



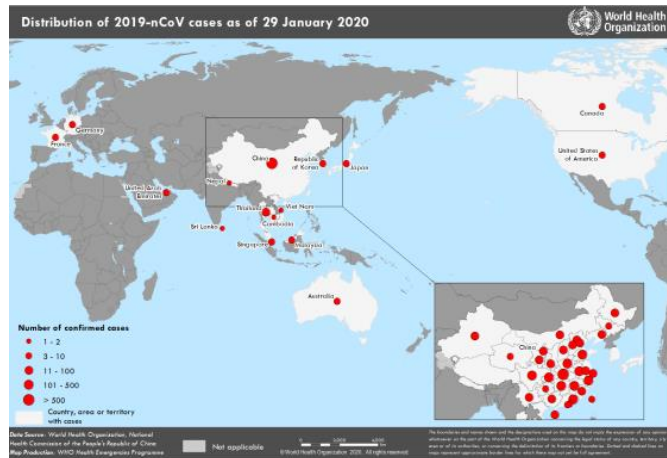
Health Sector Response to Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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On 31 December 2019, the first case of 2019-nCoV was reported from Hubei Province of China. The disease has spread over 15 countries outside China. As per the WHO, there has been very little epidemiological information available about the infectivity, intensity of human - to-human transmission and disease severity of the new 2019-nCoV. Although reported case fatality of the novel coronavirus infection is low with compared to previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), it is too early to compare as complete information on 2019-nCoV is yet to come.

Current Global status on 2019-nCoV

Globally confirmed cases: 6065	WHO RISK ASSESSMENT China: Very High Regional Level: High Global Level: High
China confirmed cases: 5997	
Deaths: 132	
Outside China (15 countries) 68 confirmed cases	
(*as of 29 January 2020)	



Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) has not been declared; however, intermediate level of alertness is recommended by WHO. Restriction in international traffic and trade is not recommended. As per the WHO recommendation Nepal is instituting surveillance, early detection, isolation, case management and other several interventions for its containment.

Current status on 2019-nCoV, Nepal

First case of 2019-nCoV was confirmed in Nepal on 23 January 2020 and 3 suspected cases which were under evaluation all tested negative by National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) for 2019-nCoV on 28 January 2020.

Table 1: 2019-nCoV Cases Status in Nepal (16:00 hrs)

Case Category	Cases on 29 Jan 2020	Cases on 30 Jan 2020	Total cases till 30 Jan 2020
Total Case	4	1	5
Positive Case	1	0	1
Negative Case	3	1	4
Pending Case	0	0	0

Key National Response

- High Level Multi Sectorial Coordination meeting was held at MoHP on 30 January 2020, 11:30 hours, led by Honorable Minister of Health & Population. The meeting discussed on current Global / Country context situation update, worst case management, management at Point of Entry and other issues and made the following key decisions.
 - o Continue and strengthen thermal scanning and 24/7 operation of health desk at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) and dedicated safer ambulance service.
 - o Explore the possibilities of establishing a permanent setup to deal with Public Health Emergency in near future.
 - o Asses the capacity of Hub and Satellite hospitals including private and prepare them for management of possible impacts.
- Realizing the severity and urgency of the situation different committee is to be formed. Collation of available Technical guidance and resource on 2019-nCoV from MoHP, EDCC, Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, 5 Hub hospitals, 13 Satellite Hospitals, WHO and disseminated to all the concerned stake holders.
- Additional stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is maintained.
- IEC materials are being distributed at the strategic locations and awareness campaign is continuing through Radio and Television.
- Daily high level official meeting was held on 29 January 2020 at 16:30 hours under the chairperson of respected secretary; daily monitoring status and situation update was briefed to the Secretary.
- Continued regular communication between HEOC, PHEOC and MoSD for containment of 2019-nCoV.

Resources:

Additional resources on 2019-nCoV can be accessed via MoHP/HEOC (<https://heoc.mohp.gov.np/>) or EDCC (<http://www.edcd.gov.np/>) Web Portals and Social Media Page.

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