



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 23 February, a total of 78811 people have been confirmed of COVID-19 and it has taken life of 2462 people including 17 cases outside China. This disease has spread over 28 countries outside China.

Current Global status on COVID-19

COVID-19 Cases	Cumulative as of 23 Feb 2020	New cases on	
		22 Feb	23 Feb
Global			
Confirmed	78811	599	1017
Deaths	2462	112	103
China (Includes Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taipei and environs)			
Confirmed	77042	397	650
Deaths	2445	109	97
Outside China			
Confirmed	1769	202	367
Deaths	17	3	6*

Confirmed cases by selected countries of concern			
Republic of Korea	602	142	256
Thailand	35	0	0
Malaysia	22	0	0
Singapore	89	1	3
Japan	132	12	27
Italy	76	6	67
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	28	13	10

Countries reporting COVID-19 cases	28	0	0
Note: * Republic of Korea (3), Italy (2) and Iran (1)			
Source: WHO's Situation Report #33 and #34			

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 24 Feb 2020, 16:00)

Total Samples Tested:	Negative:	Positive:
217	216	1

*Note: The positive case is now recovered as per the laboratory test result of 29 and 31 January 2020 at National Public Health Laboratory, Teku

*This includes samples collected from Quarantine (All 175 samples tested negative)

All 175 Nepalese in Quarantine site have regular temperature checks. Everyone is healthy.

Key Activities

Hotline Service: Public concerns regarding COVID-19 are being addressed through 3 hotlines (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834) from 8:00 to 20:00 hrs. 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 were the common concerns express so far.

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.

Hospitals are also directed to comply with the algorithm and protocol prepared by the Ministry of Health and Population.

All seven provinces are in readiness state for the management of suspected patients of COVID-19.

Screening and Surveillance: Temperature of travellers coming from China, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore is being measured through thermal scanner established at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Health desk; temperature measured >104° F are being sent to Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital for further investigation and treatment; People reporting fever, cough or shortness of breath at TIA Health Desk or Teku Hospital are further investigated, treated, counselled and monitored on a regular basis.

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.

Resources:

Additional resources on 2019-nCoV can be accessed via MoHP/HEOC or EDCD Web Portals/ Social Media Page.

Kindly click the link below for detail resources and information.

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