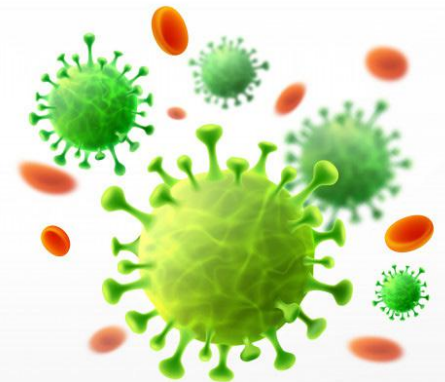




Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center (KIRDARC) Nepal



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

15th March to 15th April 2020

Context

COVID-19 pandemic (WHO declared on March 11, 2020) has virtually affected the entire world as more than 2.33 million people are infected world-wide with more than 160000 casualties till the date¹. Countries have been trying and testing measures to prevent the spread of the virus from social distancing, to limiting mass gathering, to complete lockdown of the nation. Meanwhile, Nepal is not an exception as total 31 people in Nepal have been confirmed with COVID-19 (among them, 3 have already recovered) and 28 patients are currently receiving treatment till 19th April 2020. The government of Nepal has declared nationwide lockdown since 23rd March 2020 with the intention to contain the virus in the country and has extended lockdown until 30th April 2020. Even though government and people's efforts and measures, the infected cases are gradually increasing in the country. In this context, all the development and administrative activities are halted except government relief program, maintaining quarantine, medical services, and some awareness in very limited vicinity against COVID-19. As a result, National economy and all walks of lives have been hard hit regarding supply of daily essentials and goods, medicines, protective materials. Lack of financial resource among people especially those were living in daily wages has been the worst.

¹ <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (Updated on 19th April 2020 8:45 am)

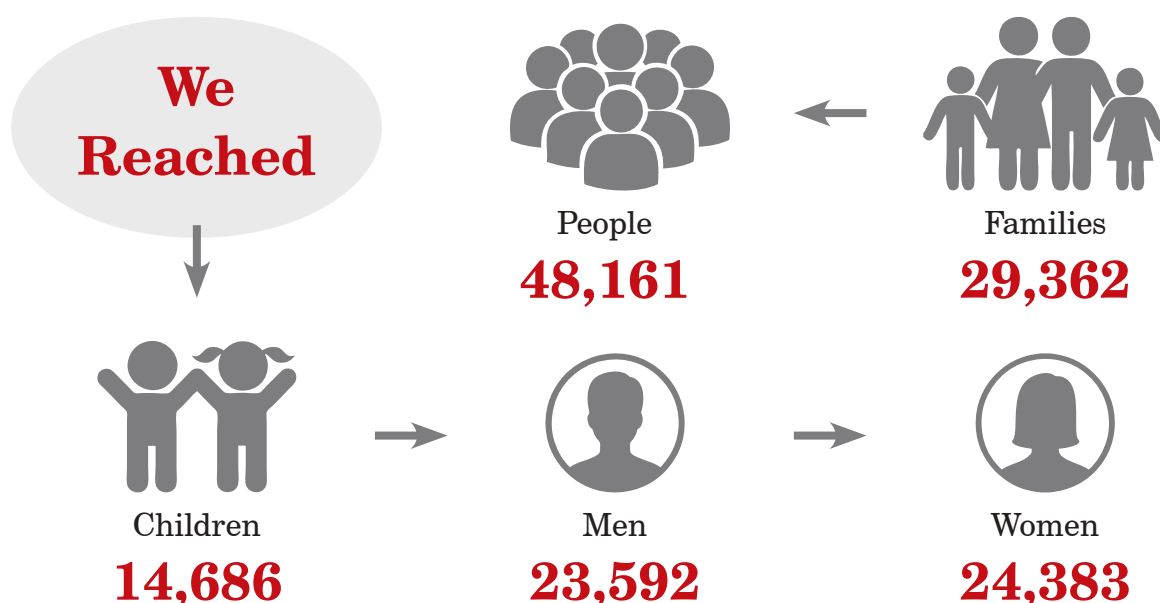
Emergency Response Goal

To check the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable groups women, adolescents and Children.

