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# **WHO Monthly Report**

**GANDAKI PROVINCE**

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S.N.	Major Health Events/Highlights	Support provided by WHO
1	Launching of MR SIA 2024 in all districts of Gandaki province targeting age groups 9 months to under 5 years in 10 districts and 9 months to 15 years in Nawalparasi West	Technical support for provincial, district and Local level microplanning workshop, capacity building, monitoring and media advocacy

Major Updates/Key Activities			Remarks
S.N.	UNIT	Description of Activities	
1.	HSS	Provided technical support to review and incorporate the feedback received from stakeholders and Provincial Policy and Planning Commission in the draft of Second Five-year plan (Health). The revised draft of the second five-year plan has been submitted for further compilation and consolidation in the PPC.	
2.	HSS	Provided technical support to convene consultation meeting with provincial stakeholders and experts in the draft of provincial public health act. Series of consultation meetings were held in the month of February where Dr Binod Bindu Sharma, Secretary of MoSDH chaired the meetings in the special presence of Hon. Minister of MoSDH, directors of provincial health institutions, experts from academia, private hospitals, PoAHS, WHO and officials from MoSDH.	Details inputs from the experts has been received and the relevant feedback will be incorporated in the ongoing draft of provincial public health act. PHO has facilitated to draft, discuss and incorporating the feedback received in consultation with MoSDH officials.
3.	HSS	Attended the strategic meeting to discuss and recommend the strategic action plan for effective and intensified active case finding of Tuberculosis cases in Gandaki Province. Upon invitation from provincial TB treatment center,	The agreed action plan with estimated budget has been submitted by the committee to MoSDH and other relevant stakeholders for effective implementation.

		Pokhara, PHO provided technical inputs and supported drafting the strategic action plan to accelerate the active case finding of TB cases in Gandaki Province.	
4.	HSS	<p>Provided coordination and facilitation support to convene courtesy meetings with WHO Team and Provincial authorities. Dr. Binod Gupta (NPO P, M&amp; E WCO), along with the WHO provincial team (PHO and other colleagues from WHE, IPD, NCD&amp;MH) participated in the meetings separately held with acting DG of health directorate and staffs and the Secretary of MoSDH and officials to discuss the contributions made so far and the priorities further for the support expected by province.</p>	<p>The major technical support expected by Gandaki province are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training for Doctors and Nurses for dialysis service expansion to support for the provincial mission to bring dialysis patients' waiting backlog ZERO.</li> <li>▪ Support for the expansion of EMR across the provincial hospitals and development of EMR protocol to standardize the software and features as required by the province considering data security and confidentiality.</li> <li>▪ Support to institutionalize eHMIS rollout in Gandaki province by establishing server for digital health platforms at provincial level</li> <li>▪ Technical support and collaboration to initiate PCL midwifery course in Gandaki province to address the HRH gaps.</li> <li>▪ Support for the disposal of expired medicine and drugs which has been piled up since long at provincial and district level.</li> <li>▪ Collaboration for the resource gap in addressing the recommendations from health care waste management diagnostic assessment done in Gandaki province with support from WHO.</li> <li>▪ Develop provincial capacity for research and evidence generation activities</li> </ul>
5.	HSS	<p>Provided coordination and facilitation support to organize health development partners meeting in hybrid modality. The meeting was chaired by acting health directorate Mr. Hemant Sharma and participated by representatives from 20 different development partners, MOSDH and HD officials.</p>	<p>The objective of the meeting was to share the key updates from HDPs and explore support for national priority MR campaign from partners as well. The PHD expected the support for Rapid Convenient Monitoring (RCM) and other as appropriate</p>

6.	<b>HSS</b>	Participated and supported in the first stakeholder engagement meeting organized by MoSDH, Gandaki province with support from CREPHA for the development of implementation guideline for menstrual health and justice in Gandaki province. The meeting was chaired by MoSDH Secretary and participants were from provincial health authorities, development partners, civil societies, elected representatives from local levels and stakeholders from schools and Education directorate.	The objectives of the meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of policies and programs related to menstrual health and justice in Nepal</li> <li>▪ Discuss key programs, issues, challenges and possible solutions for menstrual health and justice in Gandaki province</li> <li>▪ Discuss the need for the implementation guideline for menstrual health and justice, identify key recommendations, outlines, and content of the guideline</li> </ul>
7.	<b>WHE</b>	WHE team traveled to the Infectious and Communicable Diseases Hospital (ICDH) to orient staff of the billing department on the updated module of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. And regular support to Madhyabindu and Aabunkhaireni hospital to solve the issues raised in EMR.	EMR of the hospital has been upgraded and conducted hands-on training for the billing department to issue bills through the newly updated EMR system. This training included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating the service product in the system</li> <li>• Updating the cost of hospital services</li> <li>• Issuing the system-generated bill</li> <li>• The process of bill refunding</li> </ul>
8.	<b>WHE</b>	Upon the request of the Ministry of Social Development and Health (MoSDH), the WHE team is engaged in finalizing the Diseases Surveillance Bulletin of Gandaki Province.	The drafted bulletin will be shared with MoSDH soon.
9.	<b>WHE</b>	WHE team followed up the status of using SORMAS (Surveillance Outbreak Response Management & Analysis System) in the province. Reporting gaps in the system were analyzed.	Out of the 85 local units, 47 have been reporting through the SORMAS platform and the remaining 38 local level have not. Furthermore, 9 private hospitals reported in the SORMAS out of the 30 Hospitals. Gap analysis report of the 85 local levels was sent to SORMAS focal person.
10.	<b>WHE</b>	WHE team provided technical support to Pokhara Academy of	Hospital Disaster Preparedness and response plan is updated in HSI plus app.

