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# **WHO Monthly Report**

**GANDAKI PROVINCE**

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S.N.	Major Health Events/Highlights	Support provided by WHO
1.	HPV demonstration program at Pokhara Academy of Health Sciences	Facilitated in the orientation to medical doctors, Health workers, volunteers for AEFI management, recording reporting and VPD surveillance, Facilitated in orientation and advocacy meeting with DICC, media professional and stakeholder
2.	Annual Program Implementation Guideline, 2080 has been endorsed by the MoSDH, ministerial level and disseminated for implementation among the affiliated functionaries.	PHO provided technical support for the finalization of Annual Program Implementation Guideline, 2080.
3.	Provided technical and facilitation support for the Provincial Consultation workshop for National Vision for SDG Acceleration organized by Provincial Policy and Planning Commission with support from WHO as a focal UN agency. The workshop was chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of PPC and participated by the members of the PPC, Secretaries of all the provincial line ministries, officials of Provincial and Local government representatives, UN Agencies, Development Partners, Private sectors, Academia, Civil Society Organizations, media persons and other multi stakeholders.	On behalf of UN, Dr. Md. Khurshid Alam Hyder, PHA WHO delivered his keynotes regarding the international and national perspectives on SDG status and need for Acceleration. Ms. Kimat Adhikari, NPO-HSD presented on the snapshot of the SDG status and need for the acceleration whereas PHO- Gandaki province facilitated the Group work sessions. The Workshop provided the provincial insights and perspectives for national vision to SDG Acceleration.

Major Updates/Key Activities			Remarks
S.N.	UNIT	Description of Activities	
1.	HSS	Participated in the SRHR TWG Meeting organized by the Health Directorate. The meeting decided to further analyze the data related to SRHR and support for the annual reviews and planning meetings.	The meeting also decided to explore the opportunities to organize Provincial Conference regarding Maternal and Newborn Health component
2.	HSS	Provided technical and facilitation support for the RRI-BHS Monitoring Framework Provincial and Local level Consultation meetings in Pokhara and Annapurna Rural Municipality. A team from MoHP and NPO-HSD facilitated the provincial consultation meeting where the Health Secretary, Director Generals, and officials of MoSDH participated and provided the feedback. On the next day of the provincial consultation, the team including the representatives from MoSDH and HD visited to Annapurna RM, Kaski for the consultation of BHS monitoring Framework. After the consultation, the monitoring tools were piloted at on Health Post and one Basic Health Service Center of Annapurna RM.	

3.	<b>HSS</b>	<p>Provided technical support to identify the process and time for the development of second five-year plan (Health) of Gandaki province. Provincial Policy and Planning Commission is taking the overall lead whereas MoSDH is leading for the health sector plan. PHO identified and presented 26 steps to finalize the second five-year plan (Health) which has been agreed by the MoSDH.</p>	<p>A steering committee has been formed in the leadership of Secretary. PHO also suggested to form four different thematic committees to draft and engage in the process for finalization of the plan</p>
4.	<b>HSS</b>	<p>Provided technical support to design and develop the joint annual calendar of operation. As recommended by the PHO, health secretary agreed to develop joint annual operational calendar. This will be useful to track the progress of AWPB implementation and monitor by MoSDH.</p>	
5.	<b>HSS</b>	<p>Participated and provided technical inputs in the provincial Technical Support Committee meeting for a research study on “Menstrual Justice in Nepal: Achieving the Right to a Good Period in Policy and Practice Evidence”.</p>	<p>The TSC led by secretary of MoSDH is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review research tools, and provide suggestions for the study methodology</li> <li>Review preliminary results and provide comments/suggestions when ready</li> <li>Involve/assist/support in data analysis, interpreting, preparing, or reviewing journal articles for publication together with the research team (optional only for those who are willing)</li> <li>Extend technical support required by the research team and</li> <li>Advise on uptake of research findings and recommendations of this study</li> </ul>
6.	<b>IPD</b>	<p>Participated in Annual Health Review Meeting of Syangja</p>	
7.	<b>IPD</b>	<p>Sample collection and shipment of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) received from Manipal Teaching Hospital and Nawalparasi Received 51 serum samples of suspected measles from across all districts</p>	<p>Received the 19 blood serum samples of AES cases from Nawalparasi East and verification/ follow up of cases to update on the case investigation forms Out of which 2 were JE positive A total of 6 JE positive cases from Nawalparasi, Gorkha and Kaski One Rubella positive case from Kawasoti, Nawalparasi East</p>
8.	<b>IPD</b>	<p>Case investigation and verification of 3 AFP cases- two from Nawalparasi E and 1 from Parbat</p>	<p>Stool samples collected and shipped</p>
9.	<b>WHE</b>	<p>Facilitated to share the report of 15 Samples of Conjunctivitis cases to the government counterparts. The samples were collected from Himalayan Eye Hospital and sent to NPHL through PPHL to find the causative pathogen of the.</p>	<p>Out of 15 samples, 11 were positive for enterovirus and 4 were negative.</p>