Strategic Objectives:

- Improved preventives measures against spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases at community level.
- Strengthened the health service delivery at local level.
- Vulnerable communities including women, adolescents and children are supported through education, child protection and food security.

Based on the aforementioned strategic objectives, KIRDARC has been involved in emergency support in close coordination and support from our strategic partners and donors with the ultimate mission to contain the COVID-19. In this regard, KIRDARC has supported the local government and community people on preventive actions, strengthen health delivery system and support the marginalized community and people in vulnerable conditions.



Major Highlights

Improved preventives measures against spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases at community level.



25,678

People sensitized on preventives measures against COVID-19



3,850

Family supported with Hand washing materials



7,567

Masks distributed to community people



200

Bottles of Hand Sanitizer (500 ml) distributed to communities and health facilities.



515

Awareness events organized



115

N-95 Masks distributed to health workers



47

Radio Episodes Broadcasted



3785

IEC materials distributed in the communities

Strengthen Health Service Delivery at Local Level



14

Health facilities supported and facilitated to establish 14 Quarantines in program areas.



7

Help Desk Establishment Supported



882,000

NRs. contributed in Emergency Relief Fund of Local Governments



55

Personal Protective Equipment provided to health workers



450

People supported for securing of safe quarantine and/or isolation spaces

Vulnerable communities including women, adolescents and children are supported through education, child protection and food security.



6,067

Vulnerable families received sanitation and hygiene kits to promote preventive measures against COVID-19.



6,078

Vulnerable families identified to distribute emergency reliefs in Kalikot and Humla



808

Vulnerable families received family support package.



3,740

Children and adolescents reached with sharing of targeted age specific health education

Future Plans and Priorities

Overall

- Expand the program on preventive measures against COVID-19 in non-program local levels and districts to contain the spread of the virus.
- Support to 8560 families with family support package and Hygiene Kits within April 2020 in Kalikot and Humla districts.
- Support to promote the health service, child protection and education to protect from COVID-19 and other communicable diseases
- Facilitate to strengthen the child protection mechanism at local level during emergency.
- Identify 5000 vulnerable families to ensure the food security during the lock-down in Jumla and Kapilvastu districts.
- Facilitate to promote multi-stakeholder platform to ensure children, adolescents and women are protected.
- Contribute in Emergency Relief Fund of Local Government and Province Government to check the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impacts on vulnerable groups' women, adolescents and children.

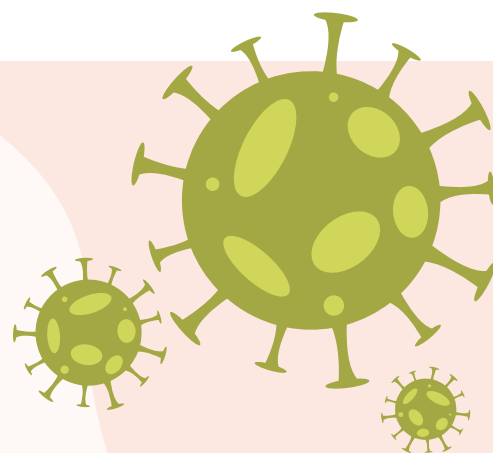


Photo Gallery



Figure 1: Programme Officer Mr. Shree Bdr. Bhandari handing cheque of Rs. 2, 81,000 to the Mayor of Budhhbhumi Municipality, Kapilvastu



Figure 2: Programme Officer Mr. Shree Bdr. Bhandari handing cheque of NRs. 2, 81,000 to Mayor of Shivaraj Municipality, Kapilvastu



Figure 3: District Coordinator Mr. Tularam Pandey handing support materials to Mayor of Khadachakra municipality, Kalikot



Figure 4: Agreement between Chhayanath Rara municipality and KIRDARC, Nepal, GNI Nepal and KPADF to contribute Rs. 4, 00,000 in emergency fund of Chhayanath Rara municipality, Mugu.



