As of 3rd May 2020, the global death is 238628 (8657 new deaths) with 3349947 (82763 new cases) being infected and more than 800,000 recovered from COVID-19 pandemic. The World Health Organization has downgraded Nepal from being very vulnerable and reclassified the country as being less at risk.

The country lock-down started on 24th March, 2020, continues until 7th May, 2020. The flights are suspended till 15th May 2020. Until further notice the borders of India and China are closed.

The Ministry of Health and Populations, Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC), is leading the response with the support of UN agencies and many other organizations. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is also the part of it, with the support of movement partners and government agencies at all levels NRCS is responding to the current situation. NRCS emergency operation Centre (EOC) was activated on 6th of February 2020 and 67 SITREPS released with the activities held in 77 District chapters of Red Cross.

### Nepal (Source: sitrep#84

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<th>Total samples tested:</th>
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<td>Tested negative:</td>
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<td>Total no. of people in quarantine</td>
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<td>Total no of people in isolation</td>
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Key highlights:

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 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. More than 800 people have joined the new Facebook group called “NRCS Social Media Volunteers on COVID-19” dedicated to social media volunteer coordination. Every day there are reports from volunteers as well as discussion among the volunteers, resulting in new creative and innovative ideas for local responses. Volunteers are both sharing and getting information from the group. Many of the volunteers are sharing the information with their own communities after being well informed in the group.

Request to join the group here, https://www.facebook.com/groups/nrcsvolunteers/

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)
**Nepal Red Cross Society Response:**

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<td># of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suit) distributed</td>
<td>535</td>
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<td># of community members receiving PFA</td>
<td>274</td>
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<td># of ambulance services at districts</td>
<td>242</td>
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<td># of ambulance drivers oriented on Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) guideline</td>
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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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**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

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<td># of hygiene kits distributed</td>
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<td># of people reached with hygiene promotion activities (hand washing demonstration and practical sessions)</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td># hand washing stations</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>219</td>
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<td># of soaps distributed</td>
<td>650</td>
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<td># of buckets with jug distributed</td>
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**Shelter**

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<td>NFI supported at quarantine (Tarpaulin, tent, blanket, kitchen set, mosquito net etc)</td>
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<td># of Tent</td>
<td>341</td>
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<td># of tarpaulin</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>1109</td>
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<td># of blanket</td>
<td>480</td>
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<td># of mosquito net</td>
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<td># of mattress</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td># of bed sheet</td>
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### Risk Communication and Community Engagement and Accountability

| # of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials produced and distributed (pamphlets, flex, stickers, flyers, brochures, banners, etc.) | 561651 |
| # of responded calls in NRCS hotline (1130) | 6 | 362 |
| # of COVID 19 specific episodes of radio programs | 126 |

### Protection, Gender and Inclusion

| # of staff/volunteer oriented on PGI during COVID Response | 22 |
| # of street children and labor supported with temporary shelter | 18 |

### National Society Development

| # of NRCS volunteers mobilized during COVID 19 Response | 6 | 1069 |
| # of guideline developed to Response COVID 19 | 4 |

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

### NRCS District level response (5/4/2020)

| Bajhang | • More people are entering the district these days.  
           • Attending planning and coordination meetings. |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Western Rukum | • Have been helping in relief distribution.  
                      • No materials in district to support further. |
| Salyan | • Volunteers mobilized in Quarantine and in awareness programs.  
          • Attending regular meetins for planning and coordination. |
| Humla | • Large number of people who were stuck in Nepalgunj were about to be rescued from Nepalgunj but |
now due to the spread of virus in Nepalgunj, the plan has been cancelled.

- Volunteers have been helping in soap distribution in households initiated by 3-4 organizations.
- Attending meetings on regular basis.

### Jumla
- Information dissemination from radio programs going on.
- Attending meetings on regular basis.

### Mugu
- Coordination with sub-chapter and stakeholders of district through video conference.
- Sub-chapter conducted awareness program in their working areas.
- Number of quarantine site is been increased and Red Cross-is ready to support with logistic materials.
- Distributed below materials to frontlines workers:
  - Mask- 150
  - PPE set-35
  - Gloves- 350
  - Handkerchief- 350

### Jajarkot
- Radio program continuation.
- Number of quarantine site is been increased and Red Cross-is ready to support with logistic materials.
- Coordination with sub-chapter and stakeholders of district.

### Dadeldhura
- People who entered district were kept in quarantine at first.
- Number of quarantine site is been increased and Red Cross-is ready to support with logistic materials.
- Observation and monitoring in quarantine site in coordination with local level.
- Recently supported logistic materials in quarantine:
  - Blanket-25
  - Tarpaulin-25
  - Bucket-25
  - Set of utensils-25

**Demand:**

**Logistic materials out of stock**

### Banke
- Complete lockdown.
- Feared environment after the COVID-19 confirmed case seen.
- Radio program continuation.
- Coordination with stakeholder for further action.
- Closely monitoring the deployed volunteer & staff for the quarantine support and reporting to DDMC/DEOC.
- Continually, supported the partial shelter item to quarantine as per requested from local level and DDMC/NRCS subchapter.
- Supported to distribute relief in local level by selected NRCS volunteer.
- Prepared the volunteer list from each ward of all local level based on Volunteer mobilization guideline for Covid-19 prevention and control guideline and roster shared to all local level.
- Distributed 50 sets shelter items (Blanket, Matrix, Mosquito net) to Nepalgunj Municipality for new one quarantine management.
- Filled up quarantine assessment form of 3 quarantine site and send which had developed by UNRCO.

**Bardiya**
- Radio program continuation.
- Coordination with stakeholder for further action.
- Distributed sanitary materials (soap and bucket) in District Prison Office.
- In needed condition, Red Cross is ready to support with logistic materials in quarantine areas.

**Parasi**
- Radio program continuation.
- Coordination with stakeholder for further action.
- In needed condition, Red Cross is ready to support with logistic materials in quarantine areas.

**Rupandehi**
- Radio program continuation.
- Coordination with stakeholder for further action.
- Recently supported 80 blankets in newly formed quarantine in Siddhartha municipality.

**Myagdi**
- Supported 25 blanket in newly formed quarantine at Dhaulagiri rural municipality.

**Dolakha**
- Besides COVID-19 awareness program, conducted emergency blood donation camp in collaboration with Naya Bazaar Youth Club.
- Supported 650 soaps to 9 Local level for washing hands in quarantine.
- District chapter has provided 300 blankets and 25 Buckets to 9 Local level for quarantine management.
- 1300 packet biscuits distributed in Quarantine.
- Regular coordination Local level and NRCS sub-chapter.
Sanitary products handover by Bardiya District Chapter to Bardiya jail.

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