As of 13th April 2020, the global death is 111652 (5702 new deaths) with 1773084 (76498 new cases) being infected and more than 300,000 recovered from COVID-19 pandemic. The United States of America has overtaken the maximum number of deaths and infected cases which was previously reported in Italy.

As a drastic measure to contain COVID-19 infection in Nepal, the Government enforced a nationwide lockdown starting from 24 March.

The lock down has been extended until 27 April 2020. In addition to the national-wide lock down the Government has suspended all domestic and international flights from 22 March and sealed all borders with India and China.

The Ministry of Health and Populations is leading the response with Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) supporting national and local authorities. NRCS emergency operation Centre (EOC) was activated and 50 SITREPS released with the activities held in 77 District chapters of Red Cross. Nepal Red Cross Society has been coordinating with the Ministry of Health, Health Emergency Operation Centers and other organization such as UNICEF and WHO.

Ministry of Home Affairs called cluster meeting on 15 March and requested all cluster leads to prepare COVID-19 response plan.

Nepal (Source): sitrep#65
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Key Highlights of districts:
- **Dhangadhi** Sub Metropolitan published a press release to support for the data collection of most vulnerable and needy people for relief distribution. Nepal Red Cross is given the responsibility to collect the data of most vulnerable household.
- 24 hours ambulance service and 24 hours emergency blood donation service at **Bhaktapur Red Cross.**
Nepal Red Cross Society Response

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Note: Table shows the directly reached people, indirectly reached is more.

NFI items distributed in 77 district by NRCS as part of COVID-19 response

- Mosquito net: 1833
- Mattress: 1503 M
- Soap: 8885
- Tarpaulin: 593
- Bucket with jug: 1588
- Tents: 281
- Blanket: 4001
- Bed Sheet: 253

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Key Government decisions of the week

Following the three positive cases in a day, the Government held a meeting of the Council of Ministers on 4 April 2020 and took additional key precautionary decisions to contain the spread of COVID-19. The decisions included:

1. Restriction of movement to make lockdown more effective
2. Mass scale tests in Kailali, Kanchanpur and Baglung where more than one positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified,

Recent tools developed and implemented

COVID-19 response guideline: NRCS COVID-19 response guideline is developed in Nepali language. The guideline has been endorsed by the NRCS senior management in March 2020 and has been shared with district chapters. The guideline will guide the COVID-19 response at Province, district chapter and National Headquarter (NHQ). Mainly this document specifies the roles and responsibilities of NRCS staff and volunteers at different levels (NHQ, province chapter, district chapter and sub-chapter) who are supporting the local government to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Infection, prevention and control (IPC) guideline: NRCS has developed IPC guideline in April 2020, which describes about minimum precaution measures for ambulance drivers while carrying the cases of COVID-19. It is in Nepali and endorsed. It has been shared at different levels (province chapter, district chapter and sub-chapter). NRCS is orienting this guideline to the Red Cross ambulance drivers via Skype or of phone. As of 12th April 2020, 133 drivers have been oriented.

Rapid Guidance for providing Restoring Family Link Service (RFL) during the COVID-19:

The Family Links Network, comprised of Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) offers services to authorities to ensure family links are maintained and restored. This is a brief document to guide on providing RFL Services during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic to ensure connections between families is maintained as Family News Service is a key part of the response of NRCS Province and District Chapters. RFL service programme supported with 260 dead body bag to Nepal police, Nepal Army and Dhulikhel Hospital, is supporting in family reunions in quarantine.
Social Media Reach and Volunteering

NRCS has been active in Twitter and Facebook throughout the COVID-19 response posting awareness materials, tracking and addressing rumours, and encouraging people in healthy behavior. In the past seven days, NRCS has reached on Facebook 265,422 different people and gotten 25,529 likes, comments, shares, and clicks on its posts.

In addition to that, NRCS launched a new innovative way for people to join the fight against COVID-19, Social Media Volunteering, which can be utilized easily during the times of lockdown and social distancing. In two days, more than 480 people have joined the new Facebook group called “NRCS Social Media Volunteers on COVID-19” dedicated for the social media volunteer coordination. Join the group here, https://www.facebook.com/groups/nrcsvolunteers/

Psychological First Aid(PFA Service)

Due to the increasing cases of COVID 19 and lockdown people may become panic at this time. It is natural for people with the sign and symptoms of psychological problems at this period and it can be treated on time with the support of Psychological First Aid. Nepal Red Cross Society has started the Psychological First Aid through the phone calls and online. As of 14th April 2020 117 people have been benefited with the service. Detail here, https://scontent-ams4-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/s960x960/90903776_10158623334613287_2413722782278877184_o.png?_nc_cat=103&_nc_sid=8024bb&_nc_ohc=GQ6XBVjQaRYAX8iNpFw&_nc_ht=scontent-ams4-1.xx&oh=baadddd40f8dc05596a4598c6a2e8b4a&oe=5EB804C0

