

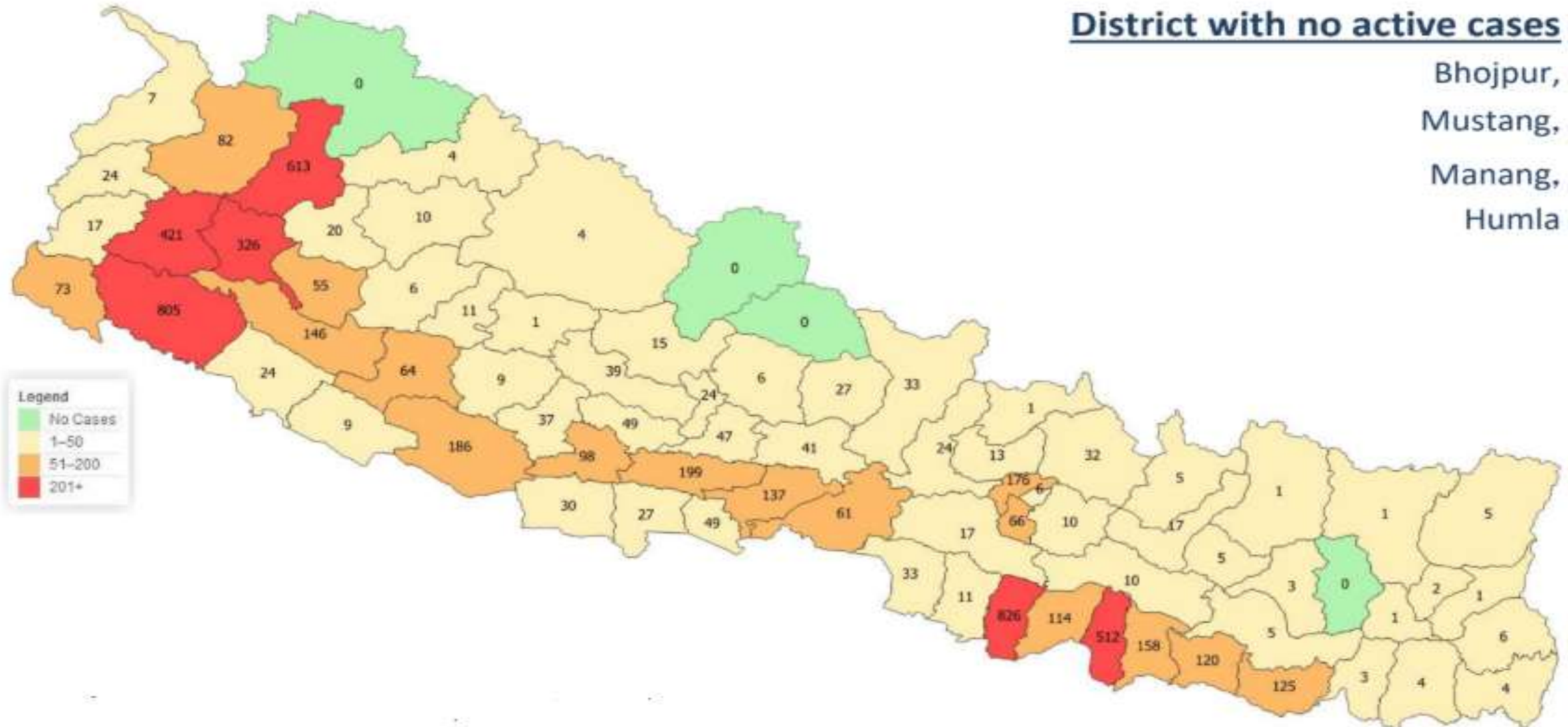
#12_CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) HEALTH CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING

16TH JULY 2020 (2 PM)

