



Report

COVID19 RESPONSE PROJECT

Nepal



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Supervised by : Rotary Club of Kathmandu, RID 3292, Nepal

Date : 5th July, 2020

Venue : Kathmandu, Nepal

Objectives : To Supply food (required for a daily meal) to the disadvantaged people, daily wage earners, students, and the street children who are at high risk due to lockdown conditions.

: Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as gown, gloves, N95 Mask, face shield, surgical mask, goggles, surgical cap, and sanitizer to health facilities in coordination with the Ministry of Health and concerned hospitals.

: Establish Mechincial Hand Washing station at different hospitals and public places.

: To establish COVID Isolation Ward at Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital popularly known as PRASUTI GRIHA, the first maternity hospital of Nepal for Pregnant Women and Babies to response COVID19.

Direct Beneficiaries : Disadvantaged People

Total Budget : US \$ 3363

Situational Context of World

The coronavirus has been declared a global emergency by the World Health Organization on January 31, 2020, as the outbreak continues to spread outside China. On February 11, 2020, WHO named the coronavirus disease (previously known as “2019 novel coronavirus”) as Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

The World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11 declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to the over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread.

Globally, as of 11:54am CEST, 5 July 2020, there have been 11,108,580 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 527,835 deaths, reported to WHO.

All the countries are fighting against Coronavirus disease and are trying their best to get control over the spread of this disease. One-third of humanity is lockdown in their house and the world economy is at the edge of disaster.

Situational Context of Nepal

The first case of Coronavirus in Nepal was confirmed on January 23, 2020. A 32-year-old male Ph. D. student who returned from Wuhan, China on January 9, 2020, was detected positive and only showed mild symptoms and was subsequently confirmed to have completely recovered.

Testing of Coronavirus was started in Nepal on January 27, 2020, as National Public Health Laboratory had tested a sample of two patients suspected of coronavirus infection and admitted at Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Teku, Kathmandu.

The Nepalese government has declared a one-week lockdown of the country after health authorities detected a second COVID-19 infection on March 23, 2020. The 19-year-old student who returned from Paris, via Qatar on 17 March was detected positive.

Nepal has got enough time to get prepared to fight against Coronavirus disease (COVID 19) but due to different circumstances, the Nepal government was not able to make enough preparedness. Nepal is sort of enough lab facilities, lacks enough reagents to perform Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests, lacks enough Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) kit, lacks enough number of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for front line health workers and better health facilities. Meanwhile, the Government of Nepal has taken initiatives of constructing isolation wards and quarantine bed in every district but the facilities required has not been up to date. Designated hospitals lack enough ventilator service and other facilities to cope with this pandemic.

The Kathmandu Post noted on March 20 that health workers panicked and burst into tears when a person suspected of contracting COVID-19 visited the Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital. A few days later, doctors and nurses at the Tribhuvan University (TU) Teaching Hospital threatened to stop attending work if they were not provided with proper protection.

After the identification of the 9th case of COVID-19 positive in Nepal, Nepal Government has declared to extend lab test facilities in all 7 provinces and till date in addition to National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) Teku, COVID-19 lab test through PCR is functional in 11 institutions of all seven provinces. As per Ministry of Health and Population, till 1 July 2020 only 233227 RT-PCR test and 300620 RDT test has been done in Nepal.

As per the Ministry of Health and Population till 5 July 2020, Nepal has 15784 confirmed cases of COVID-19 positive among which 6547 has recovered & has resumed normal life whereas the remaining 9203 are under medical supervision in the designated hospital and 34 deaths.

Nepal went into lockdown on March 24 and now with the decision of cabinet it has been extended until end of July 2020. Though the government of Nepal had announced to launch an economic relief package to those who have temporarily lost jobs or have been sent on unpaid leave, and daily wage workers no such packages have been declared to date. Local Government and social organizations are supporting peoples in need but are not able to reach all needy peoples due to many restrictions. So, it is necessary to reach daily wage workers, street children, and distanced peoples with a daily meal and other necessary support to bring their life into normal.

Summary of the Program:

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu is responding COVID19 by organizing different programs such as food distribution to needy family, installation of hand washing stations at public places/health institutions, handover of SWAB collection Booth to Ministry & Hospitals, Support PPE to front line health workers in coordination from different organizations & Rotary Clubs.

With recent financial contribution of USD 3363 received from Disaster Aid Australia (DAA), Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga, Rotary Club of The Entrance and Rotary Club of Albury, The Rotary Club of Kathmandu installed 4 mechanical hand washing station at Nakkhu Jail, Lalitpur on 30 June 2020. 8 people can get service from 4 units at a time. The system will benefit total of 2000 individuals; 1800 inmates and 200 security personnel as well as administrative staffs. Similarly, additional one unit was installed at police station of Badegaun, Lalitpur.

Besides, RC Kathmandu distributed Food Packs to 51 Blind families of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur on 5th, July 2020.

Similarly, RC Kathmandu is establishing ISOLATION WARD at Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital popularly known as PRASUTI GRIHA for Pregnant Women and Babies with around 15 beds. The work is on the progress.

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PAST ACTIVITIES:

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu raised financial contribution from club members and received support from partner Rotary Club to complete these COVID19 Response activities from March 2020 to June 2020.

Rotary Club of Kathmandu – US \$ 5,000

Rotary Club of Northbridge NSW, District 9685 – US \$ 3766

Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga – District 9705 – US \$ 3075

Project completed from March 2020-June 2020.

