



# Interfacing COVID 19 with WASH perspective Asia Lab- Nov 10, 2020

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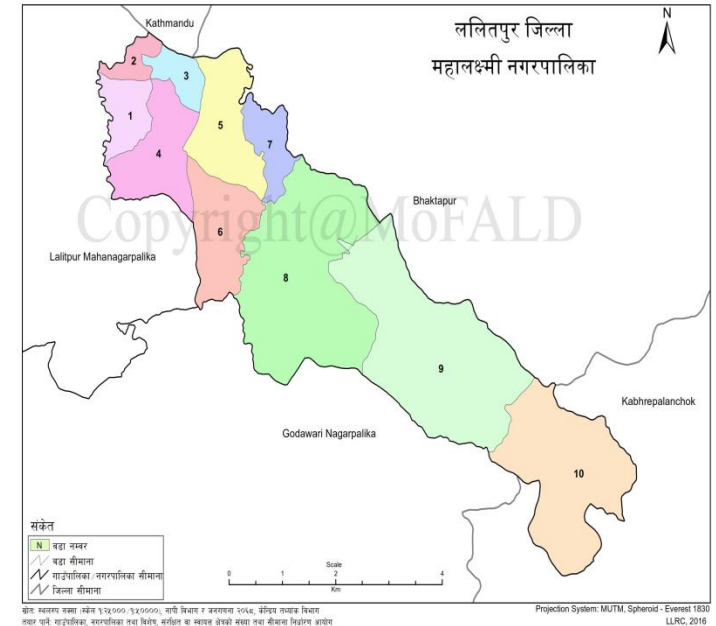


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# Mahalaxmi Municipality

- Mahalaxmi Municipality is situated in the north-eastern part of the Lalitpur district with Area 26.5 Sq. Km
- Population = 250,000 (*Population density = 9433 persons per sq. Km*) with composition of old and new settlements
- *Population growth rate = 5.7%*



*Health Facilities -- One  
PHC (Primary  
Health Centre);  
Four Health Posts  
and One private  
hospital*

*Schools – Gov. 15;  
private 60*



## WASH in Mahalaxmi Municipality

**Water stress  
municipality**

**Good  
progress of  
sanitation in  
recent years**



- Domestic Water demand = 13 MLD  
Supply capacity = 4 MLD
- Municipality declared ODF
- Safety Tank mandatory for households sanitation
- FSM ISO Standard in place
- Pilot Project on FSM implemented

# Status of COVID 19



**First case identified on June 2020 (Family living in Rent)**

**Initial period COVID 19 cases under control**

**Recently unexpected increased cases reaching to 1212**



**Current Case as of Nov 5, morning**

- Total Cases 1212 (Mostly senior citizens)
- Cured Cases 836
- Active Cases 370
- Home Isolation 352
- Admitted patient 18
- Death Cases 6



## Policy Measures – Five Key Instruments

The municipality adopted following policy measures to fight COVID 19

1. Budgetary support
2. Strong monitoring and Follow Team in Place
3. No one deprived from services but with special priority to vulnerable groups
4. Conducive community environment
5. Public private Partnership



# Planning and implementation Approaches

## Principles:

- Unite to fight against Corona Virus Covid 19
- Everybody is accountable and responsible
- Special priority to those who cannot afford/access

## Approach:

- Joining Dots among Public (Local Gov., Federal Gov.; Community and Private Sectors )
- Led by Municipality and owned by all



# Budgetary Support

- Special Finance Resource mobilization

*(255,000 USD approx.)*

*Budget approved and transparency maintained through Municipality Assembly*



Additional Financing from Community, Business organizations and Individual Donors





# Monitoring and Follow Up

- Female Community Health Volunteer (FCHV) orientation and mobilization
- Social activists-clubs and youths in actions
- Monitoring and counselling team at municipality level
  - CICT (Case Investigation and Contact tracing )
  - CICI (Case Investigation and contact identification)
  - CTCF --Contact tracing and contact follow up



# Addressing Vulnerable Group

- Food for Work Program  
*(Revised version of Free Food Distribution)*





## Addressing Vulnerable Group- cont'd

- COVID test and support for Disable and senior citizens at their residence
- Education and Awareness program addressing School Children and Teachers
- Health Desk at Schools
- Orientation and provision of Safety Tools for Sanitation workers





# Creating Conducive Community Environment

## **COVID in General**

- Medical support
- Quarantine Management
- Capacity enhancement of Front line Health Workers
- Execution of Fever Clinic





## Creating Community Level Conducive Environment – cont'd



**Contact less hand washing station at community level in all wards**



**Traditional Water sources Cleaning**



**Environment cleaning for prevention from COVID 19**



## Public Private Partnership

- Pvt sector for GPS and Training program to front line workers
- Resource Mobilization from Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI, Lalitpur)
- Resource Mobilization from individual Donors





## Learning

**Increased recognition of 'Occupational health safety of sanitary workers' and their behavior change improved**

**Hand washing practice is everyone's concern**

**Food for work is better choice than free distribution – real needy people gets it and delivery cost is minimized**





# The WAY FORWARD

**We will move forward with a Theme**

- **Unite to fight against Corona Virus Covid 19**
  - *We will continue budgetary support and coordination with the concerned organizations and citizens*
  - *We welcome support from different organizations but will not wait them for our action*
  - *We promote knowledge and experiences sharing across different organisations within the country and between countries in South Asia*

# THANK YOU

