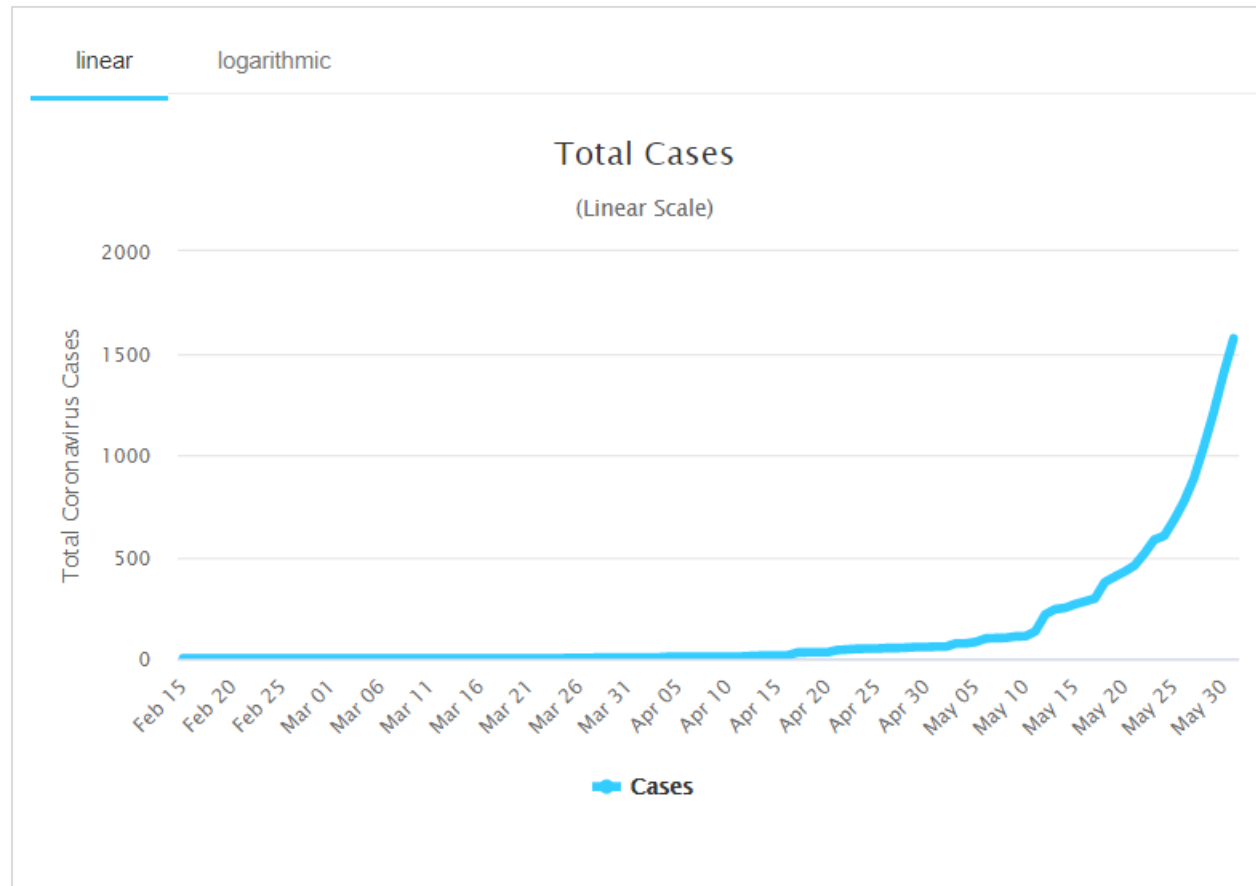


COVID-19 Cases in Nepal, till 01 June 2020

Total Coronavirus Cases in Nepal



Nepal just had two confirmed cases of COVID-19 with no casualties when the nation-wide lockdown started back on 24 March 2020.

In just over two months, the infected cases sharply accelerated to 1811 with 8 casualties despite the lockdown.

A two-year old toddler from Bajura became the nation's youngest victim to suffer death due to the pandemic.

Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/nepal/>
[Retrieved on 01 June 2020 at 20:10 hrs.]

Organization's Internal Preparatory Work



Different teams within the organization were formed like Crisis Management Team, Procurement Team, Programme Response Team, Fundraising Team and Communications Team to manage the response programme systematically.



AAN's Health, Safety and Security Guideline in the context of COVID-19 response was prepared, oriented and shared to all staff, partners and volunteers. Mandatory agreement to abide by it was received from staff deployed in the field.



Social Media Usage Guidelines in the context of COVID-19 communication was prepared, oriented and shared with the staff and partners.



