

Briefing from Provincial Health Directorate in Nutrition Cluster Meeting

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Major Highlights/Achievements

- Province Level Nutrition Food Security Steering Committee Meeting was held on 28 August 2020 and made the decision as below:
 - Develop a mobile app to disseminate nutrition-related messages targeting PLW and mothers/care takers of under 5 children.
 - Implementation of Nutrition Garden Package in identified food insecure areas.
 - Formation of Palika and Ward Level Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committees in 31 local government (LG) level as MSNP launching in 31 remaining LGs in non Suaahara Districts.
 - Ministry of Social Development of Gandaki Province intending to know the progress, future plan and learnings from Suaahara program. Coordinate and motivate the I/NGOs to implement the food security & nutrition initiatives.
- Province/local governments & concern stakeholders have been responding against the outbreak of COVID 19. The situation of COVID 19 outbreak is getting higher in Gandaki Province.
- Total Infected: 3206 , Total Recovered: 1935(60%) ,Total Active cases now: 1240, Total Death: 31, Re-infected cases:15
- Endorsement process of Provincial Nutrition Response plan & TOR of Health and Nutrition Cluster is about to conclusion.
- In Gandaki Province, all 3 NRHs & 40 OTC centers are providing treatment services.

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- Provincial health directorate has been coordinating to all districts and local governments for the continuation of Health & Nutrition services. (Services from Health post level are as usual, but the community level service delivery points (PHC/ORC, HMGs etc) are affected)
- As one of the prime stakeholders in the field of nutrition section in Gandaki Province, Suaahara program has been supported as below:
 - ✓ Continuation of tele counseling services: Total reach: 248578 HHs This week: 11543 HHs
 - ✓ Continuation of SMS on Nutrition linking COVID 19 to community people. Total SMS to HH members+ Pregnant & Lactating members: 4,00,838. (Pregnant+ Lactating=72479)
 - ✓ Broadcasting PSAs on COVID 19 and Nutrition through 16 local FMs (**15 times/day/station**)
 - ✓ Continuation of support of one Medical Doctor in Province Health Directorate Pokhara and one Nursing staff in Nawalpur
- In Nawalparasi (East), ACF Nepal has been following-up mothers about Family MUAC measurement. In Nawalparasi East, 26 SAM children are under treatment in OTCs.
- ACF Nepal has been doing second follow ups of family MUAC in Nawalparasi (East) and following ups 26 care-givers of SAM children.
- 4 Palikas of Nawalparasi (East) have prepared MSNP activities plan for FY 2077/78.

Issue/Challenge and Mitigating Measure

Issues/Challenges	Mitigating Measures
Endorse nutrition in emergency response plan (COVID-19 and monsoon) from MoSD as soon as possible	Nutrition Response plan considering COVID 19 and TOR for Health and Nutrition Cluster are about the end of endorsement process.
Revisit prepositioning of nutrition commodities at provincial and district levels	Provincial Health Directorate is coordinating with Province Logistic and Supply Center, Pokhara and collecting the information.
Continue health and nutrition cluster meeting as in regular basis	Provincial Health and Nutrition Cluster meeting is regularly taking place on twice in a month with the leadership of PHD where the WHO and Suaahara have been supporting as co-leads.
Continue follow-up of service monitoring of nutrition program.	Provincial Health and Nutrition Cluster is regularly monitoring the Health and nutrition services at least twice in a month.
Revitalize OTCs of Gorkha, Myagdi and Baglung districts and provide treatment of children age 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition	Province Health Directorate, Nutrition section is initiating to coordinate with concern district-based Health Offices in this regards.

Way Forward/Next Action Points

- Motivate the people to follow the preventive measures from COVID 19.
- Continuation for the effective treatment of COVID 19 infected patients as per the guideline of the GoN.
- Endorsement of Nutrition Response plan & TOR of Health and Nutrition Cluster by next week
- Coordinate to IMAM program districts regarding the re-vitalization of OTC centers.

Thank you