

Briefing from Provincial Health Directorate in Nutrition Cluster Meeting

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Major Highlights/Achievements

- The situation of COVID 19 outbreak is getting higher in Gandaki Province. So, the Gandaki Province Government including the concern stakeholders have been making effective preventive and curative services.
- As of Mangshir 18, 2077 BS, Total Infected: 12297 , Total Recovered: 7243(59%) ,Total Active cases now: 4892, Total Death: 162
- In Gandaki Province, all 3 NRHs & 36 OTC centers (out of 42) are providing treatment services on regular basis.
- National Vitamin A Campaign is accomplished in all 11 districts and data collection process is initiating.
- UNICEF and SUSAHARA have supported the transportation of MNP from Butwal to Pokhara.
- Gandaki Province has been launching IMAM Training to all district representatives in 2 batches where the SUSAHARA program has been assisting on technical support.
- Health and nutrition services are affected due to the fear of COVID 19. Beneficiaries have been hesitating to visit service outlets.

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- Concern Stakeholders/EDPs have been supporting as below:

1. SAAHARA PROGRAM:

- ✓ Continuation of tele counseling services: Total reach: 2,90,863 HHs
- ✓ Home visit counseling have been resumed since a month ago, Total reached 1000 Day's HHs till the date: 4042
- ✓ Broadcasting PSAs on COVID 19 and Nutrition through 16 local FMs (15 times/day/station)
- ✓ Continuation of support of one Medical Doctor in Province Health Directorate Pokhara .

2. UNICEF NEPAL

- ✓ UNICEF has been drafting the implementation guideline for the activities under special grant of NPC.

3. ACF NEPAL:

- ✓ In Nawalparasi (East), It has been following-up mothers about Family MUAC measurement.
- ✓ it's supported N95 masks to all health workers and FCHVs in Nawalparasi (east) district.

Issue/Challenge and Mitigating Measure

Issues/Challenges	Mitigating Measures
Revisit prepositioning of nutrition commodities at provincial and district levels	Nutrition Focal person from province health directorate will coordinate again to Province Logistic and Supply Center, and update the status of commodities.
Collect the information of recently accomplished National Vitamin A Campaign	Province Health Directorate has circulated the direction to all local levels via district-based office. It may take at least 2 weeks due to the busy schedule of local levels.
Continue health and nutrition cluster meeting as in regular basis	Provincial Health and Nutrition Cluster meeting is regularly taking place on twice in a month.
Continue follow-up of service monitoring of nutrition program.	Provincial Health and Nutrition Cluster is regularly monitoring the Health and nutrition services at least twice in a month.
Revitalize OTCs of Gorkha, Myagdi and Baglung districts and provide treatment of children age 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition	Province Health Directorate, Nutrition section is already taken initiation to coordinate with concern district-based Health Offices in this regards.
Endorse nutrition in emergency response plan & TOR of Health and Nutrition Cluster from MoSD as soon as possible	Endorsement process will be concluded by next week as informed by the Chief of Health and Nutrition Section of MOSD, Gandaki province.

Way Forward/Next Action Points

- Motivate the people to follow the preventive measures from COVID 19 and continuation of effective treatment services as well.
- Accelerate the coordination with concern IMAM program districts regarding the re-vitalization of OTCs.
- As indicated by Provincial health review meeting, it would be focused to accelerate the indicator based onsite coaching to local health facilities by province, district and concern stakeholders.

Thank you