

**Briefing from Provincial Health Service
Directorate
National Nutrition Cluster Meeting**

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Brief highlights/updates

- Provincial COVID response final finalized-on the process of endorsement.
- Provincial monsoon preparedness and response plan finalized.
- UNICEF is regularly participating and supporting health and nutrition cluster meeting.
- UNICEF supported nutrition BCC materials (flyers and flex) with the messages on maternal nutrition and treatment of acute malnutrition through PCA partner KIRDARC. The BCC materials are distributed and displayed in several Palika's throughout the province. 21,000 fliers and 70 flex are distributed.
- UNICEF is supporting for airing of radio messages of nutrition via 10 FMs covering all ten districts of the province.
- All 75 OTCs of the province and 2 NRHs in Dailekh and Province hospital, Surkhet are functional. 3 children at Surkhet and 3 Children at Dailekh NRH are under treatment.
- WFP has continued to support distribution of fortified food continued in Kalikot, Jumla, Mugu, Humla and Dolpa districts during September 2020. WFP has also continued to support transportation of medical supplies from Kathmandu to Surkhet and further to districts as per demand from the Government.

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- SUAAHARA is supporting in tele counseling to Golden Thousand Days households. Ward level Nutrition & Food Security Steering Committee (NFSSC) meeting is ongoing to address pregnant, lactating mother & 2 years children issues and support on health and nutrition service. Banchhin Aama radio programme is ongoing. Continue technical (Lab Technician) support at Dailekh Health Office.
- In addition to SSBH regular health system support activities, SSBH is also providing direct support in COVID response including; technical support to PHEOC in overall coordination and day to day report compilation, supporting in CICTT training, technical support to district health authorities and municipalities in contact tracing, recording reporting, providing short term HR for medical, lab and Surveillance work and planning to provide in-kind and training support for Lab strengthening and other necessary technical and supplies support as appropriate

Issues and mitigating measures

- Due to difficulties in transportation nutrition commodities and BCC materials are not delivered on time.
- Procurement process for fortified blended flour during 2077/2078 F/Y has been initiated.
- Risk communication & community engagement activities should be scaled up in all districts considering COVID context.
- Even during emergency situations, regular programs have been conducted adopting precautionary, protective measures, social distancing and public health preventive measures. However, more support will be needed to continue the essential health services.

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