WaterAid Nepal
COVID-19 response

Objectives

⇒ Raise awareness of the importance of sanitation and hygiene to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.
⇒ Support the Government of Nepal in its preparedness and response to Covid-19 through hygiene promotion, handwashing facilities and basic WASH provisions.
⇒ Support local governments and utility operators to develop WASH contingency plan.
⇒ Influence government and stakeholders to prioritise access to WASH, for the vulnerable and marginalized communities and protect dignity and safety of sanitation workers.

WaterAid is an international not for-profit, determined to ensure access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for everyone, everywhere within a generation. Only by tackling these three essentials in ways that last can people change their lives for good.

Our vision aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 6 – everyone, everywhere with access to sustainable WASH services by 2030. We believe this is only possible with a strong WASH sector; a sector led by national governments who prioritise WASH and aim to protect, promote and fulfill their citizens’ rights.

Three Phases of Response

1. Rapid Response: Media and communications for hygiene behaviour change to prevent Covid-19, demonstrate models for handwashing facilities with soap and water, advocate for the protection, safety, and dignity of sanitation workers.

2. Intermediate Response: Institutionalising behaviour change interventions, adequately resourced WASH contingency plans, scaling-up WASH facilities in the communities and Municipalities.

3. Long term Response: Strengthening local WASH systems and sustaining behaviour change.

Target—Phase 1

- 210000 people in 15 municipalities (Rural and Urban) sensitized on the importance of sanitation and hygiene.
- 87 Information centers / help desks established
- 177 Handwashing facilities with soap and water and 36 sanitation facilities in strategic locations
- 15 municipalities (Rural and Urban) provided technical support to develop WASH contingency plan
- 295 Health institutions and 87 information centers / help desks provided with Covid-19 hygiene kit and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Progress so far

Supported National Health Education Information and Communication Centre (NHEICC) of the Ministry of Health and Population to design posters / flyers on Covid-19.

These posters were translated and redesigned into local languages i.e. Tharu and Maithali. 4000 copies were distributed in Siraha and Bardiya districts with support from our local partners DJKYC and BASE.

Our social media campaign featuring Miss Nepals, reached over 500,000 social media users and it’s growing with support from our Media partner Vision 360
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNtc9C1p4vU&t=2s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iijBTU69hQg&t=7s

1 million reached with Radio jingles.
- 6,30,912 people in Siraha
- 4,23,656 people in Bardiya
- 20,829 people through Miking in Chaurideurali RM

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Posters placed in 100 public points of Kathmandu, Kirtipur and Lalitpur municipality.

WaterAid Nepal inaugurates 50 contact less handwashing stations inside Kathmandu valley and 25 in Lahan Municipality, Siraha district.
WaterAid Nepal in collaboration with partner GUTHI provided 500 personal protective kits (PPE) to sanitation workers in Kathmandu, Kirtipur and Lalitpur Municipality. Sanitation is an essential service that continues even in emergency and lockdown. However, sanitation workers are a vulnerable group with lack of social protection mechanisms and are at high risk due to exposure to contaminants.

Supporting the Management Division of the Ministry of Health and Population with 50 Jars (5 litres each) of surface disinfectants, 17,000 surgical masks and 100 PPE for health workers.

Hygiene kits including sopas and masks were distributed to Dalit communities of Lahan Municipality benefitting 1350 households.

Posters on preventive measures of Covid-19 were printed and distributed to Sajha Yatayat bus transportation, which goes to 70 routes.

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