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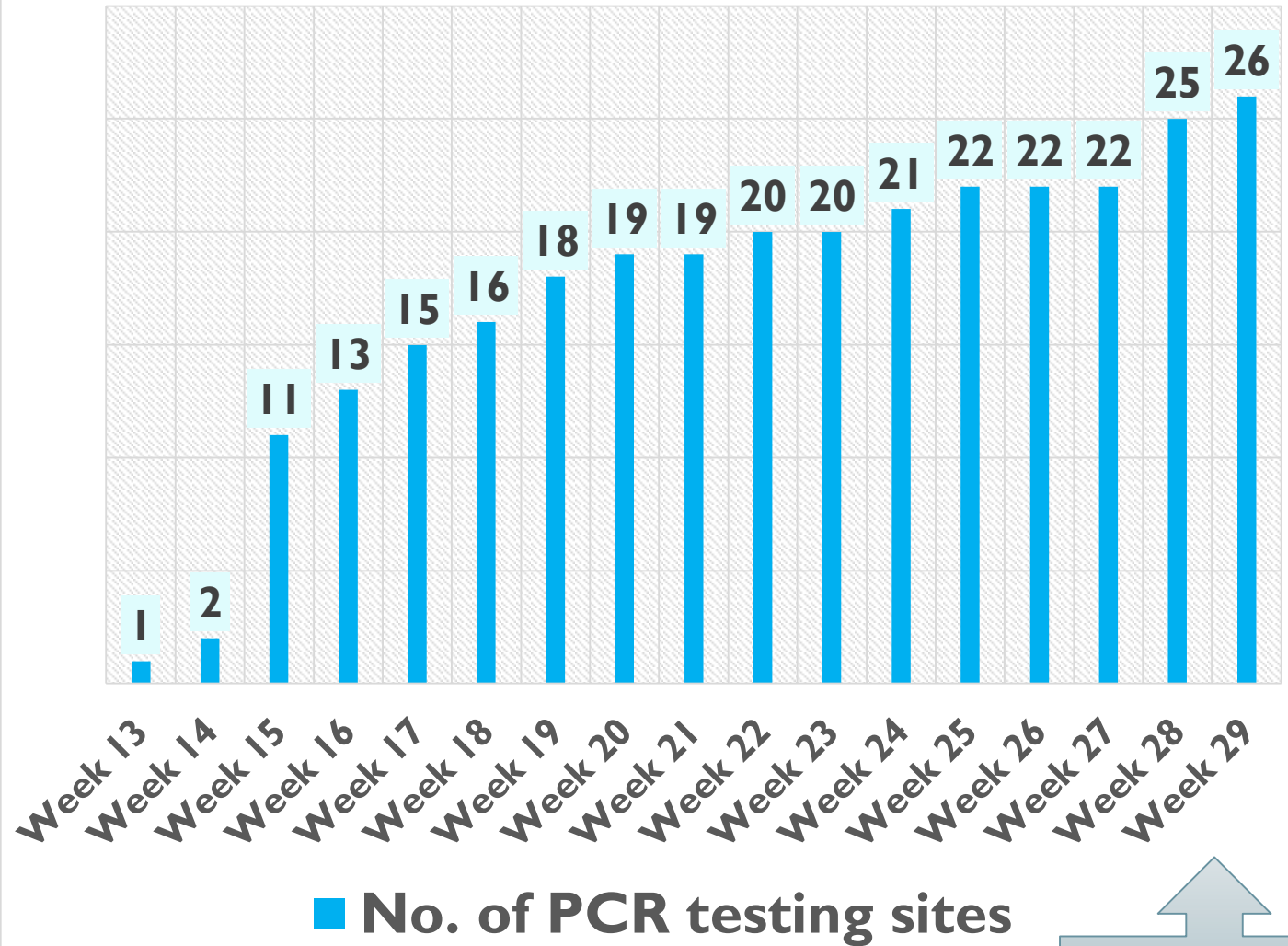
COVID 19 AFFECTED DISTRICTS

District wise distribution of COVID-19 active cases



NUMBER OF PCR TESTING SITES / WEEK

Labs in provinces	Total No. of labs last week	Additional labs this week	Total No. of labs this week
Province 1	3	0	3
Province 2	3	0	3
Bagmati	8	0	8
Gandaki	2	0	2
Province 5	3	1	4
Karnali	4	0	4
Sudurpachim	2	0	2
Total Labs	25	1	26

