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	Major Health Events/Highlights	Support provided by WHO
S.N.		
1	Visit by Hon. Minister MoHP and Hon. Minister MoSDH	Briefing on the activities of PHEOC and IPD
2	Handover of Study report on expansion of dialysis service in Gandaki province by the study committee	Provided technical Support as an invited member of the study committee
3	Virtual orientation on measles outbreak, preparedness, and response Virtual orientation on measles outbreak, preparedness, and response to all Local Levels, District Health Offices, Hospitals and Ayurveda Health institutions chaired by Principal Secretary	Technical support on facilitating the sessions

Major Updates/Key Activities			
S.N.	UNIT	Description of Activities	Remarks
1	WHE	Coordination and communication on Yeti airlines crash and daily situation report dissemination from PHEOC to all stakeholders	
2	WHE	Complete assessment of Nawalparasi Hospital on EMR establishment	Most likely the setup of hardware will be supported by WHO, awaiting fund allocation.
3	WHE	Conduction of orientation on zoonotic diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance at District School as part of health education.	
4	WHE	Conduction of orientation on zoonotic diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance to all District Hospitals and Health Offices.	
5	WHE	Facilitation of ad hoc meeting for Measles outbreak to ensure that surveillance is strengthened at the districts	
6	WHE	Daily health adverse events information dissemination group developed with the purpose to ensure that the health-related information is accessed easily by the stakeholders in a daily and regular basis.	

7	WHE	Logistic supplies to establish the health desk handed over to Pokhara International Airport (PIA)	All logistics required have been supported by WHO.
8	HSS	Provided technical support in developing the 'Technical' and 'Financial' proposal for the Special Grant Project for health sector in Gandaki Province. Initially developed two different proposals namely, "expansion and strengthening of Newborn health services in Gandaki" and "Strengthening Health systems and governance in Gandaki Province" has been merged into one and submitted to OCMCM for further proceedings.	The project proposal includes the activities for strengthening the Provincial, District level and Local level health systems including Newborn health which in return supports to achieve the SDG targets.
9	HSS	As a member of TWC for developing the Provincial Health Training Strategy in Gandaki Province, provided technical support in designing the strategy framework and presented the current issues and challenges in health training and the policy context in the federal context. PHO has been providing technical support in drafting the strategy and has completed drafting of sections like Background, Policy Context, rationale, directive principles, challenges and opportunities, Mission, Vision and Goals.	The next TWG will review the progress made so far in drafting the document and will further set strategic directives and strategies. A wider consultation will be done to move further.
10	HSS	With the technical and financial support from WHO Nepal, NHTC has organized 4 days Climate Resilient Water Safety Plan Training in Pokhara. The participants were from Health Directorate, MoHP/MOSD, PPHL, Health Offices representing all seven provinces and Pokhara Metropolitancy.	The participants from Gandaki Province will contribute as a resource person for carrying out activities and advocacy regarding climate resilient water safety plan and water quality surveillance.
11	HSS	Provided technical support as an invited member of a committee to study the current dialysis status and suggest for the strategies for full coverage and access of dialysis service; explore resources and estimates for the expansion of services throughout the province and complete line listing for each district and provide alternatives to ensure the utilization of dialysis service by the needy ones. The committee has completed the study and submitted the study report to Health Secretary. The report recommended two models to ensure access to dialysis service for all those who are waiting. The first one is to expand the services through existing dialysis centers/ units and the second one is to establish new dialysis center in Pokhara with capacity of 25 beds. The	<p>The findings of the report showed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Almost one third of the patients requiring dialysis service are waiting for the service ▪ In comparison to females, males are higher in numbers for CKD patients and are of productive age group ▪ Almost 70 percent of the patients in Kaski and 15 percent of patients in Nawalpur districts are waiting for the dialysis service ▪ Around NPR 200 million investment is required to provide dialysis service to all the patients waiting for services

