COVID-19 Situation Update
As of 31st August, 2020

- Total PCR Tests done: 693,472
- Total RDT Tests done: 312,402
- Confirmed Positive Cases: 39,460
- People in Quarantine: 7,337
- People in Isolation: 17,822
- People Recovered: 21,410
- Deaths: 228

Source: https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/ As of 31st August, 2020

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

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

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

Food Relief Distribution
1025 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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- **Radio Programme Sajilo Sikai:** Completed fifth episodes where the teacher provided lessons from Health and Population subject for grade 9 and 10. The programme was successful to reach total of 1,52,066 audiences and engage 30,841 people through social media. Further, the upcoming scripts and recordings shared to Center for Education and Human Resource Development for content review. Also, programme archives and promotional content shared to the Education Cluster.

- **Big Sisters Mentoring:** 270 Little Sisters were provided with mentoring support by big sisters and community mobilisers. All of the session this week was focused on the mental health of girls, the continuation of education at home and menstrual hygiene management.

- **Teachers professional development through mobile clinic:** Implementing partners and International volunteers provided an online training session to 40 teachers in Lamjung and Surkhet districts. The teachers shared the current situation, challenges and concerns. The discussion focused on the government guidelines of school re-opening.

- **Research on parental engagement:** Revised qualitative tools of community/parenting engagement research, seek inputs from global education advisor and shared with Progress Inc. The research team conducted a virtual orientation to enumerators on quantitative tools.

- **Education cluster meeting with provincial government:** Discussion on education response plan of the district and local level, self-learning material distribution and condition of flood in different areas.

- **Monitoring tools for Sajilo Sikai:** Monitoring tools developed and shared with implementing partners to collect programme listeners data.

- **Medium-Term Response Plan (MTRP):** The detail work plan of MTRP is approved by the project fund manager with ongoing discussion and support from the fund manager.

- **English and Digital for Girls Education:** Prepared a concept note on EDGE- British Council component within Sisters for Sisters’ Project linking with the government guidelines and shared with the fund manager.

- **SEE results of Little Sisters:** 315 Little Sisters from Surkhet, Lamjung, Dhading and Parsa districts graduated from SEE examination this year.

V4D Extension

- **Orientation on Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH):** Orientation provided to partner teams in Parsa and Sarlahi. The total of 20 participants were involved in the event. The basic information about SRH and the activities planned and its updates for the two months of the programmes was discussed with the partner organisations.

(1) **Primary Actors:** Stakeholders who are the people whom interventions target within the communities in which VSO works.
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Psycho-social counseling service support:
- Support to GBV Survivors: GBV case referred to Lahan hospital for treatment and coordination with human rights organization

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• Sign Language Video on Nepali Vowel produced and shared in VSO social media and other children with disability networks. Link: https://www.facebook.com/VsoNepal/videos/2374784156157263

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SAHAJ Youth Volunteers from Province No. 5 are participating in an inspiring campaign to raise awareness in order to save countless lives by preserving social distances and adopting appropriate protection steps, with the goal of coping with circumstances such as confusion, stress and distress eventually triggered by a pandemic.

SAFE TO LEARN

- **Partnership Safeguarding Assessment**: Conducted 6 Implementing Partners’ safeguarding assessment and analysed the safeguarding gap on the organisation's policy and procedures. The project is supporting the partners to fulfill the gaps in the policy.
- **IPs Induction and Project Orientation Event**: 32 Implementing partner’s staff oriented about the S2L project, detail implementation plan (DIP), M&E tools and reporting procedure.
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Training**: 32 IPs staff attended at the day long safeguarding and child protection training. The session was focused on the VSO’s child protection policy and procedure, definition of abuse, protocols that should be followed by the VSO associate members and reporting mechanism.
- **Financial Management Training to IPs**: 2 days financial management training conducted for the Implementing Partners. In the program, participants were trained on the financial management system within the project.
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