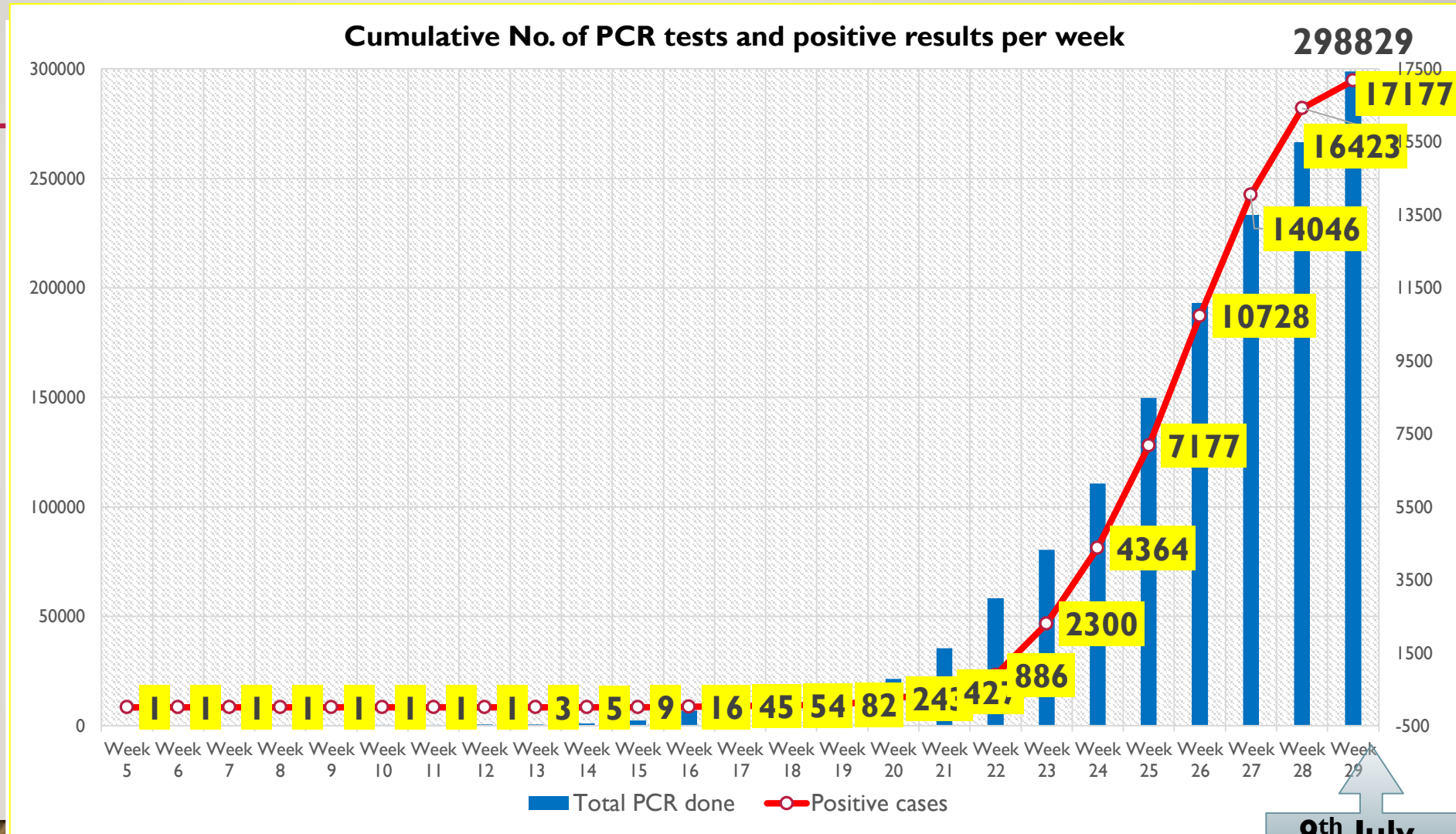


9th July – 15th July, 2020

NUMBER OF PCR POSITIVE FOR COVID-19/WEEK

Nationally

- 298829 Tests done
- 17177 Tested Positive for COVID-19



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2020

#	Laboratory		
1	National Public Health Laboratory	14	Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital (TUTH)
2	B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan	15	Pokhara Academy of Health Science, Pokhara
3	Koshi Hospital, Biratnagar	16	Provincial Tuberculosis Control Center, Pokhara/ Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Pokhara
4	Provincial Public Health Laboratory/ Avian Disease Investigation Laboratory, Biratnagar	17	Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Rupandehi
5	Gajendra Narayan Singh Hospital, Rajbiraj, Saptari	18	Bheri Hospital, Nepalgunj, Banke
6	Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Janakpur	19	Lumbini Provincial Hospital, Butwal
7	Narayani Hospital, Birgunj	20	Rapti Academy of Health Science, Dang
8	Shukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Teku	21	Surkhet Provincial Hospital/ Avian Disease Investigation Laboratory, Surkhet
9	Bharatpur Hospital COVID-19 Diagnostic Laboratory/ National Avian Disease Investigation Laboratory, Chitwan	22	Karnali Academy of Health Science, Jumla
10	Vector Borne Disease Research and Training Centre, Hetauda	23	COVID-19 Testing Laboratory, Dailekh
11	Kathmandu University Teaching Hospital, Dhulikhel	24	Chaurjahari Municipality PCR Laboratory, Rukum (East)
12	Patan Hospital, Lalitpur	25	Dadeldhura Hospital Laboratory, Dadeldhura
13	NAMS, Bir Hospital, Kathmandu	26	Seti Provincial Hospital/ Avian Disease Investigation Laboratory, Dhangadi

**Note: The latest addition to the list of designated COVID-19 labs is highlighted in yellow*

SURVEILLANCE, RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS, AND CASE INVESTIGATION

9/8/2020

Donor	Intervention	Date expected to be done/date completed
Surveillance, Rapid Response Teams, and Case Investigation		
Current:		
IOM	Participatory mobility mapping in Province 1, 2 and 5 along the border area – volunteers and public health professionals mobilized to understand the flow of people and identify vulnerability . They plan to produce a map which then can be used for targeted response.	
GIZ & WHO	Enhance real -time Surveillance through EWARS for Covid-19: new daily reporting module developed but it needs to be approved and started along with training of staff plus cooperation with 17 surveillance associates. Recruiting more hospitals to recruit on a daily basis to monitor (OPD attendance, respiratory symptoms, clinical diagnosis, admissions, suspected COVID cases, and lab test results).	in process
