

Flying Aid Nepal (FAN) network grant

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During the response period, the FAN-network grant directly contributed to the following activities and results in Bardiya region Nepal as part of the overall Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund (DPRF) for COVID-19:

1. 4 youth volunteers (3 female, 1 male) were actively mobilized in the community for distribution of COVID-19 kits and awareness activities.
2. 329 households/individuals (195 female, 134 male) were supported with COVID-19 prevention kits. This included sanitizer (500 ML), surgical masks, pulse oximeter, digital thermometer, handwashing soap and paper towels. Youth volunteers were engaged during the distribution of the COVID-19 kits, as they distributed these kits to the doorstep of the COVID-19 infected individuals in the community.
3. 140 COVID-19 infected women staying at the isolation center were provided with hygiene kits to maintain their menstrual hygiene in coordination with local government and isolation center management team.
4. 90 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) were provided for the frontline workers in Bansgadhi municipality (20 sets), Badhaiyatal municipality (20 sets) and Bardiya hospital (50 sets) to keep them safe.
5. 6 hoarding boards relaying message of COVID-19 prevention and precautions were installed in strategic locations in Bardiya. It is estimated that at least 2200 individuals were reached with the message.
6. 296 individuals (127 females and 169 males) were provided with psychosocial counselling using different modalities - at home, in small groups or at isolation centers. These were mainly COVID-19 patients and caretakers. Through the counselling service they were supported in relieving stress and anxiety caused due to social stigma, loss of kin, loss of jobs and income sources, among others.
7. 139 COVID-19 patients (66 female, 73 male) were served with cooked food at the respective isolation center. The menu was decided in coordination with the management team of the isolation center, whereby the project supplied food 3 times a day. The patients had to stay from about a week to 21 days in the isolation center.
8. 1 health post was provided with PPE, including gloves (20 packs), face shield, sanitizer, masks, oximeters and antigen test kit for effective service delivery to patients.
9. 2 isolation centers were provided with beds (2 set), medicine trolley, bedside lockers (5 set) and PPE - gloves (20 packs), face shields, sanitizer, masks, oximeters – for effective service delivery to patients in collaboration with local government.

Youth engagement played an important role in the COVID-19 response in Bardiya. Though not disaggregated as per the project., the below describes some of the major ways youth mobilized and contributed to the response in the Bardiya region:

1. Youths of Bardiya helped by collecting data during the time of Covid-19. They collected data of people in need of relief, those who had lost their jobs, pregnant women and women on maternity.
2. The youth also helped the community in distributing relief along with monitoring the process. Due to such support provided by the youths during COVID, people have started involving youths in various local-level programs.
3. At the local level youths conducted tuition and classes for children who were deprived of going to schools because of which children got a chance to study.
4. Youth conducted trainings in how to properly wash hands and wear masks, and also distributed health items.
5. During the second COVID 19 wave, the youth of the Youth Hub in Bardiya were active in raising public awareness in their community (with safety measures). They were raising public awareness in the main places and settlements of all 10 wards of Rajapur Municipality. Awareness leaflets and pamphlets were being distributed in the main places of wards and those who were not wearing masks were given masks to wear, were taught how to wear masks properly and to use sanitizer. The youth also taught hand washing stepwise. They have also posted leaflets and pamphlets in the squares. Such programs were conducted in 48 places of 10 wards and reached about 1800 people.
6. With the onset of the second wave of COVID, cases began to increase in the community. In Bardiya, youths have been operating a COVID- 19 help desk. Information had also been given about the services being provided by Rajapur Municipality through the desk. The help desk was operational from June 2 to July 6 in the Bhansar chowk of Rajapur municipality, about 900 people have received the service, around 150 people were online registered for COVID vaccination, and more than 3000 people received COVID prevention kit. The help desk was supported by USAID and TAYAR Nepal while KMJS coordinated the help desk locally.