- **Support to Primeminister Relief Fund**

During 62nd charter day ceremony of Rotary club of Kathmandu organized on 13th April 2020, US\$1000 was handover to DG Rtn.Kiran Lal Shrestha for Primeminister Relief Fund of Nepal Government through Rotary District 3292

- **Relief Material Support (Food Support)**

1. Food support of net worth \$300 has been provided to the organization named EPSA Nepal, a group of disabled women.
2. On 11th May 2020, Food package support (Groceries) provided to 17 needy families of Bhaishapati, Lalitpur in the presence of PP Rtn.Dan Bahadur Chand.
3. On 10th May 2020, Food Package support (Groceries) provided to 90 needy family, Yangalclub ,newaJornalstand child care home of Ombahal community, Kathmandu in the presence of President Rtn.Narayan Krishna Kharel and club members.
4. Food Package support (Groceries) provided to 100 needy family of Kathmandu Metropolitan ward no.11 through ward office. The handover of groceries was done in the presence of President Rtn.Narayan Krishna Kharel, district secretary PP Rtn.Rajendra Kumar Dahal and club members.
5. Snacks food package support (groceries) for one month provided to Srijansil Children Welfare Centre, Kadaghari, Kathmandu. 30 orphan childrens are residing in the centre and are studying.
6. Food Package support (Groceries) for one month provided to AasatitChild Home, Lalitpur. This support will provide food to 23 orphan childrens residing in the child home.
7. Food Package support (Groceries) provided to 50 deprived family of Devichaur, Godavari Municipality-7. The support was provided in coordination of Godavari Municipality office and in the presence of Mayor Mr.GajendraMaharjan, Ward Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer of Lalitpur Metropolitan City Mr. Prem Prasad Bhattarai.



- Medical Supply and Personel Protective Equipement (PPE) Support

- On 11 May 2020, 5 set of PPE has been provided to Sahodar Hospital of Lamjung district. PPE has been handover to Dr.HomnathAdhikari by President Rtn.Narayan Krishna Kharel.



2. Rotary club of Kathmandu has supported 5000 Pcs mask, 20 liter hand wash liquid, 120 Pcs sanitizer and 500 Pcs hand gloves through Rotary club of Gongabufor the frontline health workers, security personnels and media persons working at Bhulke, Triyuga Municipality of Udaypur district. After identification of number of cases in this area, government of Nepal has declared Bhulke area as Red zone.



3. On 30th April 2020, Medical items like Foley's catheter, CIC pipe, Urine bag etc. provided to lockdown hard hit spinal injury persons residing at Nepal Disabled Association, Jorpati.



4. On 22 April 2020, Rotary club of Kathmandu jointly with Panchakanya Group handover two set of swab collection booth to Ministry of Health and Population in the presence of Hon. Health Minister Mr. BhanubhaktaDhakal and Hon. Women, Children and Senior Citizen Minister Mr.ParbatGurung. The booth has been provided to health centresarUdaypur and Biratnagar by Ministry.



5. Supported 5 PPE set and 2 thermal gun to Telkot health post and Nagarkot health post.

6. On June 15, 2020 RC Kathmandu donated one SWAB collection booth to Dhulikhel Quarantine Center in coordination with Rotary Club of Dhulikhel for collection of SWAB for PCR testing.



- **Handwashing Station Support**

Handwashing with soap and water is the best way to stop transmission of coronavirus from hand, so it is important to aware people on right way of handwashing with soap and facilitate them with handwashing stations. Handwashing stations at public places like municipality office, bus stations and hospitals can be transmission point of coronavirus due to lack proper cleaning of tap and soap dispenser after each use. So, Rotary club of Kathmandu has decided to place mechanical handwashing stations in such public places where once can wash their hand without touching tap and soap dispenser with their hand, station can be operated mechanically with foot presses.



1. On 11 May 2020, 2 set of mechanical handwashing station has been installed at Maternity hospital, Thapathali and handover to director of hospital Prof. Dr. Jageshwor Gautam in the presence of Mr. Hiralal Tandukar, ward chairperson of ward no.11 of Kathmandu Metropolitan City and District Secretary PP Rtn.Rajendra Kumar Dahal. One station has been placed at Maternity hospital premise at Thapathali and next at Nursing college of hospital located at Kupondole. Hospital administration will look after effective and sustainable use of the handwashing stations.

2. On 15 May 2020, Rotary club of Kathmandu installed two sets of mechanical hand wash system at Patan Hospital Lagankhel Lalitpur.

3. On 19 May 2020, Rotary club of Kathmandu installed two units of Mechanical Hand Wash System at Nepal Eye Hospital, Tripureshwor.

4. On 19 May 2020, Rotary club of Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Wash System at National Kidney Center, Banasthali, Kathmandu

5. On 20 May 2020, Rotary Club of Kathmandu installed one Mechanical Hand Wash Station at Mulpani Health Center.

6. On 20 May 2020, Rotary Club of Kathmandu installed one Mechanical Hand Wash Station at Children Eye Hospital, Monohora.

7. On 25 May 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Sanga Spinal Injury Hospital.

8. On 26 May 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Tilganga Eye Hospital.

9. On 26 May 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Purnamoti Memorial Society Ramechhap.

10. On 1 June 2020, RC Kathmandu installed two unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Bir Hospital.

11. On 10 June 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Monmohan Hospital, Swyambhu.

12. On 20 June 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Sukraraj Tropical Hospital, Teku.

13. On 24 June 2020, RC Kathmandu installed one unit of Mechanical Hand Washing Station at Prashuti Griha, Bhaisipati OPD.

14. On 30 June, 2020; The Rotary Club of Kathmandu installed 4 units of mechanical hand washing station at Nakkhu Jail, Lalitpur. 8 people can get service from 4 units at a time. The system will benefit total of 2000 individuals; 1800 inmates and 200 security personnel as well as administrative staffs.

Till date RC Kathmandu installed 21 units of Mechanical Hand Washing station at different health centers and hospitals.



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