GIZ	Enhance case Investigation and Contact Tracing: includes enabling effective case investigation and contact tracing, harmonized with the "call center" that has been established by EDCC and the SMS/Mobile App based reporting	completed
GIZ	Prepare real-time dashboard and data analysis features	in process
UNICEF	Case Investigation and Contact Tracing (CICT) training package development and training of master trainers with NHTC and EDCC.	completed
USAID	USAID will support municipalities in Karnali and six districts of province 5 to respond to COVID, including assistance to establish and manage local level contact tracing, case investigation, and rapid response teams.	Ongoing
IOM	Population mobility mapping in Province 1, 5 and 7 along the 9 selected POEs and border areas. This PMM intervention is a part of Health Border Mobility Mapping and there will be identification of mobility patterns, vulnerable hotspots and at-risk communities.	ongoing

LABORATORIES AND TESTING

9/8/2020

Donor	Intervention
Laboratories & testing	
Current:	
DfID:	Lab expert laid out a plan for surge. Some labs have been designated, but still need to be assessed and ensure QA w/NPHL – will take at least a week. DfID considering to Fleming Fund for strengthening public health laboratories
USAID:	Sent 2 staff to Dadeldhura on request of MOHP to provide TA to open a new covid testing lab.
USAID:	2 staff – technicians providing surge capacity at NPHL
GIZ:	3,000 PCR-RT tests with necessary consumables equipment handed over to NPHL, 2nd May 2020 and next lot of 17,000 PCR-RT tests reagents with RNA extraction kits will be delivered as soon as transport is possible.
GF/Save	Provided support to Provincial Public Health Laboratory (PPHL) in State 5 to conduct a one-day COVID-19 sample collection training for laboratory staffs. 58 lab staffs were trained on sample collection and use of PPE
CMDN	Has a molecular diagnostics center in Bhaktapur - in the process of updating it to be able to identify COVID-19
SDC	PCR kits including RNA extraction, RdRP, Egene, Ngene for 30,000 tests handed over to MoHP on 7 May 2020
KOICA	Has handed over more than 20 thousand RT-PCR test kit sets to MoHP composed of below types of kits. STANDARD M VTM-SWAB Virus Collection Kit: 404 SPIN-X Viral DNA/RNA Extraction Kit: 202 nCoV Real-Time Detection Kit: 210