Figure 5: Health and Hygiene Equipment supported to health post of Shuvakalika Rural Municipality of Kalikot district.



Figure 6: Mr. Bharat Shahi of KIRDARC Nepal inspecting the support material ready to be dispatched for the distribution



Figure 7: SAMVAD Adolescents are demonstrating hand washing practice for community people in Kapilvastu district.



Figure 8: Distribution of preventive material for covid-19 at Shuvakalika RM, Kalikot

Districts Status, Plan and Priorities



Kapilvastu

- Working closely with Shivaraj Municipality and Budhhabhumi Municipality to respond COVID-19.
- Provided NRs. 2,41,000 each Local Government (Shivaraj Municipality and Buddhabhumi Municipality).
- Supporting surveillance efforts at entry points into the Municipalities.
- Planning to provide family support package to most vulnerable families.
- Planning to broadcast Radio SAMVAD program.
- Running sensitization campaigns to sensitize people on preventive measures of COVID-19 and child protection by ensuring safety of all.

Kalikot

- Working closely with local government and District Health Office.
- Organized sensitization events regarding behavior change communication on COVID-19.
- Reached to more than 57 communities with risk reduction messages.
- Running sensitization programs through community media.
- Supported to Local Government with preventive measures equipment.
- Planning to train the 62 health workers and 115 community leaders on COVID-19 preparedness.
- Supporting surveillance efforts at entry points into the R/Municipalities.
- Planning to provide family support package to 2646 vulnerable families.

Jumla

- Working closely with Local Governments and District Health Office.
- KIRDARC Nepal Jumla Office is working with the Local Governments at district level and health offices to establish gaps and needs.
- Distributed behavior change communication pamphlets on containing COVID-19.
- Organizing awareness campaign through community media, mobilizing staffs and distributing behavior change communication pamphlets on COVID-19.
- Planning to distribute the family support package and cash to around 3500 families.
- Planning to support health facilities (PPE) to promote health service delivery at local level.

Mugu

- Contributed Rs. 4,00,000 in emergency fund of Chhayanath Rara municipality.
- Organizing awareness activities in close coordination with local government and concerned stakeholders.
- Expand the areas of awareness campaign against COVID-19 focusing hand washing practices and sanitation by mobilizing the staffs.
- Planning to distribute behavior change communication pamphlets on COVID-19.
- Planning to support cash in Emergency Relief Fund in Soru RM, Khatyad RM and Mugum Kameron RM.
- Planning to implement the emergency response project on child protection, WASH and education in technical and financial support of UNICEF.

Humla

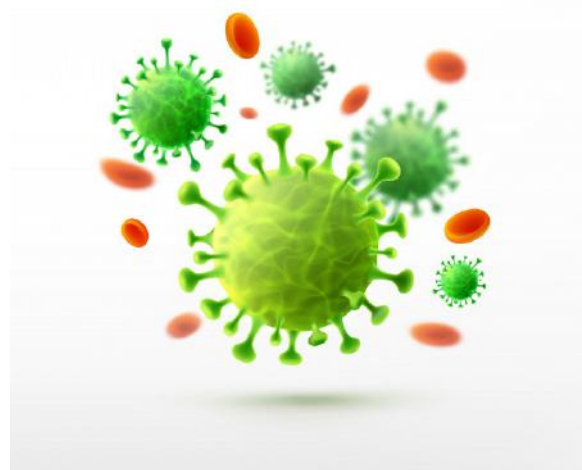
- Contributed NRs. 1,10,000 in District Emergency Relief Fund, Humla.
- Working closely with Local Government and District Health Office.
- Carried out awareness campaigns on preventive measures of COVID-19.
- Planning to distribute hygiene kits to 1200 families in Simikot and 2000 families in Sarkegard.
- Planning to support to health facilities with health equipment and medicines.

Dolpa

- Carried out awareness campaigns on preventive measures of COVID-19.
- Seeking fund to provide support to most vulnerable families.