		costing for the implementation of both the models has been done in the report.	
12	HSS	Continued providing technical support for developing various policies, strategies, and guidelines. Provided technical support in drafting 'Nutrition Special Grant Program Implementation Guideline' and 'Cancer treatment financial concession Procedural guideline'.	Nutrition Special Grant Program Implementation Guideline has been endorsed
13	HSS	Participated and provided necessary inputs in various meetings and forums like; introductory and welcoming meetings to Hon'ble Minister, MOHP and MOSDH; Stakeholder's meeting on vector borne disease prevention, control, treatment, and management; internal review and sharing meeting of MOSDH.	Continued providing continuous hands-on support to MoSDH as required.
14	IPD	Conduction of Measles Rubella Outbreak Preparedness and Response Orientation program organized by MoHP, Gandaki with all district health offices and hospitals.	
15	IPD	Supported to convene National Review Meeting on COVID-19 Vaccination, Routine Immunization, Measles/Rubella Outbreak Review, Response, and preparedness workshop with provincial dignitaries representing Gandaki province.	
16	IPD	Joint monitoring and supervision visit with EPI supervisor, Family Welfare Division, DoHS and Health Office of Baglung, Tanahun and Nawalpur at peripheral level and facilitation in One day orientation of the local representatives on National Immunization Program, Full Immunization Declaration Sustainability, and review.	
17	IPD	HMIS Routine Immunization and VPD surveillance data review of Shrawan 2079 to Margha 2079 and feedback provided to districts/ municipalities with discrepancies.	
18	IPD	Supported for follow up visit of data quality self-assessment review activity at Tanahun for HMIS/DHIS-II.	
19	IPD	Conducted meeting with Principal Secretary (OCMCM), Hon'ble Secretary (MoSDH) and updated on district wise status of Measles rubella cases,	

		Routine Immunization coverage and dropout, emphasizing on MR1 and MR2 antigen briefed on the Measles outbreak preparedness and response plan.	
20	IPD	Shipment of VPD cases samples (Suspected Measles-32, AFP-4, AES-9). Out of 32 suspected MR cases, one case from Baglung Municipality-3 is detected Rubella Positive.	Prompt notification and follow-up of case was done to district health office, concerned municipality and health workers for contact tracing.
21	IPD	Supported in expansion of reporting units and informer units for VPD surveillance across all local levels.	Total of 24 reporting units are newly expanded.
22	IPD	Twelve independent monitors are recruited and deployed to field for App based COVID-19 vaccination rapid convenience monitoring (RCM)	Out of 11 districts of Gandaki province, independent monitors are being mobilized in 9 districts.

Issues and Challenges			Action Taken/Required at Province level
S.N.	UNIT	Description	
1	WHE	Inadequate communication at the disaster/incident sites.	Set up communication channel (radio/walkie talkie) at PHEOC. Radio frequency channel already made available to PHEOC by security personnel. Conduct frequent coordination meetings with security personnel.
2	WHE	Inadequate interaction among Human, Animal, and environmental Health.	A concrete provincial plan of action to implement "One-Health" concept should be developed
3	IPD	High dropout rate of DPT1 vs MR2 (23%)	Microplanning at local levels and relocation/ expansion of EPI clinics to improve accessibility

Recommendations and Kind Request for Additional/Special Support from the Federal/Provincial /Local Government.

1.	For the full and effective implementation of Provincial Health Policy, 2078, Provincial Health Sector Strategic Implementation Plan needs to be developed and implemented.
2.	To prevent and control mental illness and non-communicable diseases, which are on the rise, a provincial multi-sectoral action plan should be developed and implemented adequately addressing the social determinants of health.

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Photo Section:



Photo Details: Handover of Study report on expansion of dialysis service in Gandaki province by the study committee Chair to Health Secretary, MoSDH



Photo Details: Group Photo with Hon'ble minister of MOHP, Hon'ble minister of MoSDH, Respected Secretary, other officials and WHO colleagues after sharing meeting in MoSDH Pokhara.



Photo Details: Dead body management committee meeting in response of Yeti Airline crash in Pokhara



Photo Details: PHEOC activity update and presentation by FMO (Dr Rajeeb) to Minister and Secretary of MoSDH, Gandaki



Photo Details: Verification of reported AFP case by SMO



Photo Details: Dr Jeetendra Kandel (MeSu), Dr Rajeeb Lalchan (FMO) and Birodh Kattel (IMA)- Assessment in Madhyebindu Hospital, Nawalpur for the implementation of Electronic Medical System (EMR)



Photo Details: Items for the setup of Health desk in Pokhara International Airport (PIA) supported by WHO handed over.



Photo Details: TWG Meeting for drafting Provincial Health Training Strategy



Photo Details: Meeting with Principal Secretary (OCMCM), Secretary (MoSDH) to update on district wise status of Measles rubella cases, Routine Immunization coverage and dropout and Measles outbreak preparedness and response plan.



Photo Details: Consultation meeting for drafting of 'Cancer treatment financial concession Procedural Guideline' in MoSDH