		Health Sciences to update the Hospital Safety Index (HSI) plus	
11.	<b>WHE</b>	WHE team had a meeting with Mr. Man Mohan Mishra, DG of PPHL regarding the Provincial Laboratory Workshop Planned by PPHL with financial and technical support from WHO.	A request letter has been sent to MoSDH by PPHL which will be forwarded to Coordination Division MoHP.
12.	<b>WHE</b>	WHE team provided technical support in One day Hub and Satellite Hospitals Network Interaction meeting organized by GP Koirala National Center for Respiratory Disease.	Participants were officials from MoSDH, HD, HO, Medical superintendents, and Disaster focal persons from 8 satellite hospitals.
13.	<b>NCD</b>	Supervision and mentoring of NCD and MH program was conducted at Lamjung district. Multiple health facilities were visited and status of NCD and MH were observed.	Mental health training and drugs were inadequate. Funds should be allocated for trainings. Infrastructures are being renovated in some health centers.
14.	<b>NCD</b>	Coordination with EDCD for training of health care workers in Gandaki Province. Training with support from EDCD and WHO is planned in upcoming months.	Centralized collection on name and number of health care workers will help planning of training easier
15.	<b>NCD</b>	Communications with EDPs on further planned activities. mhGAP trainings are planned for the Kaski district this month.	Logistics unpreparedness may affect the quality of trainings.
16.	<b>NCD</b>	Monthly OPD service for patient living with mental health conditions were continued at lamjung district.	Psychiatric consultant was provided by WHO
17.	<b>IPD</b>	Provided technical assistance in provincial, district and Palika level MR SIA 2024 microplanning workshop	Supported and facilitated in pre campaign, during campaign and post campaign activities of MR SIA across the districts of the province

18.	IPD	Provincial AEFI committee formation specifically for prompt response during MR SIA	Committee members from MoSDH, HD, pediatricians, and SMO, WHO-IPD
19.	IPD	Deployment of independent monitors for house-to-house monitoring to identify missed children post campaign across 9 districts	Identification of missed children and provided report to the concerned Palikas and districts
20.	CDS	<p><b><i>Technical assistance for Kala-azar elimination</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conducted case-based surveillance for two instances of kala-azar in Gandaki Province, collaborating with the health offices of Nawalparasi East and Gorkha, as well as Madhyabindu Municipality and Shahid Laxan Rural Municipality. Near the locations of these index cases, we screened 38 individuals where no positive cases were identified during the Active Case Detections (ACDs) carried out during the period.</li> <li>▪ Community awareness was conducted during field visits in collaboration with the relevant health offices and local government authorities. Estimated 45 community peoples were given appropriate information about Kala-Azar management.</li> <li>▪ Supported smooth and uninterrupted logistics chain supply of VL program rk39 from PHLMC to health offices of Gandaki Province.</li> <li>▪ Data verification and onsite coaching provided at Nawalparasi East Health Office.</li> </ul>	Initiation of Integrated Vector Surveillance in Gandaki Province by the Health Directorate, Gandaki. during the month of Chaitra was organized.

Issues and Challenges			Action Taken/Required at Province level
S.N.	UNIT	Description	
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Recommendations and Kind Request for Additional/Special Support from the Federal/Provincial /Local Government.	
HSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Development of Second five-year plan aligned with the NHS-SP.</li> <li>◆ Development of provincial public health act aligned with the Federal act and regulation.</li> <li>◆ Development of implementation plan for the menstrual health and justice at Federal level as it is a multisectoral agenda.</li> </ul>

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### Photo Section:



*Photo details: Consultation meeting on provincial public health act*

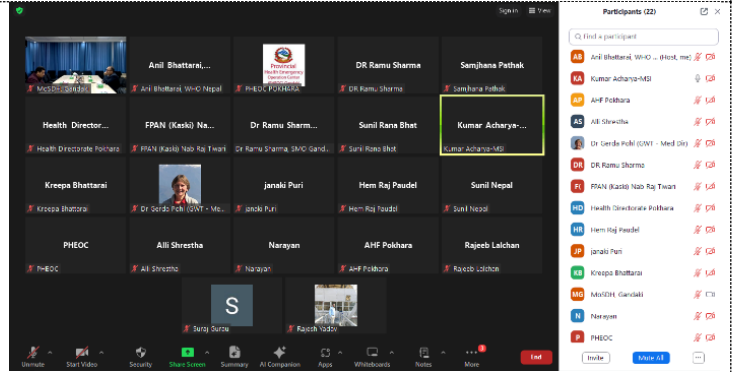


*Photo Details: Meeting with stakeholders to discuss and recommend the strategic action point for Active Case Finding of TB cases*





*Photo Details: WHO Courtesy meeting with MoSDH Secretary and other officials and WHO Team*



*Photo Details: PHO facilitating Health Development Partner's Meeting*



*Oriented FCHV about Kala-azar during case-based surveillance*



*Preparedness of IRS activity including trained personnel, IRS Pumps, Insecticides at Health Office, Nawalparsi East*



*Screened Kala-Azar test at Madhyabindu Municipality, Nawalparsi East, Gandaki.*



*conducted active case detection at Dharesimal, ward no 11 Madhyabindu Municipality, Nawalparsi East.*



*Orientation to the staffs of ICDH on upgraded EMR*



*Monitoring and supervision of NCD and MH programs at Lamjung district*



*Group photo of Hub and Satellite Hospitals network interaction meeting*



*MR SIA Session site monitoring at Manang and Tanahun districts*



*Technical assistance in district microplanning workshop and 4 batches of vaccinators training on MR and TCV SIA*



*Photo Details: Provincial Immunization committee meeting, Pokhara*



*Photo Details: MoSDH Secretary delivering his speech in the stakeholders' engagement meeting for menstrual health and justice*