

# Covid19: Nepal Response

## Situation Report No. 1

As of April 6, 2020, Banke, Bardia, Kailali, Kanchanpur, Doti & Dailekh



### NEPAL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1697</b>
Death	Confirm positive cases	Person in Isolation	Persons tested for COVID-19

Source <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/> (as of April 06, 2020)

- Nepal has entered the second stage of coronavirus transmission as identified first locally transmitted case in the Far Western Region on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- The country lock-down continues until 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- The flights are suspended until 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- The Government of Nepal (GoN) has restricted movement from one municipality to another, one district to another and one Province to another.
- The GoN has set up Corona Virus testing centres in all the seven Provinces of Nepal.
- The GoN has introduced criteria for relief package, this includes 30 kgs rice, 3 kg pulse, 2 kgs salt, 2 ltrs cooking oil, 4 pcs soap and 2 kgs sugar.
- Social Welfare Council has asked all INGOs to submit plans to reallocate up to 20% of the budget from already approved projects in response of COVID -19.
- The Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA) has issued a circulation to 753 local governments on the implementation of one door system in relief distribution.
- The Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens has issued a circular regarding the coordination and support to reach the most vulnerable population requiring special protection support.
- Following the increasing number of COVID-19 positive cases in Western Nepal, the GoN has decided to do a rapid testing in three districts – Kailai, Baglung and Kanchanpur.
- The High-Level Coordination Committee on Prevention and Control of Novel Coronavirus under the leadership of Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister has established a COVID-19 Crisis Management Centre (CMC). Key functions of the CMC is to deliver rapid responses to COVID-19 in an organised, effective and coordinated manner.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Quarantine centres established in various parts of Nepal lack basic facilities (bedding, toilet, drinking water) including safety gears (PPE, MASK) for health practitioners deployed at the quarantine (Source Preliminary report on the epidemic of corona virus, Informal Sector Service Center (INSEC).
- Total 1,029 ICU beds and 552 ventilators are available in the country. Of this, 278 ICU beds and 250 ventilators are in Kathmandu Valley and 751 ICU beds and 302 ventilators in other districts (Source Ministry of Health and Population (SITREP#51).
- Following the nation wide lock down, daily wage labours are in immediate need of food supplies.
- The Local Government (LG) authorities are requesting support – PPE, digital thermometers, N95 Masks, gloves, etc. as medical practitioners lack these gears at hospitals and quarantines.
- Thousands of migrant workers have started returning to their villages from India and other countries. This large-scale reverse migration has sparked fears among villagers in many districts particularly in Sudurpashchim and Karnali Province.
- As the coronavirus pandemic rapidly sweeps across the world, it is inducing a considerable degree of fear, worry and concern in the population at large and among certain groups in particular, such as older adults, care providers and people with underlying health conditions (**World Health Organisation**).

- Violence against women tends to increase during every type of emergency, including epidemics. Women who are displaced, refugees, and living in conflict-affected areas are particularly vulnerable (**World Health Organisation**).
- DCA Partners have been reporting the increasing level of fear and uncertainties in the community and cases of domestic violence.

### **Gaps in the districts (DCA's working R/Municipalities)**

- Insufficient medical gears – PPE, digital thermometers, N95 Masks; municipal authorities are asking for PPE, N95 Masks and digital thermometers.
- The daily wage workers' families are in dire need of food, and the hospitals are running out of the medicine for people with chronic disease.

## **DCA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**

### **Awareness**

- FM stations to disseminate COVID-19 awareness materials through jingles, radio-drama and phone-in life-line programmes in all working districts.
- Smart Palika Apps in six municipalities of Doti and Achham District to disseminate the COVID-19 awareness materials.
- DCA social media – Facebook and twitter account of DCA and partners to raise awareness on COVID-19 through celebrities videos, awareness infographics and audio messages.
- Door-to-door COVID-19 awareness raising events by social mobilisers and facilitation of relief distribution at the municipal level.

### **Physical Support**

#### **Kanchanpur, through the local partner-NNSWA:**

Handed over 5,500 pcs normal masks, 23 pairs gloves, 45 packets (1 pkt contains 250ml) and additional 100 ltrs sanitizers, 5350 soaps, 100 sets of buckets and Jugs. These supports were provided to Belauri, Bedkot, Suklaphanta, Krishnapur, Laljhadi, Mahakali Punarbas, Beldadi R/Municipalities, Mahakali Hospital, Quarantine at Bheemdutta and women cooperatives in Belauri Municipality.

#### **Dailekh, through the local partner - SOSEC:**

65 bedding sets for quarantine, food supplies good for one month to 300 households (rice, cooking oil, salt, pulse, sugar and tea), 38 PPE sets, 630 normal mask, 6 pkts gloves, 14 l of sanitizer. These supports were provided to Dullu, Aathbish, Panchdewal, Naumule and Bharawi R/Municipalities.