10.	WHE	Compilation of line list of dengue and Conjunctivitis cases from district hospital and local levels and updated the line list in Surveillance Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System (SORMAS).	
11.	WHE	Regular conduction of SORMAS reporting analysis and regular communication with the local levels that have not yet engaged in reporting activities and addressed the issues faced by the users while reporting in SORMAS.	Out of 85 Local level of Gandaki province, 38 has been reported at least one disease in SORMAS. The number is increased by 75% in compared to the previous month. Out of these 85 local levels, it was found that 38 of them had reported at least one disease in the SORMAS system.
12.	WHE	Visited Military Hospital, Pokhara and discussed regarding the roles and responsibilities of PHEOC, Hub, and Satellite network mechanism, disaster-related trainings and drills with Dr Ajay Raj Bhandari, Hospital Commandant. MoSDH has designated the hospital as a Satellite hospital of Pokhara Academy of Health Science.	
13.	WHE	On response to the concerning surge in diarrhea cases within the Ajirkot Rural municipality, situated in Gorkha, PHEOC team communicated with Municipality health section chief for rumor verification and confirmation and the information was then shared with the government counterparts. On response, provided the guidance to the health section team for proper reporting in SORMAS.	As no further cases were reported so no further help required from MoSDH/PHEOC.
14.	WHE	Participated in a meeting convened by Mr. Khim Khadka, the Director General of the Provincial Health Directorate (PHD), to discuss the digitalization of healthcare in Gandaki Province. The implementation plan that has been finalized as follows: Server Setup in PHEOC Installation of software/tools in the PHEOC server Quality Assurance (QA) Test System Migrate in Live server Orientation/Training	Server has been setup in PHEOC Software/tools has been installed Quality Service test is ongoing
15.	WHE	Participated and technically supported on Hybrid Orientation Program on Dengue and Seasonal Hyper-Acute Pan Uveitis (SHAPU) organized by the Ministry of Social Development and Health, Gandaki Province.	
16.	WHE	Dissemination of presentation, educational videos, and IEC materials of Dengue and SHAPU with all the local levels, hub and satellite hospitals, health offices, and Aayurved offices.	
17.	WHE	Had meeting with Dr Bharat Khatri, Director Pokhara Academy of Health Sciences along with Telemedicine vendor and telemedicine focal	Telemedicine equipment and department is ready in PoAHS, once the software is installed

		person of MoSDH regarding the installation and initiation of telemedicine service in the province.	in PoAHS, Manang, Mustang, Gorkha and Myagdi Hospital; the service can be started.
18.	<b>WHE</b>	On response to the notification of first case of SHAPU in Himalayan Eye Hospital, PHEOC team communicated, coordinated with the director and outreach person of the hospital, and technically supported to update the cases in SORMAS. The same information has been circulated to the provincial authorities including the health secretary of MoSDH, the Director of PHD, health offices, and all the concerned stakeholders, and the IEC materials of SHAPU are disseminated to all district levels.	
19.	<b>NCD</b>	Celebrated World Suicide prevention day 2023	Presentation regarding mental health and suicide situation in Nepal and Gandaki province were shared.
20.	<b>NCD</b>	Tobacco workshop for regulation of Tobacco was organized to strengthen regulations of tobacco	TOT was organized and trainers were provided as support
21.	<b>NCD</b>	Facilitated and provided feedback on One day interaction program on Suicide Prevention organized by Mental Health network of Gandaki province.	
22.	<b>NCD</b>	Facilitated awareness rally which was conducted for Suicide Awareness with members from MoSDH, PHD, TPO, Koshish, Kopila Nepal, Manipal teaching hospital and other stakeholders. The rally ended in the form of a seminar with different personnel providing feedback and planning for suicide prevention	
23.	<b>NCD</b>	Facilitated stakeholders Suicide prevention program organized by MoSDH with support from Koshish.	Feedback on lack of grassroot level engagement, treatment gaps were discussed with the stakeholders.
24.	<b>NCD</b>	Facilitated one day Suicide and mental health interaction and orientation program for school students of Shitaladevi community school with support from Pokhara Nursing Campus	
25.	<b>NCD</b>	Attended review program organized by PHLMC.	Lack of mental drugs in districts were discussed with stakeholders.

Issues and Challenges			Action Taken/Required at Province level
S.N.	UNIT	Description	
1	<b>NCD</b>	Lack of mental health drugs in province will create treatment gap	Additional budgeting for procurement of drugs should be allocated

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**Photo Section:**



*Photo Details: Provincial consultation on BHS monitoring framework in Gandaki Province*



*Photo Details: SRHR Technical Committee meeting in Gandaki Province, Pokhara*



*Photo Details: Local Level consultation workshop on BHS monitoring framework in Annapurna RM, Kaski*



*Photo Details: BHS monitoring tools pretesting at BHS centre in Annapurna RM*



*A girl receives a dose of human papillomavirus vaccine in Pokhara on Wednesday. RSS*



*Photo Details: facilitating vaccination orientation*



Photo Details: Dr Sujan along with Mr. Sajan Baral, Telemedicine focal person MoSDH and Telemedicine vendors meeting with Dr Bharat Khatri, Director PoAHS regarding telemedicine service in the province.



Photo Details: Consultation meeting for the finalization of Annual Program Implementation Guideline, 2080.



Photo Details: Awareness rally for suicide prevention 2023



Photo Details: Tobacco cessation TOT for officials of different province to strengthen tobacco regulations



Photo Details: Glimpse of Hybrid Orientation Program on Dengue and Seasonal Hyper-Acute Pan Uveitis (SHAPU) organized by the Ministry of Social Development and Health, Gandaki Province.



Photo details: WHO provincial team meeting with MoSDH Secretary



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Photo Details: Ms. Kimat Adhikari presenting in Provincial consultation workshop on National Vision to SDG



Photo Details: Hon'ble Vice Chair of PPPC inaugurating the workshop on National Vision to SDG



Photo Details: Dr. Hyder, Public Health Administrator from WHO delivering his keynotes in Provincial consultation workshop on National Vision to SDG



Photo Details: MoSDH (Health) Secretary facilitating the Group Work in Provincial consultation workshop on National Vision to SDG



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