## Risk Communication during Pandemic



Ministry of Health and Population Government of Nepal

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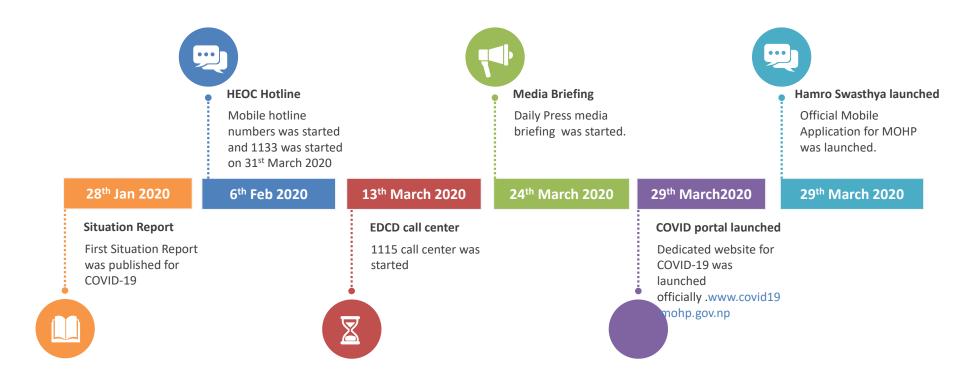


#### **Overview**

- 1. Timeline
- 2. Epidemiology and Disease Control Division
- 3. National Health Education Information Communication Centre
- 4. Health Emergency Operation Centre
- 5. Ministry of Health and Population
- 6. Rumor Tracking Mechanism
- 7. Challenges



#### **Timeline**





#### **Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD)**

#### Point of Entry: International Travel Arrangement TIA

-Standee developed and displayed (Contains message

in English and Chinese language)

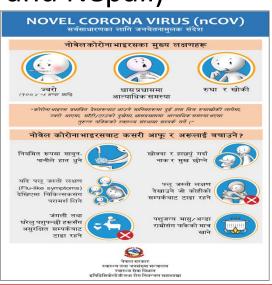
-Inflight Announcement (Chinese, English and Nepali)

**Points of Entry: Ground Crossings** 

Dissemination of FAQ, IEC materials on COVID-19













# National Health Education Information Communication Centre (NHEICC)

- Focal Point for National Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCCE) activities
- Regular RCCE partners meeting held to discuss on issues and key priority messages.
- Orientation to religious leaders with support from partner organization (n=80)
- Validation of rumors tracked and sharing with MOHP for media briefing
  - WHO risk communication (RC) materials adapted and shared with concerned authorities (EDCD and HEOC) for wider circulation in both Nepali and English language via NHEICC Web portal
- COVID-19 related IEC, BCC and training materials distributed in key locations via stakeholders
- Collaborative work with partner agency and mobile networks (Ncell, NTC) for pushing the COVID-19 awareness messages.





Awareness Message notifications spread via radio and
television up to Federal,
Province and Local Level on a
regular basis



### Health Emergency Operations Center (HEOC)





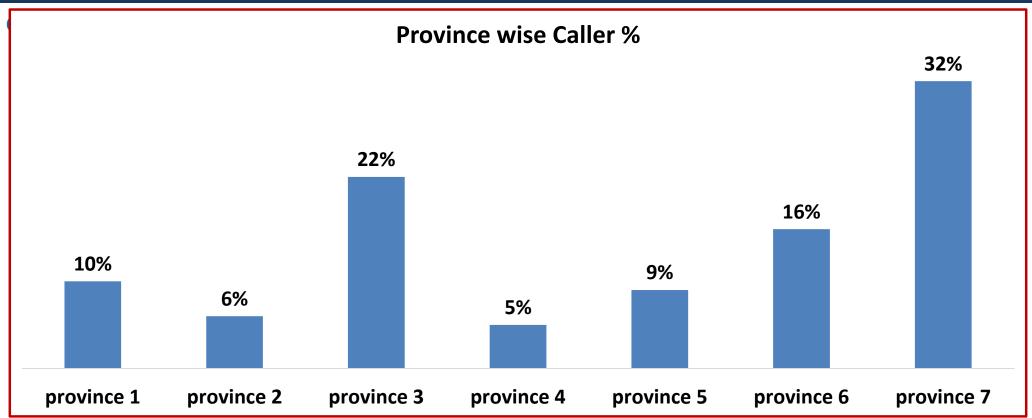
- Designated focal points for managing the information dissemination via
- Regular Press Release as and when required through MOHP

Sharing of published materials jointly by EDCD and HEOC (e.g. press releases, situation reports)



Hotline Numbers
(1155) and 3 mobile
number designated
to provide
information on
COVID-19 to general
public from 8:00AM
to 20:00 PM







#### Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP)

- Daily national live press briefing
- Orientation to Media on COVID-19
- Crash course on Risk communication to MOHP officials

#### **Social Media**

- COVID-19 web portal
- Hamro Swasthya Application
- Ministry of Health and Population-Nepal Facebook page
- Official Viber Community

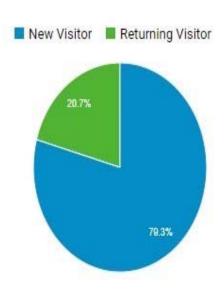






#### COVID-19 web portal(www.covid19.mohp.gov.np)

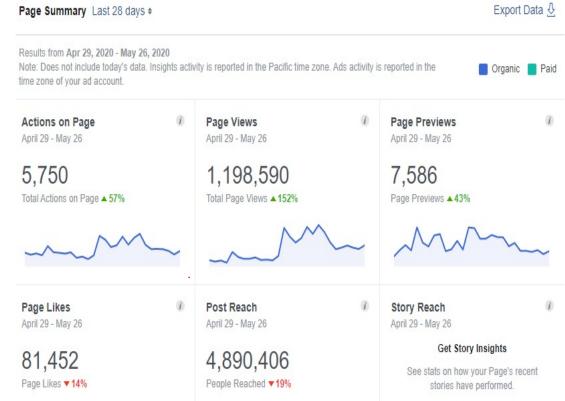






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#### Hamro Swasthya Application and Viber Community