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

9/8/2020

Donor	Intervention	Date expected to be done/completed
UNICEF KOICA	Process to support 18,000 RT PCR test kits to MOHP, and 100,000 RT PCR kits with WB support In process of donating more than 19 thousand RT-PCR test kit sets to MoHP composed of below types of kits. STANDARD M VTM-SWAB Virus Collection Kit: 380 SPIN-X Viral DNA/RNA Extraction Kit: 190 nCoV Real-Time Detection Kit: 197	in process 2020-07-02 2020-07-10
Infection Prevention and Control		
Current:		
WHO GIZ:	Assessment of Teku done in Dec. Report shared with DOHS and MOHP Support 13 plus (including 7 provincial) hospitals, hubs and quarantine stations with healthcare waste management equipment. Provide heavy load washing machines to hub hospitals (estimated 12 hospitals), Online training/orientation to health workers and hospital staff on HCWM, IPC and WASH. Rapid Assessment of COVID-19 designated hospitals on HCWM, IPC, WASH and Clinical Management using digital tool (13 hospitals by GIZ and rest of other by MoHP, WHO, Unicef). SOP for immediate HCWM and WASH in quarantine station and COVID designated hospitals drafted and is in process of endorsement by MoHP. Rapid Assessment completed for 10 out of 13 hospitals and data verification and analysis is ongoing	Dec ongoing; procurement (local) completed procurement (China) expected by End April
CMDN	Trained 500 health workers on IPC and PPE use. Trained armed police, Nepal Army, and police on IPC, PPE use.	Completed
USAID	Install water and sanitation infrastructure in 80 health facilities. Provide solar electrification and basic equipment (autoclave, nebulizer, peri-light, halogen heater and refrigerato) in 61 health facilities. Capacity building of health service providers on infection prevention. WASH BCC in health facilities and communities. Handwashing stations at community level. Provide community access to drinking water. (through SNV Nepal)	Ongoing
UNICEF	- provided a total of 106,500 surgical and 2,000 N95 masks; 35,000 surgical gloves; 3,445 bottle hand sanitizers; 2,000 coverall protection; 2,000 protective goggles and 500 IR Thermometer to designated COVID hospitals and the isolation facilities through Management Division and PHDs. - WASH facilities (toilets, drinking water points, washing places) in 4 Covid-19 Hospitals and Isolation Centers were repaired and maintained. Minimum WASH supplies and cleaning/disinfection materials reached 49 Health Care Facilities (HCF) which included 45 (Central, Academia, Provincial and District) Hospitals & four Health Posts and Primary Health Centres; 15 quarantine centers; and nine isolation centers. So far 75 contactless handwashing stations have been installed in HCFs and communities. - Continued to provide WASH supplies to health care facilities and has so far reached a total of 4,615 people. This has been done by providing 9,230 bars of soap, 3,764 hand sanitizers, 675 hygiene kits, 343 buckets and mugs, 792,100 water purifiers tablets, 868 kgs of bleaching powders and other cleaning and disinfection items. In	Completed

POINTS OF ENTRY

Points of Entry		
Current:		
USAID	Support for establishment of health desks and improving IPC/conditions in the entry point in Province 5 and Karnali Province	Ongoing
WHO:	airport joint assessment done, final report w/MOHP, as well as plans for strengthening infrastructure for entry screening and exit screening (floorplan, etc). Will try to get it ready during the shut down.	
IOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting in conducting risk assessment of POEs; 2. Improvement of border infrastructure by provision of necessary equipment and supplies for screening including PPE items (3000 pcs of PPE) 3. Establishment of health desk with adequate IPC measures in place for surveillance + data collection + water storage 	