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| **Bara**                               | • Attending regular meetings with DDMC and planning and coordination with CDO going on.  
• 4 PPE given to ambulance drivers.  
• 600 masks distributed.  
• Partition done in 1 ambulance. |
| **Rautahat**                           | • Ambulance kept stand by if needed.  
• 1 PPE received from headquarter given to ambulance driver.  
• 100 masks received from headquarter distributed.  
• no materials in district to distribute. |
| **Kailali**                            | • All 19 ward of kailali district have formulated a relief distribution committee and Red Cross has been selected as a member of the relief distribution team.  
• Similarly, Dhangadhi Sub Metro has published a press release to support for data collection of most vulnerable and needy people for relief distribution. Nepal Red Cross is also been mention in press release and requested to all the citizen to provide the information to Red Cross about the most vulnerable people. |
- 350 Mosquito Net, 179 Mug, 15 towel, 62 piece tissue paper has been supported to 13 quarantine.
- 17 Tarpoline has been supported to build the Quarantine.
- Additional 170 Blanket and 87 Plastic bucket has been supported for Quarantine.
- Media coverage on NRCS Kailai Response.
  1. [https://aksherpati.com/redcross_kailali/](https://aksherpati.com/redcross_kailali/)

### Arghakhachi
- Participation in DDMC meeting on regular basis.
- 7 people in quarantine and 3 people are kept in isolation ward.
- Flow of people returning from quarantine are increasing after their negative reports.
- 1 tent supported in district hospital by Red Cross for emergency fever clinic establishment.
- Sanitizers and masks sent from headquarter are further distributed to volunteers and staffs who are deployed in quarantine area.

**Need:**
- PPE for ambulance driver and blood bank staff not received yet.

### Dolakha
- Participation in DDMC meeting on regular basis.
- Quarantine hub formed in municipality level.
- DDMC committee does observation in quarantine area and Red Cross been involved over there.
- Radio program continuation.

**Need:**
- IEC materials
- PPE for blood bank staffs

### Bhaktapur
- 24 hours ambulance service made available.
- 24 hours emergency blood donation services.
- NRCS Duwakot SC in coordination with Sivam Sewa Mandal and Changunarayan ward number 2 feeding dinner to homeless and needy people everyday till the end of the lockdown period.
- Lunch given to 100 people (labors) on 13th April.
- 300 bottles water and 5 litres sanitizer given to Bhaktapur Metropolitan Police.
- Disinfectant sprayed in all ambulances and other service providing vehicles.
- Orientation given to 8 ambulance drivers.

### Dhankuta
- District chapter supported with bleaching powder(disinfectant agent) to District hospital, Dhankuta municipality, District administrative office, Army barrack.

### Kalikot
- Information dissemination to 983 beneficiaries through different interaction sessions in 11 HMGs and 5 schools.
| Rolpa | Project office has established 3 hand washing stations with soap and water at different places.  
|       | Palika has distributed 1/1 soap to each HH and 1/1 mask to every people of the palika.  
|       | In collaboration with project office, Palika had established Health Desk at entry gate of palika where information of migrant was recorded and health checkup was done.  
|       | Distribution of IEC materials and miking on COVID-19 prevention was done on every event of Palika at ward 4 and 5.  
|       | Safety materials for COVID-19 prevention like- PPE set, masks, gloves, sanitizer, soap etc (details in above table-1) supported from project have been handovered to Palika. Those materials were distributed to health workers and the people who are in more risk.  
|       | Information related to COVID-19 were disseminated through flex sheets.  
|       | Radio message related to COVID-19 is being broadcasted through local radio FM named 'Radio Malika' for two weeks (4 times in a day).  
|       | Established Health Desk at Obang and Bhabang after the coordination with palika  
|       | Distributed mask and sanitizer at high risk areas through palika.  
|       | In coordination with Palika by project office, DC Rolpa has supported 15 pcs of Blanket to Palika and 30 pcs to District hospital.  
|       | Distribution of posters and pamphlets about COVID-19 prevention in the community.  
|       | With the support of project office, Palika has established quarantine place for the incoming visitors.  
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Pictures:

300 bottles water and 5 litres sanitizer given to Bhaktapur Metropolitan Police.
Disinfecting ambulance and relief food distribution in Bhaktapur.

Handover of safety equipment for COVID-19 response to Pachaljharna RM by NRCS, Kalikot

- WHO Sitrep:  https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200413-sitrep-84-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=44f511ab_2
- Nepal Government Sitrep:  https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1f1hz4PNYkICJUFFcFcw_8AAEJsBUA5JQ

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