Surkhet

- Carried out awareness campaigns on preventive measures of COVID-19.
- Planning to contribute in emergency fund of Karnali Province contribution of 5 days salary of KIRADRC staffs i.e. **NPR 300,000.**



Summary of Cash/Material Support

Funding Agency	District	Local Levels	Total Fund	Kind Support	
				Materials	Quantity
Stromme Foundation	Kapilbastu	Shivraj Municipality, Budhabhumi Municipality	1,082,000	Soap	2000
				Mask	864
				Cash	4,82,000
Save the Children	Kalikot	Khandachakra Municipality Raskot and Naraharinath Rural Municipality	89,686	P-form	80
				Bed Sheet	24
				Blanket	24
				Bucket, Jug, Soap Bar and Washing Bucket	14 each
				Hand wash Soap	500
				Tooth Brush, Paste	40 each
				Nail Cutter	50
				Handwash/soap	400
Save the Children	Kalikot	Shhubhakalika and Tilagupha	48,000 + Kind support from SCI	Bouffant Cap (Blue)	30
				Surgical Mask	900
				Nitrile Exam Gloves, Medium (Inner & Outer) (Pair)- Sterile	100
				Gum Boot (pair)	30
				Boot/shoe cover	110
				Disposable Bag	70
				Hand Sanitizer	30
				Surgical Gloves- Non sterile	1400
				Surgical Gloves- sterile	700
				Poster COVID-19	114
				Plastic Bucket 15 litre	32
				Cleaning mop with handle	14
				Utility Gloves	50
				Broadcasting radio Jingel	8

Funding Agency	District	Local Levels	Total Fund	Kind Support	
				Materials	Quantity
Mission East	Humla	Simikot RM and Sarkegard RM (on the way)	1,137,682	Hand washing soap	20,280
				Laundry soap	6,760
				Soap case	3,380
				Liquid soap - 200 ML	360
				Surgical Mask	3,600
				Examination gloves	120
				Sanitizer - 500 ML	180
				Bucket with tap - 20 Ltrs	60
	Kalikot	Palata RM (distribution in process)	881,867	Hand washing soap	15,876
				Laundry soap	5,292
				Soap case	2,646
				Liquid soap - 200 ML	270
				Surgical Mask	2,700
				Examination gloves	90
Plan International	Jumla	Sinja Rural Municipality, Kankasundari RM	2,757,300	Kanaka Sundari RM 2730 cash each HH	505 HH
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Good Neighbor International	Mugu	Rara Chayanath Municipality, Soru Rural Municipality, Khatyad Rural Municipality, Karmarong Rural Municipality	13,10,000	Cash Contribution to RM (40,000, 360,000, 350,000, 200,000 Respectively)	
World Vision	Jumla	DDRC	Kind Support	PPE set is on the way	30
		Tila RM and Tatopani RM	100000	Rice for the vulnerable HH	
		Tila RM, Tatopani RM, Patarashi RM, Guthichaur RM & Chandannath Municipality	30000	COVID 19 related IEC materials	4000
KIRDARC Own Resource (Salary contribution)	Humla	DDRC	110000	COVID19 Response & Relief Fund	
	Surkhet	Karnali Province	300000	COVID 19 Response & Relief Fund	

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the partners and donors for your kind support during this emergency.



About us

KIRDARC since its establishment in 1999 has been recognized as a leading agency for change in Karnali, an obvious choice as a development partner in the region. Through its active and constant engagement with communities and collaboration and coordination with other development partners, KIRDARC has set an example of right-based development model: human rights promotion, community empowerment, media and civil society mobilization, development initiatives facilitation, and policy advocacy. KIRDARC primarily focuses its efforts in the development of Karnali region, however, it adopts the strategies that go beyond the regional focus, and are linked to national and international issues and processes. KIRDARC abides national and international human rights laws, principles and norms; and, operates drawing references and guidelines from international human rights movements. As a central player for the change in the region, KIRDARC strategically strengthens its governance structure and practices; expands its scopes; institutionalizes the best practices; intensifies its relationship with partners; also to fulfill the expectation of Karnali people from KIRDARC.

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