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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IOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting in conducting risk assessment of POEs; 2. Improvement of border infrastructure by provision of necessary equipment and supplies for screening including PPE items (3000 pcs of PPE) 3. Establishment of health desk with adequate IPC measures in place for surveillance + data collection + water storage 	
Planned		
Risk Communication and Community Engagement		
Current:		
UNICEF, WHO, Red Cross	<p>Supported NHEICC/MOHP with the development and dissemination of the communication materials (audio, visuals and print)- handwashing, stay home, risk communication package for health facility, COVID-19 prevention and protection, breastfeeding and continuation of health services;</p> <p>Production and airing of the daily television programme "Corona Care" from Nepal television and radio programme "Corona Capsules through popular radio programme "Kaya Kairan" and "Sajha Khabar" reaching out more than 6 million people</p> <p>Two rounds of community feedback survey conducted to know the reach/recall and perceptions and source of information related to the COVID-19</p> <p>Aired more than 10,000 minutes of radio public service announcements on COVID-19 symptoms, prevention, handwashing and stay home messages reaching out wider populations across the country</p> <p>More than 60,000 households reached out through megaphone announcement in Maithali and Bhojpuri languages in 8 terai districts.</p> <p>More than 30 messages were posted on UNICEF Nepal's social media platforms (with information on COVID-19) had and reached a 29.4 million reach. -The top performing posts were a) a video message of an adolescent girl who recovered from COVID-19 and b) the lockdown story of a UNICEF driver based in one of the field offices. The video of the person who recovered reached 4.3 million people and received 2.3 million views. Videos such as these aim to help reduce the growing levels of stigma and discrimination and have been well received based on the comments received and the fact that various news portals and radio stations subsequently produced their own news stories on the young woman.</p>	
NCELL	partnership is excellent for SMS, ringtones	
IOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop two animated video: migrant sensitive messaging on facility based quarantine; and anti-stigmatization against COVID 19. 2. Engage radio network to develop and broadcast six radio programs 3. Develop and broadcast radio jingles in six different languages on migrant sensitive stigma, discrimination and xenophobia reduction 4. Develop an animation on repatriation protocol to returnee migrants from abroad 5. Provide orientation training to frontline workers, supporting returnee migrants, on COVID-19 	Completed; Ongoing
UNFPA	In collaboration with NHEICC developed flyers, infographics, radio jingles and animated videos on SRH in the context of COVID19; translated messages in five local languages; disseminated the message using social media, radios and 302 FM radios, plus printing SRH-related IEC materials for people in quarantine	Ongoing
GF/SF	FM stations (5 local FM stations of each province) and Hand-washing Video broadcast in television (1 in each province); COVID-19 related IEC materials developed (Posters, flyers, PSAs) ; TB/COVID-19 PSA broadcasting through FMs.	completed
USAID	With DoHS (NHEICC and FWD): COVID messaging (Social distancing, handwashing, stigma management, home quarantine and lockdown basics) on 120 FM channels in Nepali, Abadhi and Nepali languages; Banchinamma radio show (reach=2.9m ppl). 3.8 million push messaging to established network of families to 1,539,796 people. Phone counseling to 2m households on COVID. Produced and distributed disability inclusive videos & print materials, including in sign language. RCCE targeted to PLHIV. Produced job aids in Nepali for field staff for COVID 19 counseling during home visits and teleconsultation.	ongoing

