



Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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The first case of COVID-19 was reported from Hubei Province of China on 31 December 2019. Till 15th February, a total of 50,580 people have been confirmed of COVID-19 and it has taken life of 1526 people including two cases outside China. This disease has spread over 25 countries outside China.

Current Global status on COVID-19

Global	Confirmed cases: 50580 Deaths: 1526
China	Confirmed cases: 50054 Deaths: 1524 Countries: 25
Outside China	Confirmed cases: 526 Deaths: 2 (Philippines, Japan)

Egypt reported its first confirmed case of COVID-19. This is the first country in the African continent to report case of COVID-19. Updated as of 15 February 2020, Extracted from WHO's Situation Report 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 (as of 16 Feb 2020, 16:00)

Total Samples Tested: 34	Negative: 33	Positive: 1
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- Throat Swabs collected from Sindhupalchowk (9) and Seti Provincial Hospital, Dhangadi, Sudurpaschim Province (1) tested negative for COVID-19 on real time RT-PCR assays at National Public Health Laboratory.

Repatriation and Quarantine of Nepalese Citizens from China:

A total of 175 (Female: 40, Male: 135) Nepalese have been repatriated safely from Hubei China and quarantined at Kharipati, Bhaktapur, Nepal. Out of 185 who had applied for repatriation, six Nepalese presented with fever at the Hubei airport so had to stay back at Hubei; **and four of the others choose to stay back on their own.** On arrival everyone were found to be healthy while screening at Tribhuvan International Airport. Throat swab has been collected today to test for COVID-19 infection, the test results are set to arrive by Wednesday. Depending on the results of the laboratory tests and the suspected symptoms, it will be decided to keep them in quarantine for 14 days or to be treated in the hospital as needed. **All quarantined Nepalese are healthy and due to the Quarantine Center, there is no health hazard to the surrounding community and local people.** All local people are requested to contact the health camp outside the Quarantine Center for further information on this matter and to seek health advice. [Detail in Press Release](#)

Government of Nepal extends its gratitude to all the institutions and individuals who have coordinated, collaborated and supported in safe repatriation and quarantine of Nepalese citizens from Hubei, China



Ambulances at TIA ready for response



Quarantine center at Kharipati, Bhaktapur

Key response and preparedness from Government:

- Health Desk at the Point of Entry (PoE), at cross borders with China and India, have been strengthened and monitored regularly.
- Screening at TIA:** Travellers coming from or via China and Thailand are being individually scanned for monitoring body temperature. People reporting fever, cough or shortness of breath are further investigated, treated, counselled and monitored on a regular basis.
- Shukraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Patan Hospital and other hospitals including Armed Police Hospital have been prepared to manage any emergency in the context of COVID-19.
- Duty roster for HEOC staffs has been developed. HEOC has been coordinating with line ministries and other stakeholders for the necessary management.
- Ministry of Health and Population, Provincial Health Office and Nepal Red Cross Society have initiated awareness raising campaign in the local communities and 50 local volunteers and health workers have been trained for this purpose.
- Hotline Service:** Public concerns regarding COVID-19 are being addressed through 3 hotlines (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834) from 8:00 to 20:00 hrs. The common concerns are: Sign and symptoms of COVID-19, precautions to be taken, precaution to be taken during travel and the appropriate place to go for medical consultations.

Provincial Updates:

- Health desk are operational at the main land borders crossing with China, India and at Airports; Hospitals have prepared the Hospital Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan and isolation facilities.

Sindhupalchowk Update:

- Situation is normal.

Resources:

Kindly click the link below for detail resources and information.

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