

# Nepal Red Cross Society

## Situation Report : COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

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**As of 15th August 2020, the global death is 755786 (9985 new deaths) with 21026758 (294237 new cases) being infected and more than 1,10,00,000 recovered from COVID-19 pandemic.**

Ministry of Health and Population confirmed 641 new COVID-19 cases, with this the total number of confirmed case has reached to 26660 and total death count has reached 104 as of 16th of August 2020.

Ministry of Health and Population, 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 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 and 157 SITREPS released with the activities held in 77 District chapters of Red Cross. Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), supported by Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement and non-Movement partners bears unique responsibilities and added value when it comes to responding to any emergencies. Meanwhile, NRCS is supporting the Government in COVID-19 response and preparedness through various sectoral activities being implemented through its local branches to meet the needs of community in this current pandemic

<b>Nepal</b> MOHP website; <a href="https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/">https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/</a>	
<b>Total samples tested:</b>	<b>517907</b>
<b>Tested negative:</b>	<b>491247</b>
<b>Tested positive:</b>	<b>26660</b>
<b>Recovered</b>	<b>17335</b>
<b>Deaths:</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total no. of people in quarantine</b>	<b>15243</b>
<b>Total no of people in isolation</b>	<b>9221</b>

## Highlight:

### Unit Action Team Response during COVID-19

Dhiran Khadka and Hari Chandra Khadka resident of Chayanath Rara Municipality, ward no. 3 Irma village, Mugu were able to return their home town from India in between the lockdown period in Nepal. As soon as this news was received by Unit Action Team leader Ganesh Bahadur Khadka, along with his team reached their home. They informed the family members about the potential risk of COVID-19 and asked the returnee to stay in quarantine. But, they were not ready to stay separately from their family. After struggling a lot they were convinced to stay in a separate room at their own house. The next day, NRCS in coordination with District Police Office, they were shifted to the quarantine site established at School.

Ganesh says, "Initially, the community did not accept the role of Unit Action Team . But with this incidence, we have been able to gain the trust of the community .We will be working for minimizing the potential risk of COVID-19 and its spread in the community along with other disasters that might occur in coming future."

*Note: Unit Action Team is a cluster of population comprising 20-30 households to be led by locally nominated, dependable Team Leader. Number of Units are defined by local government, which should be geographically accessible pocket of households. Since their major task is to support Ward Disaster WDMC, they will be activated in all disasters beyond COVID-19. With the support of UNICEF, Nepal Red Cross Society is forming the Unit Action Team in 50 palikas of 28 districts. Mainly Unit Action Team will support to keep the record of every people entering the community, recognize the threats of the community and to keep the community informed with life saving messages and to support people with appropriate referral services.*

## NRCS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

### Health and Care

Activity	New(8/16/2020)	Cumulative achievement
# of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, hazmat suit) distributed	600	329248
# of community members receiving PFA	264	2342
# of people receiving Psychological First Aid Online training		356
# of ambulance services at districts		247
# of ambulance drivers oriented on Infection ,Prevention and Control(IPC) guideline		148
# of people reached through COVID-19 awareness sessions(Community orientation, school orientation, door to door visit, help desk, micing)	60	216784

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

# of hygiene kits distributed		568
# of people reached with hygiene promotion activities (hand washing demonstration and practical sessions)		8561
# hand washing stations		766
# of soaps distributed		35501
# of buckets distributed		4648
# of mugs distributed		1896
# people benefited with drinking water bottle (Point of entry, isolation, quarantine).		114708

### Shelter

NFI supported at quarantine( Tarpaulin, tent, blanket, kitchen set,mosquito net etc)		
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# of Tents		462
# of tarpaulins		2417
# of blankets		14795
# of mosquito nets		3563
# of mattresses		7850
# of bed sheets		870
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement and Accountability</b>		
# of Information, Education and Communication(IEC) materials produced and distributed (pamphlets, flex, stickers, flyers, brochures, banners, etc.)		696842
# of responded calls in NRCS hotline(1130)	5	668
# of COVID 19 specific episodes of radio programs		131
# of people oriented on cyberbullying virtually		275
<b>Protection, Gender and Inclusion</b>		
# of staff/volunteer oriented on PGI during COVID Response		63
# of street children and labor supported with temporary shelter		18
# people benefited with meal during lockdown		17933
# of dignity kits distributed in quarantine site		1081
# of Kishori Kits distributed in quarantine site		214
#Online PGI Orientation on COVID-19 Response		52
<b>National Society Development</b>		
# of NRCS volunteers mobilized during COVID 19 Response	11	1963
# of guideline developed to Response COVID 19		4

**Note: Table shows the directly reached people only, number of people reached indirectly is more in number.**

**NRCS District level response(8/16/2020)**

<b>Surkhet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PFA orientation session was conducted 4 times in quarantine site of Birendranagar municipality ward number 8 where 87 people were benefitted and 2 volunteers were mobilized.</li> <li>➤ 600 mask were distributed in quarantine site of Birendranagar municipality ward number 8.</li> <li>➤ Orientation on COVID-19 risk communication was done to task force team of Birendranagar municipality ward number 11 where 38 people were benefitted and 3 volunteers were mobilized.</li> <li>➤ PFA orientation session was conducted in quarantine site of Lekbeshi municipality ward number 3 where 119 people were benefitted and 1 volunteer was mobilized.</li> <li>➤ PFA orientation session was conducted in quarantine site of Panchpuri municipality ward number 10 where 58 people were benefitted and 1 volunteer was mobilized.</li> </ul>
<b>Jumla</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ COVID-19 related radio program continuation.</li> <li>➤ 1 NFRI set distributed in community of Chandannath municipality ward number 2.</li> <li>➤ 1 NFRI set distributed in community of Chandannath municipality ward number 7.</li> <li>➤ Orientation on COVID-19 risk communication was done in municipality office of Chandannath municipality ward number 4 where 22 people were benefitted and 4 volunteers were mobilized.</li> </ul>

**Note:** Updates collected from 5W table

**Picture of the day:**



Figure :NRCS volunteer is distributing the IEC material to a woman in Kaski district.

**References**

For further updates,

WHO sitrep: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200815-covid-19-sitrep-208.pdf?sfvrsn=9dc4e959\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200815-covid-19-sitrep-208.pdf?sfvrsn=9dc4e959_2)

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