

**Briefing from Provincial Health Service
Directorate
National Nutrition Cluster Meeting**

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Brief highlights/updates

- Provincial COVID response plan still under the process of endorsement.
- Provincial monsoon preparedness and response plan under process of finalization.
- UNICEF supported 21000 flyers and 70 flexes with messages on child nutrition, maternal nutrition and management of malnutrition targeting COVID for BCC component and widely distributed throughout the province.
- Currently with the support from UNICEF nutrition messages on COVID-19 have been aired from 10 FMs covering whole province.
- All 75 OTCs of the province and 2 NRHs in Dailekh and Province hospital, Surkhet are functional.
- WFP supported distribution of 75.108 mt fortified blended food (85% progress overall) for 24138 beneficiaries (9132 PLW and 15006 children 6 to 23 months) in 110 health facilities of 5 Karnali districts during August 2020.

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- WFP has supported transportation of 26.704 mt medical supplies from Kathmandu to Surkhet by using 11 trucks and 10.08 mt medical supplies to Jajarkot, Rukum, Salyan, Jumla, Kalikot and Mugu districts by using 21 trucks from March 2020 onwards
- WFP supported distribution of 34.791 mt food items to 2374 male and 2343 female population of 774 households affected by devastating landslides (23.220 mt rice, 6.966 mt pulses, 1.935 mt oil, 0.774 mt salt and 1.896 mt fortified blended food) in Limsa, Maina and Kauli health facilities and villages, Barekot, Jajarkot district.
- SUAAHARA is supporting in tele counseling to Golden Thousand Days households. Ward level Nutrition & Food Security Steering Committee (NFSSC) meeting is ongoing to address pregnant, lactating mother & 2 years children issues and support on health and nutrition service. Banchhin Aama radio programme is ongoing. Continue technical (Lab Technician) support at Dailekh Health Office.
- Plan International distributed cash grant of NPR 15000000 for 1000 households affected by landslides as relief package NPR 15000/household (328 families in Raskot, 400 families in Narharinath and 272 families in Sannitriveni Palikas) in Kalikot district

Issues and mitigating measures

- Due to difficulties in transportation nutrition commodities and BCC materials are not delivered on time.
- Procurement process for fortified blended flour during 2077/2078 F/Y should be initiated expeditiously in order to avoid long pipeline break. (Nutritious food stocks in 5 Karnali districts enough until October 2020)
- Risk communication & community engagement activities should be scaled up in all districts considering COVID context
- Due to emergency, regular programs could not be conducted smoothly. Precautionary, protective measures, social distancing and public health preventive measures should be adopted.

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