COORDINATION, PLANNING & MONITORING

9/8/2020

Donor	Intervention	Date expected to be done/date completed
Coordination, Planning, and Monitoring		
Current:		
UNICEF:	listing people to reach out to with asks – for supplies, skills, people (hotel industry for beds and sheets, etc; manufacturers) private sector.	
GIZ:	Support MoHP in these functions and provide remote support to province and selected municipality (NPJ, Dhangadhi, Godawari). One Technical Adviser seconded for 10 days at HEOC, supporting daily monitoring and reporting activities (completed). It is planned to continue the support with two short term consultants - One technical advisor is providing technical Support to management Division for commodities grant monitoring of commodity Support by EDPs/Donor for COVID19 containment	ongoing
DfiD	Supporting MoHP on a number of their committees.	ongoing
GIZ:	Develop a digital tool to monitor availability and daily occupancy rate of ICU beds as well as availability of staff and equipment (including functionality) to monitor the functionality of the facilities – ideally on a daily basis. This could be done using EWARS+. Support Provincial Health Directorate at Suder pachhim province to strengthen logistic management system/ eLMIS reporting	Tool completed and handed over; support ongoing
UNFPA	TA Human Resources based at Management Division to provide support in managing the COVID-19 and FP/SRH commodities supply chain. Supported Management Division in transportation of COVID-19 related commodities to Province 1 (Biratnagar) and Province 6 (Surkhet). Providing support at Provincial and local level.	ongoing
USAID:	Data and Administrative officer from the PRA station at EDCCD to support in COVID-19 response.	
USAID:	Working with select municipalities to support their efforts to plan for COVID outbreaks. In Provinces 5 & 6	ongoing
USAID	USAID through SSBH will provide technical coordination and secretarial support for effective, ongoing functioning of provincial HEOCs and associated "cluster committees" in Karnali Province and Province 5	ongoing
WHO	Co-leads health cluster; weekly virtual meetings with provincial EOCs	ongoing
GF/Save	Food and nutrition support package for two months to be provided for 668 ultra-poor children living with HIV (under 12 years) and 732 ultra-poor PLHIV above 45 years, through National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nepal (NAPN). SCI/GF will provide the financial support. Each of the 1400 beneficiaries will get package worth of 1650 NPR. This is an interim provision until those PLHIVs are linked to the government distributed relief packages.	completed
IFRC/NRCS	Nepal Red Cross is training and mobilizing Red Cross volunteers in 77 districts for Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities regarding COVID-19. Furthermore, it is continuing bloodtransfusion centre and ambulance services. IFRC provided \$150,000 to Nepal Red Cross Society for volunteer mobilization, basic items (Tarapulin, blanket, mattress) support in quarantine centres and procurement of surgical mask, gloves, sanitizer for blood transfusion centre and ambulances.	ongoing
FAIRMED Foundation Nepal	Participating in the provincial and federal level Health cluster, protection cluster meetings, and other meetings organized by AIN, SWC, and following the directive of the	Ongoing
DFAT	Technical support to the Nepal Law Society to host discussions with the Legislation Management of Committee of National Assembly on the amendment of the Con	6/15/2020
DFAT	Supporting coordination between federal, provincial and local government for the provision of female-friendly COVID-19 quarantine facilities	Ongoing
Planned:		
DFID	Also looking how DFID information gathering mechanisms can dock into UN provincial focal points to provide them (UN) info- avoid duplication. Also exploring how NHSSP sub national staff can help.	
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SECONDARY SOCIAL/HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPACTS - CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Donor	Intervention	Date expected to be done/completed
ADB	ADB provided \$300,000 to UNICEF which were used for procurement of PPE supplies. The second tranche of \$1.8m also received last week that will be used for the procurement of PPE, 100 Oxygen concentrators, 19,000 PCR test kits etc or the requirement from government.	
SDC DFAT USAID	Provided different medical safety equipments such as PPEs, Infrared Thermometers, Masks/Shields etc to P1 and P2 Funding two mobile storage units to augment health supply storage through WFP In Tulsipur, support the production and distribution of hand sanitizer by the Tulsipur Chamber of Commerce and Industry.	
UNFPA	Provided 10 sets of different inter-agency RH kits to Seti and Lumbini provincial hospitals and Kapivastu and Udaypur hospitals. In addition two sets of post rape treatment kits also provided to OCMC Butwal and Kapilvastu	
Planned:		
UNFPA	UNFPA will provide additional inter agency RH kits to different health facilities; Family Planning and MH commodities to Family Welfare Division (Condoms, Pills, Injectables, IUCD, Implants, Misoprostol, EC and Combipack (Mefi+Miso)	planned
Secondary Social/Health Systems Impacts - Continuity of Services		
Current:		
ADB	Budget support for health systems, social and economic impacts – goes to the GON (loan and grant).	15-
ADB	Budget support for immediate support in health systems – goes to the GON (loan and grant).	2
USAID	Procure ARVs, pre-position at local level, provide multi month dispensing to ensure PLHIV have access to drugs under lockdown. Find alternate service delivery sites for PLHIV getting drugs from Teku and other COVID referral hospitals.	
UNFPA	Rapid assessment of basic services continuity (RH/FP) Mobilising Visiting Service Providers (VSPs) by ensuring adequate personal and infection prevention measures in 13 districts to ensure continuous access of short term and long term (SARC and LARC) family planning services	Ongoing
UNFPA	Support in continuation of SRH/FP Helpline Services through FPAN and MIDSON	Ongoing
UNICEF	Advocacy and support to Province and Municipalities on continuity of essential health services, data collection using ONA tool	on going
FAIRMED Foundation Nepal	Working with health offices and local level for the continuity of the services like ANC, PNC, Institutional delivery and ensuring regular availability of medicine for leprosy patient in working	
DFAT	Supporting Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN) clinics to continue sexual and reproductive health care in 15 Terai districts, and provide COVID-19 screening and re	9/30/2020
DFAT	Supporting the continuation of SRH services in priority health facilities, including through repositioning of GBV and RH commodities	Ongoing
WHO	All technical support for service continuity and usual WHO support to MoHP counterparts continued including resource mobilization support	Ongoing