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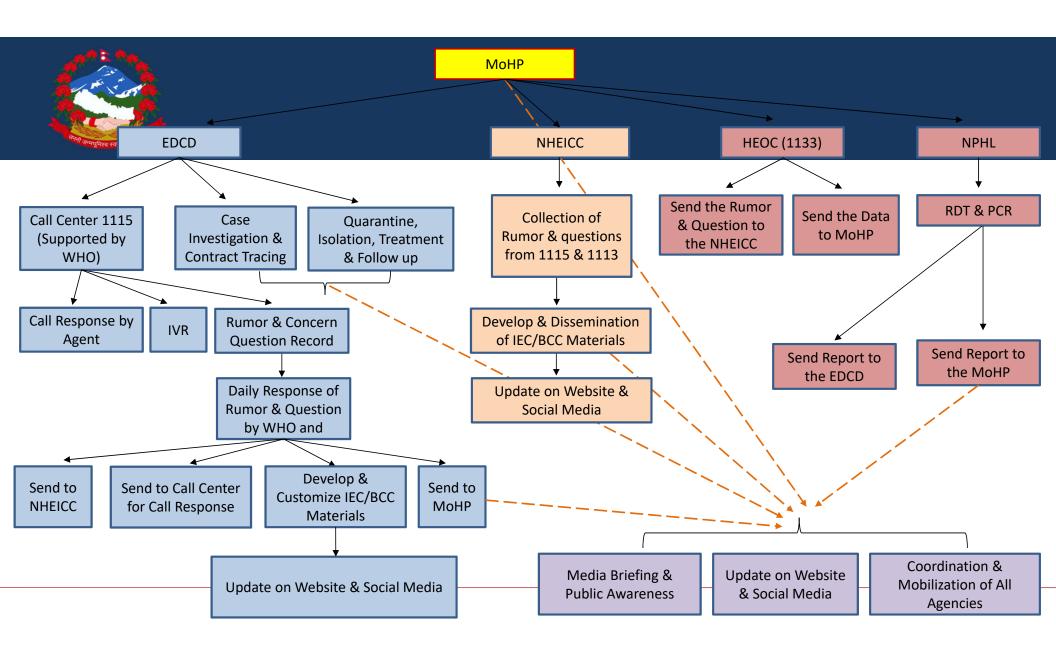
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#### Challenges

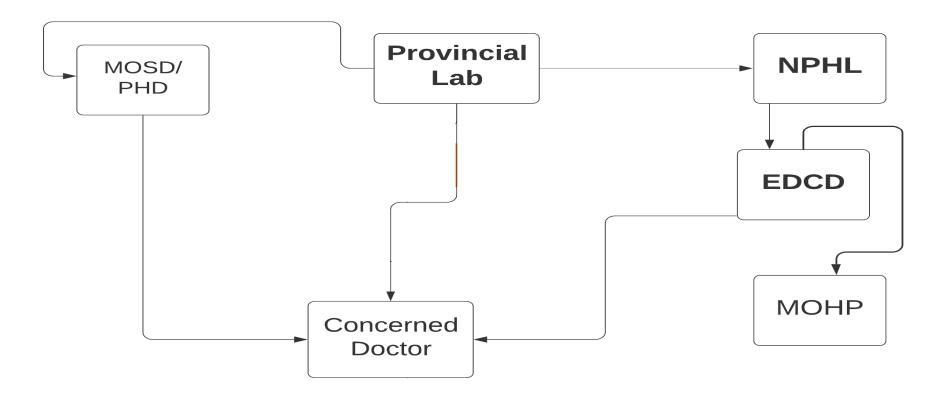
- Fake news and rumors
- Mistrust from public due to COVID-19 being a new disease, continuous change in evidence from ongoing researches leading to new policies.
- Handling media and journalists
- Information generation and channel of dissemination
- Designated and dedicated focal person



## Recommendations

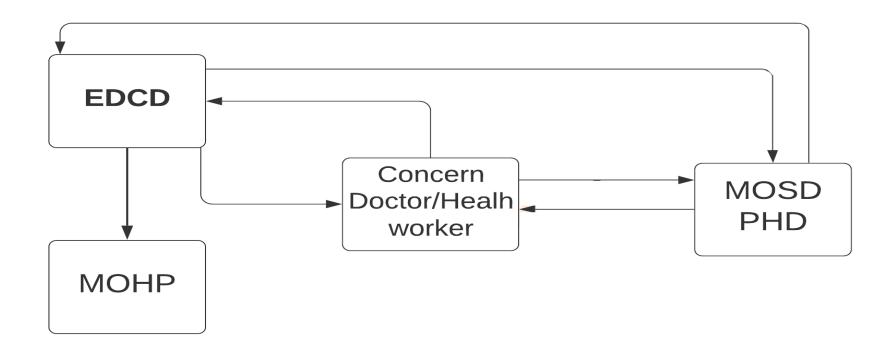


## Lab Report





## **Contact Tracing**





- Spokesperson should be identified in each province who will be overall responsible to communicate with MOHP
- Identified hotspot vs. Provincial targeted intervention

Serious issues vs. Provincial targeted intervention



## Discussions



## Thank You!