As of 18th April 2020, the global death is 146088 (6710 new deaths) with 2160207 (85678 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 nation-wide 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 54 SITREPS released with the activities held in 77 District chapters of Red Cross.

In order to avert a possible crisis of blood during the lockdown Red Cross is reaching out to the donors for collection. Donors are transported to the blood bank if blood donors want to donate the blood. All donors are screened for fever before obtaining blood.

Family Link Network of the Red Cross is helping to restore the contact with a family member at quarantine of different districts.

District chapters are coordinating for partition of ambulance as per the government policy.

At local government level Red Cross is specified for the beneficiary identification/finalization of beneficiary list for relief packs distribution targeting to the most vulnerable people.

| **Nepal (Source): sitrep#69** |
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| Total sample tested: | 8013 (New- 602) |
| Tested negative: | 7983 |
| Tested positive: | 30 (New-14) |
| Result yet to come | 143 |
| Recovered | 1 |
| Deaths: | 0 |
| Total no. of people in quarantine | 4536 (Doesn't include the reports of Kathmandu valley hospitals) |
| Total no of people in isolation | 112 |
NRCS Headquarter highlights:

NRCS ambulance in many districts are standby for the transport of COVID-19 suspected cases to the hospital and many are engaged in day to day patient transfer. It is high time that we assure the safety of our ambulance drivers and staff involved in patient transfer and limit the risk of diseases transmission. Realizing the need of ambulance safety focusing to COVID-19 response, NRCS ambulance safety guideline was developed referring to national and international protocol and guideline. With dissemination of ambulance guideline to 77 districts there exist a need to orient staff and volunteers specifically the ambulance drivers on Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) to be followed . Thus, the initiative of virtual orientation was initiated by NRCS HQs to orient NRCS ambulance drivers on Ambulance safety with any possible means of communication to reach them. As of 18th April, reaching to 72 districts 148 ambulance drivers are oriented .

"Working as humanitarian service in Red Cross since many years it is felt less support in terms of Corona-response, PPE availability. We ourselves are buying the needful protective equipment like masks and gloves and applying protective measures"

-NRCS Ambulance driver Chitwan

Major highlights of districts:

**Kathmandu**

- 50 set blanket supported to Kirtipur Municipality for quarantine.
- 30 set blanket support to Dakshinkali Municipality for quarantine.
- District chapter provided mask to 18 subchapters(20 Piece for each subchapter).
- Kamal Pokhari subchapter organized blood donation program.
- District chapter supported 150 masks to Danga police at Ratnapark area.
- Kathmandu District chapter's 2 volunteers mobilized for spraying disinfectant at the office area of danga police at Tripureshwor.
- 4 Female Champion(Champion is the group formed at community under SURE Project to lead the community level activities) from Dalit group have been actively involved in distributing the relief items and sensitizing to the local people about COVID-19 in their respective wards. some have been actively involved in COVID 19 preparedness doing door to door visit and some champions are directly involved in the relief distribution.
**Mahottari:**

To establish quarantine & Boarder Security post NRCS Mahottari supported with:

- 10 mosquito net, 20 blankers and 5 buckets with jug at 10 bedded quarantine at Halkhori.
- 22 mosquito nets, 21 blankets, 28 bedsheets, 6 kitchen set and 5 bucket with jugs at 25 bedded quarantine of Jaleswor College.
- 12 tarpaulins, 15 blankets, 15 mosquito net and 4 buckets with jug at Jalsagar 15 bedded quarantine.
- 4 tarpaulins and 4 jerrycans to armed police force of boarder security post.

**Doti:**

- Regular coordination with municipality/ RM
- Regular blood and ambulance service at district.
- Radio jingle airing 5 times a day in Triveni FM (Silgadhi, Doti) about the prevention of COVID-19.
- Coordination with ward office to distribute food and soap relief items for 51 low economic households under Purbichauki Rural Municipality ward no 4.
- Red Cross volunteers mobilized during relief items distribution for managing the crowd by maintaining the distance.
- Radio jingle airing 5 times a day in Doti FM (Silgadhi, Doti) about the prevention of COVID-19. **Supported by Pashchim Disaster Preparedness Project**

**Jhapa:**

- Red Cross supported 8 tarpaulins to establish temporary check-post in India-Nepal Border areas.
- 15 tarpaulins were supported in Mechinagar quarantine area. Strengthening capacity of ambulance to carry suspected Cases.
### Nepal Red Cross Society Response

**Activity**

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<td># of people reached through COVID-19 awareness sessions (Community orientation, school orientation, door to door visit, help desk, micing)</td>
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<td># of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials produced and distributed (pamphlets, flex, stickers, flyers, brochures, banners, etc.)</td>
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<td># of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suit) distributed</td>
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<td># of COVID-19 specific episodes of radio programs</td>
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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**: 2080
- **Mattress**: 1515
- **Soap**: 5176
- **Tarpaulin**: 657
- **Bucket with jug**: 1648
- **Tents**: 289
- **Blanket**: 281
- **Bed Sheet**: 281

*Note: The distribution of NFI items in 77 districts by NRCS as part of COVID-19 response.*
Recent tools developed and implemented

- COVID-19 response guideline:
- Infection, prevention and control (IPC) guideline
- Rapid Guidance for providing Restoring Family Link Service (RFL) during the COVID-19
- Social Media Reach and Volunteering
- Psychological First Aid (PFA)


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