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Country Context

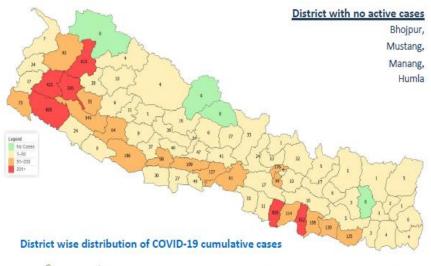
As of 15th July, 2020 Source: http://covid19.ndrrma.gov.np 39 Deaths

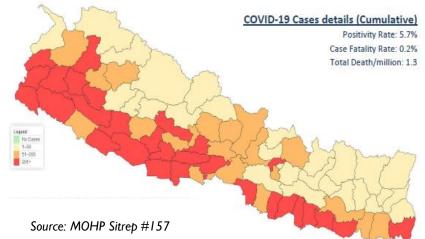
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17,177
Positive Cases

6,113 Active Cases 11,025 Discharged 24,517 Quarantined **255,728 PCR Tests**







Humanitarian Situation Overview

- Disaster risk reduction portal of Nepal reports 116 deaths and 50 missing people due to floods and landslides caused by heavy rainfall all over the country. In addition to this 138 citizens have been injured and 616 families remain affected and around 300 houses have been damaged (ECHO 15 July, 2020).
- ❖ Several communities remain isolated as the road infrastructure leading to the disaster sites remain blocked by debris and relief operations have been affected by bad weather (ECHO 15 July, 2020).
- Ministry of Health & Population (MoHP) has issued Interim guidelines for the provision of essential health and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities in the context of COVID-19. (Source: WHO Situation update 12#)
- Interim guidance for Health care Waste Management in the context of COVID-19 Emergency, 2020 has been issued by the MoHP in order to ensure uniformity in waste management and to facilitate the management of COVID-19. (Source: MoHP)
- Office of the Prime Minister and Council of ministers has endorsed Health standards for isolation of COVID -19 cases 2077 and Directives for amendment to the existing directives on reimbursement to hospitals treating COVID-19 cases 2077 with technical assistance from WHO. (Source: MoHP)
- ❖ The bus operators affiliated with the company handed over the keys to their vehicles to the banks with no way to pay back the loan investments due to the lockdown, the local bus operators had asked for concessions so that they could pay back the loan installments at later dates. (Source: The Kathmandu Post)
- ❖ There is an urgent need of high-quality research to clarify the relative significance of various transmission routes; the role of airborne transmission in the absence of aerosol production procedures; the dosage of virus necessary for transmission; the conditions and risk factors for super-spreading events; and the degree of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission. (Source: WHO)
- Many migrants have been waiting to reunite with their families in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions to prevent its spread across the globe. (Source: UN)

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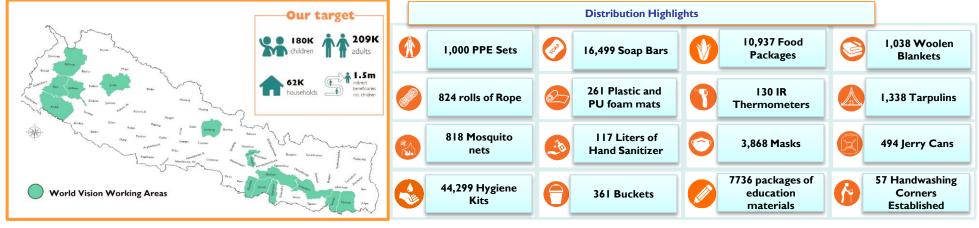
Implementation Highlights

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- 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.
- Total 126 frontline workers including Women and Children service focal person of 13 districts oriented on basic Psychosocial support and communication skills.
- 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* (7th espisode 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
- 3,450 children supported with ingredients for superflour. *New
- 2,353 households supported with Agri input and livelihood promotion support. *New
- Orientation on psychological counselling and communication skills provided to 126 frontline staffs.
- 40,017 people reached through social media messaging. *Updated

Shanti Devi Mahji of Haripurwa-3,
Sarlahi says "I am a single women with a
son. I used to work as a daily wage
labor to earn my living. The COVID
situation made it extremely difficult to
find work. I had taken some debts from
my neighbors to feed my child. I got this
goat support, which will help me a lot
to clear my debts in coming days."





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Image 1: Female beneficiary holding her feature phone with a unique code sent through digital asset transfer platform SIKKA, a recipient waits for her turn to verify the code and receive food support in Kathmandu.

Sikka is a digital asset transfer platform, which deploys a human-centered design in user interface that does not require more than a basic knowledge of how to operate a feature phone and will not need a smartphone.

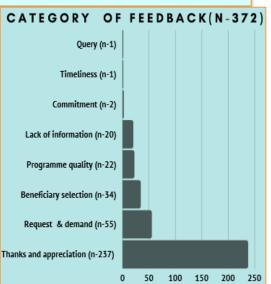




Image 2: A child together with his father and a sibling checks hygiene kits received before leaving the distribution site in Kathmandu

Accountability

A total of 1.002 feedback were recorded under Nepal COVER Project through WV Accountability mechanisms from April to 9th July2020 out of which 372 were received between 3-9 July. More than half of the feedback (n-197, 53%) were from female and 43% feedback were from male (n-160). 22% of the total feedback were received from children which is a encouraging trend. Moreover. the majority of the feedback were received for thanks and appreciation(n-237,63.7%) followed by Request and demand (n-55,14.8%)and queries on beneficiary selection (n-34, 9.1%). While looking at the sector wise, two in five feedback (n-152, 40.9%) were about food support, followed by Health and WASH sector (n-120, 32.3%) and Education (n-63, 16.9%). 99.7% of feedback have been responded on so far.



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.
- Floods and landslides due to monsoon, COVID-19 Pandemic and increasing rate of unemployment contributing to economic crisis have created a vicious cycle affecting communities limiting the impacts of relief works by the government and development agencies.

For more information please visit: https://covid19.wvnepal.org

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