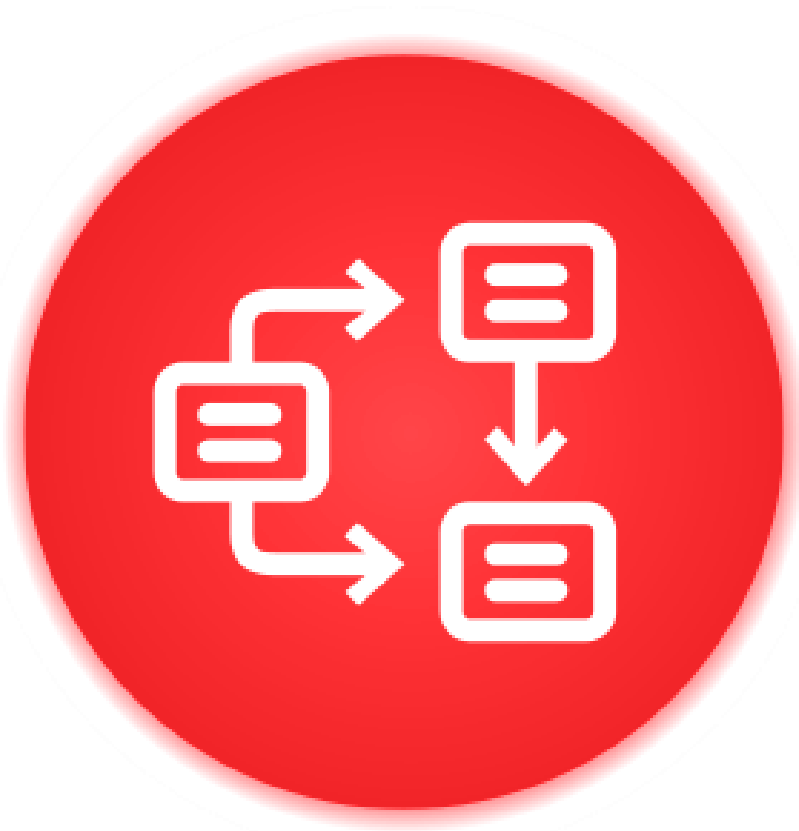
Weekly sitreps were shared among all to be updated on the magnitude of pandemic and act consciously.

Preparatory work for relief distribution in the field



- ✓ Preparatory work like mapping of the vulnerable and daily wage worker houses including the specific groups like people with disabilities, single women, pregnant women and lactating mothers was completed with approval from local government.
- ✓ The volunteers from youth club, adolescent group and REFLECT members were identified and oriented on safety and security issues.
- ✓ The local government authorities were consulted and they were engaged throughout the process.
- ✓ In some places, the local governments were requested to allocate security personnel from Nepal Army and Nepal Police to handle unavoidable circumstances, if any.
- ✓ Series of virtual preparatory and planning meetings with staff and volunteers were conducted.
- ✓ Finalized the distribution points with key focal person from AAN and local partners.
- ✓ Based on the finalized list of distribution, a coupon was provided to the community people in advance along with their reporting time to receive relief support. This helped to manage people and group systematically.

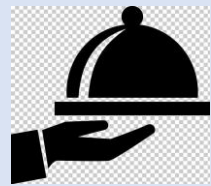
Process followed during distribution



- ✓ Everyone was informed to wear mask when they come to receive relief materials.
- ✓ Marking on the way with at least 1-meter gap in between for proper management of the queue and ensure social distancing.
- ✓ Provision of soap, water and sanitizer in the distribution points was made available and all the recipients were mandatorily asked to wash and sanitize their hands before collecting the relief materials.
- ✓ Separate tables to register names, collect citizenship copies and distribution of relief materials were allocated.
- ✓ Transparency Board with clear mention of food items and COVID kits along with their rates was placed in the distribution points. The contact numbers and names of AAN and PNGO contact persons were also displayed in the transparency board to connect them in case of registering any complaint or to inquire about response programme. This also helped us to be more accountable towards the community we work with.

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Districts



HHs supported with food package including rice, pulses, sugar, oil, salt etc.

	Ktm Valley	Palpa	Doti	Bajura	Siraha	Sankhuwasava	Terhathum	Parsa	Total
	2116	170		79	103				2468



Masks distributed to vulnerable families, front line workers and hospitals

	38200	6300	1520		406	1420	3900	4440	56186
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No. of soaps distributed

	3820	350	912		306	852	1900	2424	10564
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Districts

	Ktm Valley	Palpa	Doti	Bajura	Siraha	Sankhuwasava	Terhathum	Parsa	Total
 No. of pregnant and lactating women provided with beans and multi-grain flour	195	40	532		225	142		404	1538
 No. of health kits with thermometer, paracetamol, toothpaste etc.	1910	21	304					404	2639
 Packets of sanitary pad distributed to maintain menstrual hygiene with dignity during crisis	1910	16	456		1400	88	648	808	5326

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Districts

	Ktm Valley	Palpa	Doti	Bajura	Siraha	Sankhuwasava	Terhathum	Parsa	Total
 Quarantine beds set up to combat the spread of virus		45					20		65
 No. of hand sanitizer distributed	1910	107			720		14		2751
 No. of complete PPE sets supported to health institutions		100					70	20	190

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- ✓ Aired PSA on COVID-19 prevention through local FM of all the AA Nepal's working areas.
- ✓ Developed a short awareness raising video and broadcasted through local TV of Palpa as well as through social media.
- ✓ 12,000 COVID-19 prevention pamphlets (Siraha-8000, Terhathum-4000) were produced and distributed in the community. In Siraha, a week-long community awareness programme was organized through loudspeaker with the provision of soap and water made available in different public spaces.
- ✓ Developed posters and videos and disseminated through AAN's social media and website.
- ✓ School awareness programme in coordination with adolescent groups in Bardiya, Doti, Palpa and Bajura before lockdown.

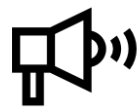
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Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN) in coordination with the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, and in collaboration with Social Welfare Council Nepal handed over medical assistance package in bulk to the Ministry of Health and Population in order to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The assistance worth 45.3 million Nepalese rupees is part of a joint procurement initiation led by AIN where 16 organizations participated, in which ActionAid Nepal is one of them.

AA Nepal's COVID-19 Response in News



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