Nepal COVER (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Project
Phase II

World Vision International Nepal Situation Report
Situation Report #10 | 14 July 2021

Key Concerns
- Floods and landslides triggered by heavy rainfall continue to record loss of lives and properties across the country.
- With Delta variants circulating, experts warn of new second virus wave peak. Two major concerns, according to doctors, are that the Delta and Delta Plus variants are circulating and Nepal’s vaccination coverage is abysmally low.
- There was a class divide among Nepal’s 6 million school students even before Covid-19. But there is now also a digital divide that has widened the gap between private and government schools.

Humanitarian Situation Overview
Nepal gets new prime minister as the Supreme Court on Monday overturned Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli’s May 21 decision to dissolve the House of Representatives and ordered President Bidya Devi Bhandari to appoint Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba the new prime minister. (The Kathmandu Post)

A large amount of vaccines are arriving from the USA and China, but the government has neither prepared the schedule to vaccinate the people nor arranged for their storage. There has already been a shortage of space in the central storage of Kathmandu in Teku with the arrival of 800,000 doses from China, while 1,500,000 doses from the US and remaining 3,200,000 doses from China are also arriving immediately. (Ekantipur)

The vaccines — Vero Cell from China and Johnson & Johnson from America is being administered in all 77 districts from 13 July 2021. Out of the total population of the country, 2.611 million people have got the first dose of COVID-19 vaccines while 1.413 million have been inoculated with the second dose as well. (MyRepublica)

As Nepal struggles to contain Covid-19, risk of Zika outbreak rises in the country. (The Kathmandu Post)

The Delta variant of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Bharatpur of Chitwan. Two of the samples sent to the National Public Health Laboratory of Kathmandu for testing have been confirmed positive for this variant. (Nepalnews)
**Community Feedback**

“The COVID-19 lockdown impacted us a lot. My husband used to work in another district. Following the lockdown, he came back home walking 250 kilometers. Our only source of income was my husband’s job and as he had no job, we suffered a lot. That is when World Vision provided food supplies to us. That was a huge support during such a difficult time.”

- Julekha, Sarlahi district

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**People reached**

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- 11,738 self-learning materials of the total 29,000 including stationary items (a dozen pencils, a notebook, an easer, a sharpner, a pack of color pencils, clear bag folder and a set of self-learning books) have been distributed in 12 WVI Nepal’s working districts as of 13th July, 2021. Self-learning materials have been provided with an aim of keeping all children learning even during closure of schools during the COVID-19 lockdown.

- The eighth episode of radio programme "Hamro Ghar Hamro Paathsaala" has been broadcasted to remotely engage children to continue their learning during the prolonged nationwide COVID-19 lockdown.

- 7,918 out of 8,614 households have benefited from food consumption support as of 13 July, 2021. The food package lasts for almost three weeks for a household of four members.

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**Media Hits Recorded for the Period of 8 July - 14 July 2021**

- Simulation exercise on landslide prevention in Udayapur (Nagarknews)
- Food support to vulnerable children and families in Bajhang district (RadioNepal)
- Food support to 626 vulnerable families in Achham district (Ramroshan Today)
- Food support to 219 families by World Vision in Kailali (Tikapur FM)
- Food support to COVID-19 impacted families (Kalika Khabar)
Implementation highlights

A child receives self-learning materials at Rautahat district on 8 July 2021.

Rapid Needs Assessment: Key Findings

A cross-sectional rapid assessment was conducted in 15 districts of six provinces of Nepal (except Lumbini Province) with a representative sample of 657 adults and 689 children. Some of the major findings were:

- The prevalence of severe food insecurity (food enough for one month or less) has doubled during COVID-19 as 35% of the households face severe food insecurity during the second wave compared to 18.6% prior to the pandemic.
- Only 20.7% of the total children had access to virtual learning sessions.
- 84.4% respondents heard about COVID-19 messages and 82% were aware about preventive measures to contain the Coronavirus.

“World Vision and its partner NGO Rastriya Rojgar Prawardhan Kendra (RRPK)’s initiative on awareness messages dissemination through megaphones in vehicles is very appreciable. It has helped to create awareness on COVID-19 in our community.”

-Aresident of Sarlahi district

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