COVID-19
Situation Update
As of 24th August, 2020

Total PCR Tests done: 610,469
Total RDT Tests done: 312,402
Confirmed Positive Cases: 32,678
People in Quarantine: 11,275
People in Isolation: 13,715
People Recovered: 18,806
Total Deaths: 157

Source: https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/ As of 24th August, 2020

Volunteering for Development (V4D) Against COVID-19:
Supporting National Pandemic Response and Recovery Efforts in Nepal

COVID-19 Relief to Vulnerables at a Glance

Target Districts
Parsa, Sarlahi, Siraha, Saptari, Rautahat, Dhanusha, Banke, Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Dhading, Lamjung & Surkhet

AWARENESS
VSO Nepal has been creating awareness via different channels for COVID-19 Response

Radio programmes, Radio jingles & PSA under different projects
REACH: 6,80,000

Social Media for information dissemination
REACH: 15 Thousand

Sign Language videos to create awareness among hearing-impaired
REACH: 500

REACH:

Surgical Masks: 1750 pcs
Hand Sanitizer: 270 pcs
Temporary Toilets: 2 sets
Sanitary Pads: 270 pcs
Hand-wash Station: 4 sets

Simara Quarantine
Lu.Na.Bha Quarantine
Chandra SS Quarantine
Nargho School Quarantine
Tribhuwan SS Quarantine
Siraha Campus Quarantine

Food Relief Distribution
643 Families
Food relief packages distribution in Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Siraha, Saptari, Rautahat & Sarlahi

Support in Quarantine Facilities
6
(sanitation materials, toilets etc)

Hygiene Kits Distribution
3,064
(Towel, Soap, Toothpaste, Reusable Sanitary Pad, Underwear etc)
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- **Hygiene Kit Distribution:** 340 family members received hygiene kit (197 in Surkhet and 143 in Dhading) as a relief package for the marginalized families. The kits include basic wash support such as soap, towel, toothbrush, reusable sanitary pad, underwear, nail cutter, hygiene kit bag and liquid chlorine.
- **Big Sisters Mentoring:** 274 little sisters mentored by Senior Big Sisters in all four districts. Since the situation of COVID-19 spread in the district is getting critical, big sisters have focused on the psychosocial and mental health aspects of the girls’ in their mentoring meetings.
- **Launch of Radio Programme Sajilo Sikai:** The radio program airs from 23rd August in collaboration with CEHRD and Ujyalo FM from all working districts and Kathmandu. The radio programme is centered for students of Grade 9 and 10 focused on English, Math, Health and Science subjects. The subjects are taught in more unique and effective method for fast learning. Students can call from the toll-free number and participate live in the program. Learning App can be downloaded by SBSs and CMs for offline learning and sharing.
- **Ongoing work on Parenting Engagement Research with the adaptation of COVID-19 situation. Data collection through distance mode will start from this week.**
- **Cascading psychosocial first aid training:** Trained Big Sisters and Community mobilisers provided distance training to 48 in-school children.
- **Distribution of learning materials:** 75 Little Sisters in Lamjung and Surkhet district received learning materials. This includes stationery packages, notebooks and bags which is provided for the girls to access education.

Virtual School Events: Creative event was organised for students in Lamjung and Surkhet districts. A total of 83 students participated in the speech competition on the topic of “youth role and COVID-19” from 12 target school.

**ENGAGE**

- **995 primary actors** in Sarlahi and Parsa district supported by community volunteers in their learning by organising remedial classes. In Sarlahi remedial classes has been halted for now from 19th August due to high spread of COVID-19 at community level.
- **Survey on effectiveness** of PSA, Radio jingles, sign language videos and GBV is ongoing. In total 1211 primary actors from Sarlahi and Parsa were interviewed this week.
- **Regular mentoring and follow up** from big sisters to all 2525 primary actors on their health and wellbeing in Banke, Parsa and Sarlahi districts.
- **National volunteer translated IEC materials on Gender based violence into Braille and shared those materials with visually impaired children in Sarlahi.**

(1) **Primary Actors:** Stakeholders who are the people whom interventions target within the communities in which VSO works.
**PRAYAS**

“Dialogue on Disaster Preparedness in Nepal and Youth Engagement” organized on 17th August 2020 as a part of International Youth Day celebration. The discussion in association with AYON provided the platform to the local representatives and youths to share their ideas and concerns on various aspects of disaster and the role youth plays in the disaster preparedness and resilience. The dialogue witnessed the active participation of 52 (32 Male and 20 Female) with the aim to ensure the voices of youths are heard in the disaster preparedness in Nepal. The discussion stressed on the non-natural disaster COVID-19, their affects and interventions done by youth at the local level.

**SAHAJ**

- **Virtual Training to 22 (5 Female/17 Male) Youth club members** of Siraha & Saptari of Province no. 2.
  
  It was conducted under COVID-19 response plan focusing on GBV and its Concept and GBV in community and Role and responsibility of Parents, Family, Community during emergency.

- **Episode 4th:**
  - Legal provision about Gender Based Violence
  - About local judicial committee & Roles and responsibility for reporting and referral system
  - Role to support by different types committee and groups in community on GBV cases.
  - Trust-able person to share GBV case for migration
  - Different types of structures for reporting and referral system in local level, district & national.
  - Provision and timeline for different types of reporting.

- **16 Local facilitators** from Province no. 2 and 24 Local facilitators from Province no. 5 received mask and sanitizers for their safety during the activity’s implementations.

- **PSAs developed** after consultation with local government and police office at Province no. 2

- **Miking to create awareness** on COVID-19 protection and considering the service priority to lactating mother and pregnant women with local government and police office. This event was conducted in Palinandan, Pratappur of Nawalparasi west, Kotahimai of Rupandehi, Krishnanagar, Kapilvastu, Yesodhara, Buddhabhumi, Maharajgunj and Suddhodhan of Kapilvasu districts of Province no. 5.
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