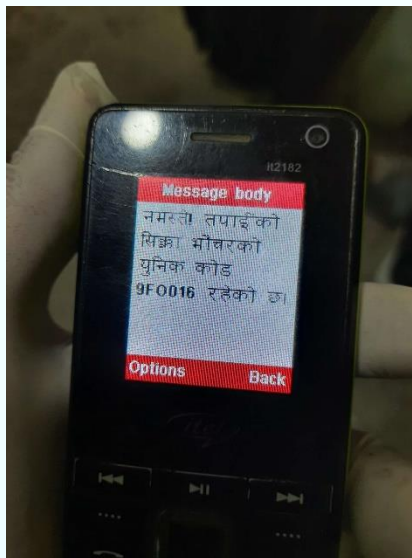
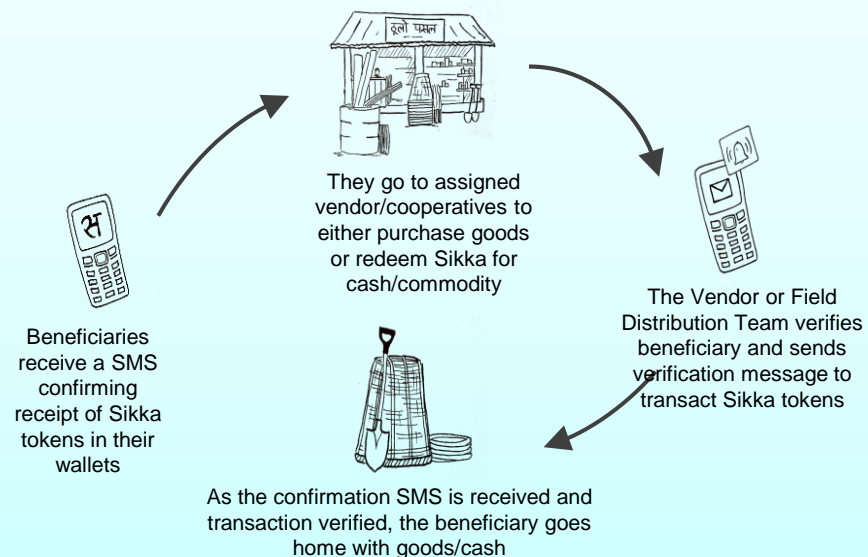


Image 2: Voucher code sent through SMS from Sikka in a feature phone



## How does Sikka work?





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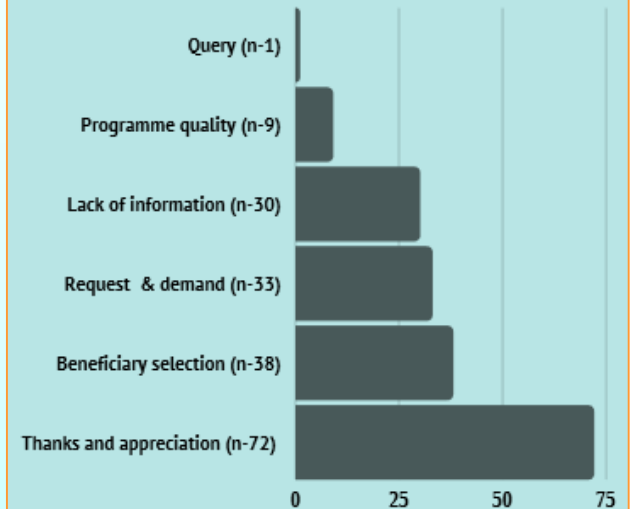


Fig: Female beneficiary from Sarlahi after receiving goat support (up) and children from Balaju after receiving hygiene kits (down)



## Accountability

### CATEGORY OF FEEDBACK (N-183)



A total of 630 feedback have been received under Nepal COVER Project from April 20 to 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2020 out of which 183 were received between 26 June to 2 July. The number of feedback has increased as compared to the previous reporting periods. Similarly, more than half of the feedback (n-102, 56%) were from male and 43% feedback were from female (n-79). Feedback from children has significantly increased (n-24, 13.1%) as compared to the last reporting time (n-7, 5.9%). Furthermore, as the distribution process has accelerated, the number of feedback is also increasing. While analyzing the sector wise, four in five feedback (n-153, 84%) were about food support, followed by Health and WASH sector (n-23, 13%) and Education (n-4, 2%). Food support is consistently receiving highest number of feedback.

## Major Challenges

- Due to monsoon, flooding and landslides have been reported in WVIN working areas resulting in lack of access to the communities creating difficulties in transportation and distribution of relief materials in a timely manner.
- Local markets in the rural areas have a very limited capacity to fulfil the demands of the local communities. The combination of lockdown and monsoon has negatively impacted the supply chain process.
- Due to increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the communities, the risk of transmission have been increased hampering staff mobilization for distribution purposes.

For more information please visit:  
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