Nepal is among the top 10 countries in terms of daily COVID-19 cases increase rate and has the highest transmission rate in the world.

On 19 May 2021, Wednesday at 5:42 AM local time, the earthquake measuring 5.8M followed by subsequent aftershocks of 4M at 8:16 AM and 5.3M at 8:26 AM, hit Lamjung district of Gandaki Province in Nepal. A total of 5 people got injured, 1195 people (239 households) were displaced, 245 houses are fully damaged and 395 houses partially damaged in Lamjung, Tanahun and Kaski districts of Gandaki Province. (HIRP and Shelter Cluster Gandaki Province Sitrep#1)

Approximately 10% of the individuals infected by COVID-19 in Nepal are children aged 19 years and less. (MoHP)

Nepal’s Parliament was dissolved on May 22 2021 for the second time in five months, new elections called for November, deepening a political crisis in the Himalayan nation as it struggles with a devastating Covid-19 outbreak. Opposition politicians expressed surprise, apparently daunted by the prospect of planning for an election while the coronavirus is wreaking havoc. (The New York Times)

76 cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) have been reported this week. Majority of these cases are from Rupandehi (13 cases), Bardiya (11 cases), Jhapa (7 cases), Kathmandu and Dhankuta (5 cases from each districts) and Nuwakot (4 cases). (Epidemiology and Disease Control Division)

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health and Population has asked adults over 18 years that haven’t received a jab yet but are willing to receive their first dose to fill in a form in order to register. The government has also extended the gap for administration of second dose of Covishield Covid-19 vaccine by four weeks. Earlier, the interval between two doses of Serum Institute of India manufactured Covishied jab was set to 8-12 weeks. (The Himalayan Times)

Need for oxygen supplies remains a top priority, including 60,000 cylinders, 2,000 concentrators, 10 tanks, 7 plants and 1,000 high flow nasal canula. Requirements for tents and prefabricated structures to establish field hospitals, expand existing hospital capacity and manage returnees at points of entry (PoEs) in advance of the approaching monsoon season. Filling oxygen cylinders remains a challenge. Almost every big government hospital has an oxygen plant but only a few of them work properly.
## Nepal COVER Project Phase II: Highlights

### 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

### Medical Equipment Handover to the Government of Nepal
(Based on figures as of 26 May 2021)

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33 additional cylinders also handed over to the District Disaster Management Committee, Sindhuli District.

### Implementation highlights

The first episode of radio programme “Hamro Ghar Hamro Paathsaala” has been broadcasted through the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal (ACORAB) to remotely engage and help children continue their learning during the prolonged nationwide lockdown implemented to contain COVID-19. Initiated as a part of Nepal COVER (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Project, the radio programme is aired every Friday through ACORAB, the largest network of community radios in Nepal with the capacity to reach over 15 million people through its 300+ stations across 77 districts of Nepal.

WVI Nepal is continuously broadcasting Public Service Announcements (PSAs) through 300+ radio stations associated with the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Nepal (ACORAB).

Rapid Needs Assessment and Market/Traders Assessment are being carried out in WVI Nepal's working areas to initiate food and agri-inputs support to most the most vulnerable and food insecure households preferably through Cash and Voucher modality.

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