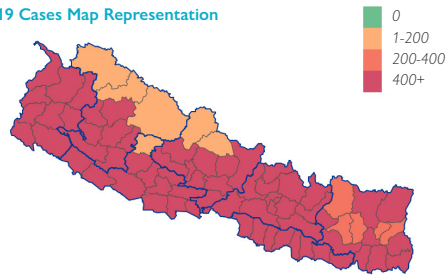


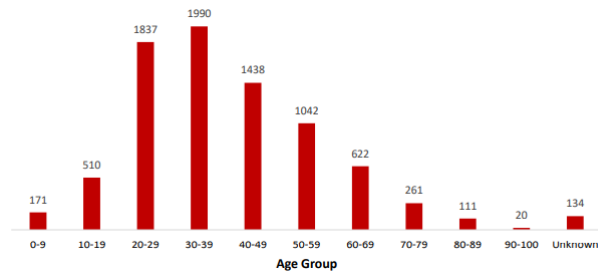


World Vision International (WVI) Nepal is responding to the impact of second wave of COVID-19 in 16 districts, especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.

Covid-19 Cases Map Representation



Age group wise distribution COVID-19 positive cases (In last 24 hrs: 17-18 May 2021)



COVID-19 Active Cases: 472,354

COVID-19 Deaths: 5,411

Total Infected: 114,529

Recovered: 352,414

PCR Tests: 2,812,959

Quarantined: 752

(Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), 18 May 2021)

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Nepal ranks 9th among the 10 top countries in terms of daily increase in Covid-19 cases. Of all those countries, Nepal has the smallest population but it has the highest case positivity rate.¹

In Kathmandu, the best private hospitals are turning patients away for lack of beds and supplies, and in rural parts of the country, where hospitals do not exist, people are dying at home. ([The Diplomat](#)) Similar is the situation in other parts across the country.

All oxygen plants in Kathmandu are operating 24 hours and supplying oxygen in their full capacity. Only 8,000 cylinders can be filled a day but demand is much higher. Only 2.4 million shots from India and China have been administered, and just over one percent of people have received both doses. ([France 24](#))

Kathmandu Metropolitan City started administering the second dose of China-donated Sinopharm vaccine in all its 32 wards from May 16. Bhaktapur and Lalitpur districts have decided to start administering the second dose from May 17 and May 19. Although 438,000 people had received the first dose (Covishield, according to official records), only around 370,000 took their booster dose during the second dose vaccination campaign from April 20 to April 24 across the country. ([The Kathmandu Post](#))

An earthquake of magnitude 5.8 Richter scale struck Nepal on 19 May 2021 in Lamjung District at 5:42 AM (Local time), 113 KM North West of Kathmandu. ([Ekantipur](#))

Key Concerns

Following a massive surge in COVID-19 cases in the country, the government imposed a lockdown in 74 out of 77 districts, restricting movements across the country.²

After confirming two variants of Coronavirus, Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population on 18 May 2021 confirmed the presence of third and new variant of coronavirus.³

Unlike the first wave, the second wave has directly impacted children with higher rate of infection even among them. Children and families in the communities WVI Nepal serves continue to bear COVID-19 related risks including economic, social, physical as well as psychological.

As was the case in 2020, declines in income have direct implications on access to food and proper nutrition, and could result in negative coping strategies if additional support is not provided.⁴ About 3,000,000 laborers have become jobless across the country due the prohibitory orders issued by the government to control the COVID-19 infection.⁵

¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-57055209>

² <https://www.maha.gov.np/>

³ <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/nepal-confirms-presence-of-third-and-new-variant-of-coronavirus20210519005431/>

⁴ https://nepal.un.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/10_January_Revision_CPRP%202020%20Consolidated%20FINAL%20SB%20SD.pdf

⁵ https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Focused%20COVID-19_Media%20Monitoring_May%2018%2C%202021.pdf



RESPONSE GOAL
To limit the spread of **COVID-19** and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

Strategic Objectives



1. Scale up preventative measures to limit the spread of disease



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



3. Support children affected by COVID-19 with education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

Targeted Reach



Direct 94,475

Indirect 50,000



Children 52,730

Boys 25,838 Girls 26,892



14 Oxygen cylinders being handed over to the District Disaster Management Committee, Sindhuli on 9 May 2021.



A COVID-19 patient being supplied with oxygen at a hospital amid the COVID-19 lockdown implemented in Kathmandu by the Government of Nepal since April 29, 2021.

Response highlights

- WVI Nepal's second phase of COVID-19 response is aligned with the Government of Nepal's National Preparedness and Response Plan, World Vision Global Guidance for COVER as well as with the specific needs of children and the most vulnerable groups in Nepal in particular in Area Programmes. Efforts are made to mobilize resources from internal and external sources to reach out as many as children and most vulnerable groups as possible, in partnership with all stakeholders. Timeline for response will be 90 days starting from May-July 2021.
- To respond to the second wave of COVID-19, the total estimated budget is **USD \$1.5 million**. World Vision International (WVI) Nepal has \$472K immediately available from the 5% Area Programme budget re-allocation; a \$1027K gap currently remains.
- 1,000 units of oxygen cylinders (46 liters), 400 units oxygen cylinder (40 liters), 1,225 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), 1,012 units Pulse oximeters and 1,012 IR Thermometers and 20 pieces of oxygen concentrators will be handed over to the Government of Nepal in next two weeks. **33 oxygen cylinders** (46L) have been handed over through WVI Nepal's Partner NGOs Relief Nepal (19) and from SIDS (14) in Sindhuli so far.
- Cash Based Voucher programming will be the major approaches to provide immediate food assistance and early livelihood recovery for the ultra-poor families and other most vulnerable groups, and this approach is likely to continue in TP adaptation process beyond response.
- Direct Personal Protective Equipment support to the health workers at local, province and federal level health facilities will be conducted through the Ministry of Health & Population.
- Preventive risk communication will be carried out for educational and awareness raising through community mobile vehicles along with radios. **Integrated risk communication messages are being broadcasted** through the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal (ACORAB) via Community Information Network (CIN).
- The project will also intervene to ensure that learning materials and radio education programme are conducted for continued learning of children. A **radio programme "Hamro Ghar Hamro Paathshala" will also be broadcasted to remotely engage and help children continue their learning** during the prolonged nationwide lockdown implemented to contain COVID-19.

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