

## Virtual Twelfth Health Cluster Coordination Meeting

Kathmandu, Nepal

25 June 2020 -THURSDAY (2:00 – 3:00 pm)

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Jageswor Gautam, Lead of the Health Cluster and co-chaired by Dr. Lungten Z. Wangchuk, Co-lead of the Health Cluster. Dr. Lungten welcomed Dr. Gautam as the new chair for the Health Cluster Coordination Meeting. More than 50 health partners attended the meeting virtually. Dr. Lungten Z. Wangchuk facilitated the meeting.

### Agenda for #12 Health Cluster Coordination Meeting

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Agenda Item	Responsible	Time
Welcome and Update	Dr. Jageswor Gautam, Chair-Health Cluster	14:00-14:05
COVID-19 Epidemiological Situation	Dr. Basu Dev Pandey, Director, EDCD	14:05-14:10
Follow-up action points and brief updates from partners	Dr. WANGCHUK, Lungten (Zangmo) Co-chair	14:10-14:15
COVID-19 response support from GIZ	GIZ	14:15-14:20
Summary of the meeting followed by discussions/questions	Dr. Lungten Wangchuk, Co-Chair Advisors MoHP and Chair ( answers/comments to the questions)	14:20 -14:25
Discussions/Questions	All	14:25-14:35
Comments/Answers to the questions	Advisors/Chair	14:35 – 14:40
Conclusion and closing	Dr. Jageswor Gautam, Chair-Health Cluster	14:40-14:55

### Synopsis of the meeting

Dr. Gautam welcomed all the participants to the meeting and provided brief updates on MoHP response to COVID-19 pandemic. The chair also provided the details of tests and isolation/quarantine of COVID-19 cases as of 24 June 2020.

Dr. Gautam also informed the forum about the different guidelines endorsed in the past week. The guidelines endorsed were Guidelines for private laboratories to perform COVID-19 molecular tests (PCR), 2077, Interim guidelines to operate nutrition rehabilitation at home

during COVID-19 pandemic, 2077 and Interim guidelines for environmental cleaning and  
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#### As of 24 June 2020

Total PCR sites: **23**  
Total PCR tests done: **193194** (more than 6200 per day in past week)  
Total PCR positive: **10728** (additional 3551 in past week)  
Total active cases: **8366**  
Total discharged: **2338**  
Affected districts: **76**  
Deaths: **20**  
Total RDT performed: **283696**  
Total isolation beds: **8069**  
Total people in isolation: **8366**  
Total quarantine beds: **254434**  
Total people in quarantine: **78639**

disinfection in the context of COVID-19. He thanked all the health partners for generous support provided by all partners through one door mechanism and informed that the key Asks remain the same, additional support will be required in tests and management of COVID-19 cases as there is shift in epidemiological situation of COVID-19 cases.

Dr. Basudev Pandey, Director, EDCD then provided with the epidemiological situation of COVID-19 cases. He informed that transmission of COVID-19 cases is still either sporadic or in clusters, with majority of cases being asymptomatic and case fatality being higher among people above 50 years. Following his presentation, participants queried about reasons for absence of cases in Rasuwa and projection from EDCD regarding the number of cases reaching the peak to which he informed that tests was being conducted in every district of Nepal and the prediction of cases has been done at the ministry by Incident Command System (ICS) and the analysis would be shared if required.

Dr. Lungten Wangchuk, Co-chair then provided brief updates from health partners and their supports on COVID-19 response. She also provided the updates and activities of the Reproductive Health sub-cluster and its suggestions to incorporate Reproductive Health minimum standard in the quarantine guidelines. She thanked all the health partners on aligning their support to the key asks from MoHP. She also informed that the key asks from MoHP like laboratory reagents, PPEs and treatment logistics; sanitation, hygiene and protectives for returnees; continuation of essential health services; and risk communication and community engagement will remain on top priority. However, as the cases increase and so will be the severe cases needing hospitalization and more support will be directed towards hospital management of COVID-19 cases such as ventilators, oxygen concentrators and other management commodities.

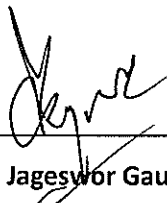
GIZ representative presented on the GIZs detailed support to COVID-19 response and informed that they are providing support to strengthen health systems in Nepal particularly focusing on leadership and governance, human resources for health, financing, information management and service delivery through bilateral support to health sector program and other supports. GIZ has align their COVID-19 response to the international and national response plan and has been providing support in systems strengthening; surveillance, rapid response and case investigation in collaboration with WHO; logistics and technical support to laboratories; healthcare waste management and WASH, etc.

Dr. Lungten highlighted the partners' collaboration in helping the government for COVID-19 response and thanked GIZ for realigning the support as per the key asks from government on tests, hospital waste management and case management supports. She also said that the challenges and concerns will be taken into account and steps will be taken to address the challenges. She also asked partners for coordinated response for achievement of common goal. She then opened the floor for questions, in which Dr. Hasina Begum (UNICEF) queried about the needs and gaps in COVID-19 logistics to which Dr. Lungten replied that the Director of Management Division will be requested to present on the status of current stocks and gaps; projection for logistics needs in the next partners meeting and the chair also agreed to that. Dr. Gautam, the chair, before ending the meeting thanked all the partners for their active participation, appreciated their support and requested all the partners for their continued support for COVID-19 response.

**Decision/Action points**

- Provide support aligning to the key asks from MoHP using the one door mechanism
- Coordinated response support
  - to improve health/water sanitation and hygiene conditions in quarantine
  - to hub hospitals to increase isolation beds and support with logistics at the isolation centers where possible
- Any support in health sector must be routed through and approved by the Health Coordination Division of MoHP following strict one door mechanism.

Signed by the Chair:

  
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**Dr Jageswor Gautam**  
Chair/Lead



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**Dr Lungten Z. Wangchuk**  
Co-Chair/Co-Lead

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