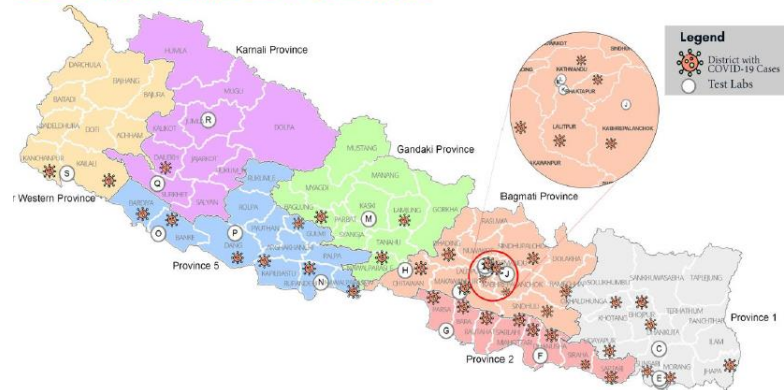


HIGHLIGHTS

- With new more cases found, total number of coronavirus positive has reached 603.
- All regular businesses, industries have been shut down because as the lockdown extended till 2nd June 2020.
- Government has introduced RDT and PCR testing across all 7 provinces.
- Government has released relief package guidelines for ultra-poor.
- Border to china and India has been sealed.
- ADRA has closed country and field offices
- Government has endorsed 13 standards and guidelines for COVID-19 so far.

COVID-19 affected districts and RT-PCR Laboratories



48,815
Specimen
tested

603
Cases
Confirmed

513
in isolation

87
Recovered

3
Death

18
Testing labs

25
Hospital designated
for treatment

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Information on the Emergency

As of May 24, a total of 513 cases with coronavirus positive have been confirmed in Nepal and 3 persons have died of the virus.

Government of Nepal (GoN) first imposed lockdown on 24th March that recently has been extended till 2nd June 2020 to prevent spread of the virus.

The GoN has designated a total of 25 hospitals across the country for the treatment of the disease.

Specimen tests are available in 18 hospitals across the country.

People Affected

As of 24 May, 3 persons have died due to COVID-19.

Total number of coronavirus confirmed cases has

reached 603 while 87 persons have returned home after recovery whereas 513 persons are under the isolation.

Humanitarian Situation

3 deaths have been reported so far. Due to the lockdown, people have been staying at home. Specially, poor and daily wage earners have been severely affected. As their livelihood has been challenged, government has announced relief package for ultra-poor and relevant guidelines have also been endorsed. Both Nepal-China and Nepal-India borders have been sealed to prevent spread of the virus. Government of Nepal has executed following actions to respond COVID-19.

- Government has declared to address the

problem of employment, livelihoods, economic recovery and health prevention through its Fiscal Policy and Program for new fiscal year.

- Government has increased rate of test through Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) and Polymerase Chain reaction (PCR)
- GoN has been tracing contact of confirmed cases and taking specimen for test
- GoN has mobilized all health workers in government service without granting leave.
- GoN has issued COVID-19 response guideline to facilitate response works
- Association of INGOs in Nepal (AIN) has provided medical assistance worth 45.3 million Nepalese rupees through a joint procurement initiation of 16 organizations whereas INGOs have also contributed medical supply individually.

Gaps in Humanitarian Assistance

- COVID-19 positive cases have been dramatically over last two weeks spreading fear among people
- Despite lockdown, there is no barrier in food import and supply for those who can afford
- Daily wage earners have been facing difficulties to manage their living though the government and few humanitarian organizations have provided some relief package
- Those who are under quarantine and isolation centers have complained government management for poor quality. They have reported that status of food and hygiene is too poor.
- Large number of ultra-poor populations has not accessed relief materials

N/A

Main Findings: NA

Methodology: NA

Location: NA

Date: 24 May 2020

ADRA's Response Activities

ADRA Nepal has conducted following activities to respond COVID-19

- ADRA and its partner Bagamati Welfare Society Nepal handed over health commodities to nine birthing centers of Sarlahi district that includes 1,500 pieces of 3 pay masks, 40 sets of PPE, 5,000 pieces of gloves and 50 bottles of hand sanitizer (500 ml).
- ADRA, together with its partner Bagamati Welfare Society Nepal, handed over 70 types of medical equipment including ventilator and N95 masks to Koshi Hospital Biratnagar on 12 April 2020.
- Medical equipment including N95 mask, gloves were supported to Scheer Memorial Hospital Banepa
- Medical supplies (1,000 pieces surgical masks, 6,000 pieces gloves, 24 litre Sanitizer, 48 litre phenyl and 48 litre spirit) handed over to Swargadwari municipality in Pyuthan and Runtigadhi rural municipality in Rolpa district.
- Posters were disseminated in Pyuthan to raise awareness on COVID-19.
- Handwashing orientations were conducted for Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHV) in Terai districts.

ADRA's RESPONSE

Needs Assessment

Funding Opportunities

ADRA Nepal has generated fund from existing donors including Australian government, Open Heart International, Canadian Food Grain Bank, and ADRA Japan for COVID-19 response activity. Continue exploring funding opportunities with other donors; UNFPA, DFID and ADRA network.

<https://www.facebook.com/joinADRANepal/notifications/>

Twitter: @AdraNepal

Quotes

RESPONSE COORDINATION

Coordination with other Organizations

ADRA is actively coordinating with the Association of INGOs in Nepal (AIN), DRR network, Health Cluster, and other lead agencies as well as with the government for updates and possible actions.

Cluster Meetings

ADRA is representing the different cluster meeting via video conferencing and getting frequent updates from different agencies.

CONSTRAINTS

Security Constraints

NA

Other Constraints

The government decided to enforce a lockdown effective from 24th March that has been extended till 2nd June to prevent spread of coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, mobility has been restricted. However, ADRA has managed essential mobility for response purpose by taking travel permit from the government.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media

ADRA Nepal is posting its work and key messages regarding COVID-Response in its media outlets.

Website: www.adranepal.org

Facebook

The next SitRep will be circulated on

10 June 2020

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PHOTOS

Medical commodities being handed over to a local government in Banke district



Medical commodities being handed over to Bagdaha Birthing Center in Sarlahi district



Medical Equipment being handed over to Koshi Hospital Biratnagar



Medical supplies being handed over to local government in Rolpa district.