#### **Doti, through the local partner - EDC:**

Soaps to 1,640 households, and 3,375 normal masks to Joroyal and KI Singh Rural Municipalities.

#### **Bardiya, through the local partner TWUC:**

Distributed 1500 masks to the community and DDRC members and provided 6 Flexes with COVID-19 awareness messages. A Radio Show for lifeline communication "Sajhedari" has been launched in Radio Tiger Bardiya. The radio show will continue for a month and similarly radio jingles on COVID awareness will air 10 times a day for one month.

### **Additional support planned for this week:**

**Dailekh:** Food package support to 200 additional families.

**Doti:** 9,000 pcs surgical masks, 9,000 pcs soaps, 200 pcs N95 masks (to health posts through the municipal office), 20 pcs thermal guns (health posts), 20 sets PPEs, 100 ltrs hand sanitizers, 10 hand-washing centres at the community, 300 pcs blankets to the quarantine and 30 pkts gloves for health posts. Public Service Announcement (PSA) and other radio shows through local FMs (Nepali and Local Language) for a month.

**Kailali through the local partner DWRP:** Food Package to 200 HHs (plus sanitary pads and soaps).

### **Bardiya through the local partner TWUC:**

Food Package for 100 HHs, 65 pcs mosquito nets, 65 pcs blankets for quarantine, 550 pkts sanitary pads, 100 pkts gloves, 200 bottles hand sanitizers, 1,000 pcs soaps, 2,700 pcs surgical masks, 4 hand washing corners with 200 soaps in the community. PSAs and other radio shows through local FMs (Nepali and Local Language) for a month.

### **Banke through the local partner FEDO:**

Food package for 150 HHs, 30 pcs mosquito nets, 30 sets hygiene kits, 1,000 pkts sanitary pads, 1,600 pcs surgical masks, 1,200 pcs soaps, 200 bottles hand sanitizers, PSAs and other radio shows through local FMs (Nepali and Local Language) for a month.

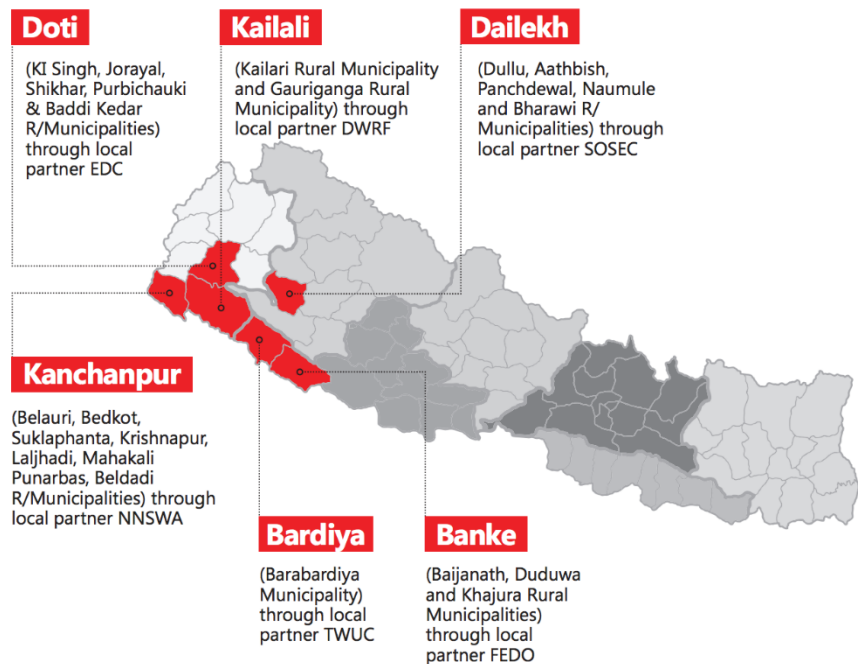
**Note: All these efforts were done in close coordination and leadership of the Local Government, and that we will do the same in future. Except the food items, the municipalities distributed these items to the health posts and quarantine centers based on their demands.**

*“This has been a good support, at a time when we are struggling to find mask and sanitizers in the local shops, these supports have been very helpful for the people of this municipality.”*

**(Ram Beti Rana, Manager at Samjhana Women Cooperatives, Belauri Municipality, Kanchanpur)**

*The municipality lacks PPE for health professionals, N95 masks, gloves and digital thermometers. It'd be a great support for us if we get these materials.*

**(Harka Bahadur Bista, Chairman-Ward 7, KI Singh Rural Municipality in Doti)**



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