



Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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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. As reported case fatality rate of the novel coronavirus infection compared to previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) & Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is very low.

Current Global status on COVID-19

Globally

Confirmed cases: 45171
Deaths: 1115

China

Confirmed cases: 44730
Deaths: 1114

Outside China:

Countries: 24
Confirmed cases: 441
Deaths: 1 (Philippines)

No new countries reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
Updated as of 12 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 23 cases 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. Till date none of the Nepalese citizen residing in China has reported COVID-19 infection.

(*as of 13 February 2020, 16:00 hrs)

Total Samples Tested: 24	Tested Negative 23	Tested Positive: 1
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Key National Response

- **Hotline Service:** Public concerns regarding COVID-19 are being addressed through 3 hotlines (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834) from 8:00 to 20:00 hrs. Average number of calls received per day is 12. 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.
- **Orientation:**
 - o Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) executive members including doctors oriented on contact tracing;
 - o 18 crew members and receiving team were oriented on use of Personal Protective Equipment.

- **Screening and Surveillance:** Temperature of all the passengers is being measured through thermal scanner established at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Health desk; temperature measured $>100^{\circ}$ F are being sent to Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital for further investigation and treatment; Travellers coming from or via China and Thailand are being individually scanned using Infrared Thermometer. 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.
- **Sindhupalchowk Update:** None of the 235 people treated have a travel history to China or contact with any infected person of COVID-19. So, the outbreak investigation team ruled out the possibility of COVID-19. However, the investigation team from Provincial Public Health Laboratory has collected 9 samples for further investigation.

Key response and preparedness from Provincial Government: -

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

Regular Information, Education and Communication activities have been reported from Province and Local Levels.

Resources:

Additional resources on COVID-19 can be accessed via MoHP/HEOC or EDCCD 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.

2019-nCoV IEC

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