VSO WEEKLY BULLETIN

The Weekly Celebrations to the Interventions of VSO

VSO NEPAL
COVID-19 Situation Update

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Source: https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/ As of 7th September, 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
  
  \[\text{REACH} : 6,80,000\]
- Social Media for information dissemination
  
  \[\text{REACH} : 15 \text{ Thousand}\]
- Sign Language videos to create awareness among hearing-impaired
  
  \[\text{REACH} : 500\]

**Surgical Masks**

- **1750 pcs**

**Hand Sanitizer**

- **270 pcs**

**Temporary Toilets**

- **2 sets**

**Sanitary Pads**

- **270 pcs**

**Hand-wash Station**

- **4 sets**

**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)

**Reach Details**

- **Simara Quarantine**
- **Lu.Na.Bha Quarantine**
- **Chandra SS Quarantine**
- **Nargho School Quarantine**
- **Tribhuwan SS Quarantine**
- **Siraha Campus Quarantine**
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- **Radio programme Sajilo Sikai**: Completed Tenth episodes on Mathematics subject for grade 9 and 10 lessons on sets, Venn diagram and question-answer session with students was held. Siddhababa FM in Sindhuli has voluntarily started to broadcast Sajilo Sikai through their radio as a contribution to support the learning of students. Completed radio program Sajilo Sikai monitoring of 1st-week episodes with 372 primary actors in four districts (76 boys and 296 girls). **Link:** https://infogram.com/1p3em0gr30k71h0yrmx3y3y0bd7dq2dm0?live

- **Big Sister Mentoring**: 271 Little Sisters and 55 In-school girls were provided with mentoring support by the Big Sisters. The mentoring was conducted in aspects such as the importance of easy learning classes, Psychosocial counselling, EDGE appropriate issues, suicide and its impact, how to prevent one from suicide, how to know symptoms of the suicidal person, types of guardians, increasing self-respect and Hygiene.

- **Information and Data Gathering**: 49 teachers in Lamjung districts were contacted for the Psychosocial first aid training to attend the sessions.

- **EDGE Club Intervention**: EDGE club members have started learning from home and studying their coursebook regularly. Implementing partners were able to follow-up on 63 EDGE members.

- **Impact Case Study on Hygiene Kit distribution**: The implementing partners are collecting qualitative information to prepare a case study on the impact of hygiene kit distribution.

- **SMS Campaign**: 142 students were sent SMS about the information of Sajilo Sikai. 676 students and parents were sent SMS about Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.

- **Virtual School Events**: Lamjung have completed the evaluation of the district level Creative event- Speech competition on “COVID-19 and Youth Role.”

- **Stakeholders Mapping with Palikas**: Implementing partners have coordinated with 16(4 male and 12 females) stakeholders including Palika Deputy Mayor and Child development officer.

- **Activity breakdown of MTRP**: MTRP has been finalized and shared with FM for further discussion. Completed draft revised MTRP Output Monitoring Framework following GEC guidelines and shared in the team for review and suggestions.

- **Parenting engagement research work** is progressing. Completed quantitative data collection with Little Sisters and their parents. In schools’ girl’s data collection and KII with stakeholders is going on simultaneously.

- **Preliminary data analysis and generated report**, shared with partners, VSO staffs and volunteers as a knowledge product.

- **Orientation to Implementation partner** (20 participants from GAN team) about Female Community Health Programme.

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

- [Link to English Alphabet video](https://www.facebook.com/VsoNepal/videos/3156953231068251)
- 105 primary actors with and without disabilities facilitated on sign language videos in Sarlahi district.
- 129 primary actors oriented on child protection and COVID-19 and 487 primary actors oriented and followed up on using hygiene kits and about hygiene and sanitation in Sarlahi district.
- 119 Big Sisters supported 672 primary actors in Parsa district and 115 big sisters supported 460 primary actors in Banke on their learning maintaining physical distance. Big sisters received support from Community mobilizers and project team to conduct the learning class for primary actors.
- Regular mentoring and follow up from big sisters to all 2525 primary actors on their health and wellbeing in Banke, Parsa and Sarlahi districts.
- 45 participants from implementing partner team and volunteers were oriented on Two Way Communication and distance learning – SOP.
- All implementing partner team oriented about Safe to Learn Project in Parsa and Sarlahi district.

SAFE TO LEARN

- Coordination Meeting with UNICEF Nepal: VSO held a virtual meeting to introduce the project to counterparts at UNICEF Nepal. During the meeting both organisations presented their Safe to Learn project initiatives and explored potential areas of coordination, collaboration, and synergy to end violence against children in our respective working districts. VSO is also coordinating with Mercy Corps and World Education for a meeting this week.
- Ongoing Training Manual Contextualization Process: NCE Nepal has finalized the term of reference in coordination with VSO Nepal and forwarded the process of recruitment of the consultant for the development and contextualization of different training manuals mainly 1) Teacher training on Appreciative Inquiry (positive behavior), 2) Safeguarding and Child Protection (violence against children, early marriage, bullying and harassment) and CRM (legal provision, reporting and referral mechanism) for students, 3) Safeguarding and Child Protection (violence against children, early marriage, bullying and harassment) and CRM (legal provision, reporting and referral mechanism) for parents, 4) Training to SMC/PTAs and governance group on child protection, safeguarding and gender responsive SIP and School Safety Plan Development, and 5) Training on Social Norms to students.
- Coordination Meeting with Schools and Palikas: Implementing partners have started to coordinate with 69 Schools and 27 Palikas as part of project induction and activity implementation.
- Teacher’s Selection for Appreciative Inquiry Training: IPs are coordinating with all targeted school for teacher’s selection for AI training. Project has plan to conduct training in all districts.
- Ongoing GBV Champion Recruitment Process: The project announced the vacancy for the GBV Champions and Implementing partners are leading the recruitment process.
SAHAJ Radio Programme Rupantran’s 9th and 10th episodes this week featured the stress management and sexual and reproductive health. The programme got the maximum coverage getting broadcasted from 20 FM stations across Province no. 2 and Province no. 5, and at National front you can listen through Antenna Foundation’s Facebook live and HamroPatro Mobile App.

- Local Facilitators reached out to 40 families to know their welling beings during lockdown and discuss on IGA
- Conducted Online Training to 41 Youths (11 Female/30 Male) on Safe and Unsafe place for Adolescent girls/Boys.
- Psycho-Social Counseling Service Support provided to 16 people (7 new cases and 9 follow up cases)
- Two GBV cases referred to OCMC Kathamndu and WOREC Nepal for further medical and psychiatric treatment support and regular following up now under treatment in Kirtipur Hopital burn center and Kanti Child Hospital, Kathmandu.
- Youth network members of both districts participated in Provincial Level Webinar on Role and Responsibilities of Youth during COVID-19 Pandemic held on 4th September 2020.
- Safe House assessment completed for support to safe house in three districts, Saptari, Dhanusha & Sarlahi.

SAHAJ Radio Drama

SAHAJ is setting up to broadcast radio drama from 2nd week of September and shared the promos for a wider circulation from 1st September 2020 using social media and Radio.

SAHAJ Radio Drama will focus to address Harmful Social Norms and gender-based violence. The whole drama will present the urgent need to transform harmful social norms in order to tackle the challenges of increasing gender-based violence. It also highlights the significance of family and community members as agents of change in breaking the culture of silence and increasing reporting to reduce gender-based violence with positive social norms.
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