

Project: Enhancing Cholera Control in Nepal

Project Donor/Partner : International vaccine Institute (IVI), KOICA, Good Neighbors International (GNI)

Project Area : Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Lalitpur Metropolitan City and Gokarneswor Municipality

Project Duration : February to October 2023

Project Goal : The main aim of the project is to enhance Nepal's capacity to detect, respond and prevent outbreaks of cholera and to contribute to cholera prevention and control and build roadmap to control cholera in Nepal.

Project Brief

Every year, monsoon season in Nepal (June to September) triggers burden in cholera and other WASH related diseases in Nepal. With variant sources of water and heterogenous population living, Kathmandu Valley especially is in public health risks. Therefore, to prevent the outbreak of WASH related diseases and cholera, preventive measures in various stakeholder level is essential. In the same way, IVI has established a collaborative partnership in Nepal with the government agencies under the ministry of Health and Population. IVI is also supporting ECHO project in collaboration with KOICA and GNI Nepal in which Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions are being implemented by ENPHO in Kathmandu Valley. Community and local government are the first responder and frontliner for any type of disaster, stress, and outbreaks. Therefore, actions

for capacity building on knowledge, resources, and accessibility to local health personnels, community health volunteers, youth groups, CBOs, women's group, and other local community groups are expected to prevent potential water borne diseases in the selected hotspot areas. ToT on WASH and cholera, orientations to CHWs, youth groups, CBOs, provide stockpile materials to local government, citizen led water quality testing and community awareness through mass and door-to-door approaches.



Major Outputs:

- WASH and Cholera awareness campaigns and awareness activities in hotspot areas, capacity building of frontline workers, CHWs, youth groups and other community-based groups are the activities planned.
- Supply of IEC materials and prepositioning of WASH materials in local government are supposed.
- Baseline, midline and endline WQT assessments are the activities which indicate the impact of direct community awareness and capacity building of local communities and frontliners to safe drinking water practices.
- Promotion of safe drinking water, safe hygiene and food through mass awareness in social media and door-to-approaches are the supporting actions to strengthen WASH system among communities and local government.

Major Achievement:

Supported hotspot areas of cholera (KMC 11, 12 and 13) to preposition WASH supportive materials to make them capable of responding quickly to WASH related disease outbreaks.

Capacitated 645 frontliners, CHWs, community members of various local groups in Lalitpur and Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Gokarneswor Municipality on WASH and cholera .

Beneficiaries served:

