



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 01 March 2020, a total of 87137 people has been confirmed of COVID-19 and it has taken life of 2977 people including 104 deaths outside China. This disease has spread over 58 countries outside China.

Current Global status on COVID-19

COVID-19 Cases	Cumulative as of 01 March 2020	New cases on	
		29 Feb	01 Mar
Global			
Confirmed	87137	1753	1739
Deaths	2977	66	53
China (Includes Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taipei and environs)			
Confirmed	79968	435	579
Deaths	2873	47	35
Outside China			
Confirmed	7169	1318	1160
Deaths	104	19	18

Confirmed cases by selected countries of concern			
Republic of Korea	3736	813	586
Thailand	42	2	0
Malaysia	24	0	0
Singapore	102	2	4
Japan	239	20	9
Italy	1128	238	240
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	593	143	205

Countries reporting COVID-19 cases	58	2 (Mexico and San Marino)	5 (Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Ireland, Monaco and Qatar)
Source: WHO's Situation Report #40 and #41			

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 02 March 2020, 16:00)

Total Samples Tested:	Negative:	Positive:
425*	424	1**

*This includes 24 hours and 14-day samples of 175 quarantined Nepali citizens tested on 16 February 2020 and 29 February 2020; Seven Health and Hygiene staffs mobilized at quarantine site and 18 samples of the crew members tested on 29 March 2020.

**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

Quarantine Update

Day 16 of Quarantine: All 175 quarantined Nepali citizens at Kharipati, Bhaktapur are apparently healthy. Both samples of 175 quarantined Nepali citizens tested on 16 February 2020 and 29 March 2020 and samples of Seven Health and Hygiene staffs tested on 29 March 2020 were tested negative to COVID-19. After the test result all 18 crew members, 175 quarantined Nepali citizens and seven Health and Hygiene staffs mobilized at the quarantine site have been sent back home with

counseling on preventive measures to be taken. [Click here for Press Release as of 2 March 2076](#)

COVID-19 Hotline: Public concerns regarding COVID-19 are being addressed via 3 hotlines (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834) from 8:00 to 20:00 hrs.

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.

Screening and Surveillance: Body Temperature of travellers coming from China, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan is being measured through thermal scanner installed at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA), Health desk; temperature measured >100.4° 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.

Non-contact thermometers are also being used to measure the body temperature of all the travelers travelling via TIA. Liquid Sanitizer Agent Spray is being sprayed over the travelers for disinfection at TIA. Information on COVID-19 is being disseminated in Nepali, English and Chinese language. [video: Scanning via non-contact Thermometers at TIA](#)

IEC: 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 COVID-19 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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