COVID-19
UNDP'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Impact

5.5 million
Nepalis already below the poverty line

2 million
Jobs lost across sectors

1.5 million
Migrant returnees expected to enter the economy

4.4 million
People are engaged in the informal sector

3 out of 5
Jobs lost in the micro and small businesses

40%
Expected decline in remittances

Health System Support

Over 165,000 surgical and cloth masks provided to frontline responders & migrant returnees

Protective gear provided to 500+ waste workers in Kathmandu and Nuwakot

200 tents, 100 bed set items, 500 mosquito nets, 30,000 water bottles and 20 water tanks provided to quarantine facilities

Handed over 1 PCR machine to enhance testing capacity of Province 5 by 210 additional tests per day

Launched “SmartPalika” app to help local government better respond to the crisis

Launched delivery robots made locally by youth innovators to assist and reduce exposure of frontline health workers

1,000+ migrant returnees (women, children & elderly) transported to holding centers from Point of Entry

Supported over 150 women to start cloth mask enterprises to stop the spread of virus and promote livelihoods

Mobilized over 100 volunteers in community awareness activities

Socio-Economic Recovery

Informed government and UN economic recovery responses through a rapid assessment of socio-economic impact and recovery needs

Over 3 million people reached through radio, PSAs and social media to help resolve socio-economic problems they faced during the crisis

Responded to over 1,500 peoples calls and queries in the radio program, with 30% of them resolved

Over 6,000 fruit and other trees planted engaging people staying in quarantine facilities

Created short-term jobs for over 2,000 vulnerable people in 10 municipalities

Introduced 2 “agriculture ambulances” which collected and sold 50 tons agris products benefiting 1,500+ farmers in a month

Initiated 2 cooperatives markets benefiting around 1,000 farmers in Makawanpur and Nuwakot

Crisis Management & Response

Over 200 state & non-state frontline actors trained on Leadership, Dev Skills in Risk, Emergency & Crisis Comms in partnership with TU & GGI

750 local and 7 provincial governments equipped with videoconferencing facility

Supported to conduct first monitoring of prisons during the pandemic

Brought together 250 women mayors, deputy mayors & VCs to share & discuss their experiences & challenges in responding to COVID-19

Over 70 lawyers deployed to run an online legal aid services

Launched a “human rights app” to help reporting and handling of human rights violation cases of discrimination, stigmatization, and abuse.

Mobilized human rights networks across the country