UPDATE FROM MHPSS -CLUSTER

MHPSS RESPONSE UPDATE

□ Facilitating Provincial Coordination and Response

- MHPSS services are now available in all **7** provinces and more than **50** districts

□ Major partners active in the field

- Center for Mental Health and Counselling (CMC) Nepal
- Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO) Nepal
- KOSHISH Nepal
- United Mission to Nepal
- CHHAHARI Nepal for Mental Health
- Unity in Health
- KOPILA

MHPSS RESPONSE UPDATE

Risk Communication/Community Awareness

- Radio program on mental health: 3 different radio programs being broadcasted through 300 radio stations
- PSA (public service announcement) being broadcasted through more than 500 radio stations
- Radio/TV interview by experts/activists
- Brochure and flex: > 3,000 have been distributed

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support service provided: 4681

Clinical MH service: 520 additional in last two weeks

MHPSS RESPONSE UPDATE

- ❑ Training service providers on PFA: 62
- ❑ Mental Health needs of Health Care Providers
 - A webinar on suicide prevention delivered
- ❑ Referral (health/social/legal): 116 UP from 42 earlier two week

IMMEDIATE PLAN AND MAJOR CHALLENGES

□ Immediate needs/recommendations:

- Mental health needs of those recovered from COVID 19
- Stigma reduction through community engagement specifically through those recovered from COVID 19
- Strengthening Primary/secondary Care Services (PHCs and District (provincial) Hospitals on providing mental health services

□ Major challenges:

- The COVID 19 MHPSS Intervention Framework (a short term MHPSS response plan) need to be funded from the Government resources and also from the development partners
- Systematic actions have not been taken in the provincial response and plan

REQUEST TO PARTNERS

- Include monsoon preparedness and response in their support
- Alert field offices for necessary support to Provincial/District health offices
- Add mosquito nets and PPEs in stock for response
- Inform/educate field offices, response teams on 'Public health standards,2077'
- Communicate health related response needs to nearest HEOCs
- Follow one door mechanism for response support

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR

- COVID 19 case management logistics (PPE, ventilator, lab re-agents, Oxygen concentrators etc)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (N95, full set) & TEST KITS
- Help in improving health conditions in quarantine (Hygiene and sanitation of returnees)
- Help health facilities for the continuation of services
- Risk communication/ Community engagement
- Support province and local level to form the Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Team.

Our Common Goal: No person should die from any other diseases including from COVID-19

TOGETHER, WE CAN!





**Thank you
for
your attention**

