



Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Wednesday | 29 Magh 2076 (12 February 2020)

On 31 December 2019, the first case of COVID-19 was reported from Hubei Province of China. This disease has spread over 24 countries outside China. Although reported case fatality rate of the novel coronavirus infection compared to previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is very low. WHO has named the disease COVID-19, short for "coronavirus disease 2019"

Current Global status on COVID-19

Globally

Confirmed cases: 43103
Deaths: 1018

China

Confirmed cases: 42708
Deaths: 1017

Outside China:

Countries: 24
Confirmed cases: 395
Deaths: 1 (Philippines)

No new countries reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
Updated as of 11 February 2020, Extracted from WHO's Situation Report

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China: **Very High**
Regional Level: High
Global Level: High

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) has been declared on 30 January 2020; however, restriction in international traffic and trade is not recommended.

Current status on COVID-19, Nepal

First case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Nepal on 23 January 2020 and all other 19 cases under investigation were tested negative by National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL).

A person whose result was positive in the test is now healthy and people who are in contact with him show no symptoms. No Nepali citizen in China has reported reports of coronavirus infection so far. No other new suspected case has been reported today.

(*as of 12 February 2020, 16:00 hrs)

Tested Positive 1	Tested Negative 19	Total: 20
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Key National Response

- For the convenience to the public; **hotline service (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834)** is scheduled to provide information on COVID-19 8:00 to 20:00 hrs
- Information, Education and Communication materials regarding COVID-19 are distributed in key locations as well as message - based awareness notifications have been spreading via radio and television up to Federal, Province and Local Level on a regular basis.

- Health Sector Partners Meeting has been conducted today at MoHP for Resource mapping; Partners Preparedness and readiness for response.
- A medical team has been deployed for verification and necessary action on the reported symptoms which are compatible to Flu in Sindhupalchowk (Gumba, Jugal Rural Municipality-3). The local health officials reported none of the cases have travel history from China or any other affected countries, were not in contact with affected persons and the place is not on the border line to China. [Detailed information is in Press Release.](#)
- Honorable Minister for Health and Population **informed** to the parliament on preparedness for response readiness status on repatriating of Nepali citizens from Wuhan, China.
- [MoHP/ HEOC web portal](#) has been updated to capture evolving information of this outbreak. **Key response and preparedness from Provincial Government: -**

Health desk has been established at the main borders crossing with China and India; Hospitals will continue to prepare the Hospital Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan and arrange to send daily reports of suspicious cases to the ministry. Hospitals are also directed to comply with the algorithm and protocol prepared by the Ministry of Health and Population.

Resources:

Additional resources on COVID-19 can be accessed via MoHP/HEOC or EDCC Web Portals/ Social Media Page.

Ministry of Health and Population acknowledges and appreciates the support received from all the health authorities and partners for the health sector responses

Kindly click the link below for detail resources and information.

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