

COVID-19 RELIEF AID & ASSISTANCE IN NEPAL



IMPACT REPORT

First Response

Nepal's first COVID-19 case was confirmed on 23 January 2020. The first case of local transmission was reported on 4 April 2020 in Kailali District and was spreading at an alarming speed. The severity of this global pandemic had an adverse impact on lives and livelihood of the communities especially the poor and marginalised.

The nation's lockdown, enforced since 24 March 2020, had been chaotic for the destitute. The exacerbation of existing issues and culmination of new ones, such as the absence of social interaction and job loss, took a toll on the mental health of people.

Mercy Relief responded by carrying out immediate relief aid and assistance to vulnerable families living in the informal settlements in Kathmandu Valley. From 28 March to 8 June 2020, relief packs in the form of food, medical supplies and protective gears were distributed to help cushion the impact of the pandemic.

15,964

Positive Cases

9,118

Active Cases

35

Fatalities

6,811

Recovered

(as of 7 July 2020)

Distribution of non-perishable food items in five districts benefiting **10,979** individuals.



Medication and lab tests were provided for **80** elderlies to meet their medical needs during the lockdown.

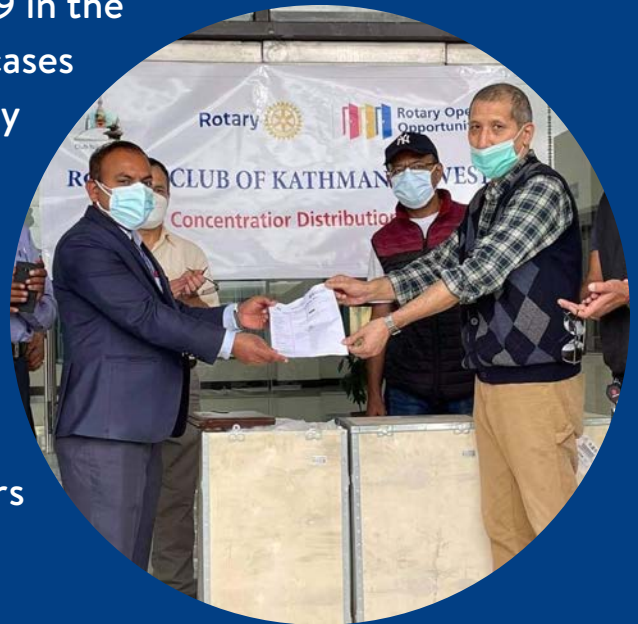
Personal protective gears and boots were distributed to **45** waste workers, ensuring their safety while at work.



Second Response

Nepal was heavily affected by the COVID-19 Delta variant in May and June 2021. Nepal reported its largest number of new COVID-19 infections since the start of the pandemic, with more than 9,000 cases per day and a daily fatality of around 200. The high fatality rate was a result of the lack of hospital facilities.

Kathmandu is the epicentre of COVID-19 in the country, with almost 40% of the active cases in the country. Being the capital, majority of patients chose to seek treatment in Kathmandu. However, the health infrastructure of Kathmandu was unable to bear the load, due to shortage of oxygen. Many hospitals, especially the small ones, desperately needed oxygen cylinders, concentrators and generators.



In June 2021, Mercy Relief responded by providing access to oxygen concentrators for the critically ill and needy COVID-19 patients who were receiving treatment at four public hospitals in Kathmandu and its neighbouring districts.

635,188

Positive Cases

9,051

Fatalities

588,950

Recovered

(as of 29 June 2021)

Distribution of
14 units of oxygen
concentrators.



The oxygen concentrators
are expected to benefit
more than 1,300 COVID-19
patients at 4 public health
facilities.