

## **Corona Virus: Update of 30 April 2020**

### **Surkhet, 30 May 2020**

FNCCI Surkhet has submitted a demand sheet to the Ministry of Finance, with eight points describing the effects of lockdown on the traders. It was submitted through the Chief District Officer and has demanded to excuse the taxes during the lockdown period. They have also asked the government to fund the enterprises and support them with 50% donation so that they can pay their labourers and employees.

**According to the District Representative of Jajarkot, Dinesh Kumar Shrestha**, the people's representative was in a dilemma after the people staying in quarantine at Barkot rural municipality-4 asked for a quarantine meeting all the criteria of World Health Organization. They have demanded for internet access, television and nutritional food. There are 54 people staying in this quarantine and it is difficult for the local government to fulfil all their demands, said the Ward Chairperson Srijana Basnet. Since lockdown has hampered the SEE, a radio program has been launched by Bheri Municipality to support the students of grade 10. Khalanga FM and Jajarkot FM gives educational classes for English, Mathematics and Science.

**According to the District Representative of Rukum West, Manisha K.C.**, even after such long lockdown, Aathbiskot Municipality's Shyalakhadi has not received any relief package. This is adversely affecting the needy families. According to the Chairperson of ward-3, because of difficult roadway the goods are not transported in ward no. 1,2 and 3 therefore, it is difficult to distribute relief in those places. These three places are considered the most rural ones in the entire district and 106 families have been shortlisted within the three wards for relief distribution.

**According to the District Representative of Salyan, Meena Budathoki**, 59 people staying in quarantine of Chhatreswari rural municipality were discharged after their RDT resulted negative. There are total 275 people staying in quarantine of seven different centres of the rural municipality. Likewise, Darma rural municipality is distributing social security amount door-to-door to the people. Vaccination for infants has resumed which was halted due to the lockdown. There are 5,800 infants in the entire district.

**According to the District Representative of Dailekh, Amar Sunar**, 45 people from different municipality and rural municipalities of Dailekh are stuck at Babai since lockdown doesn't permit inter provincial commuting. According to the provincial assembly member, Ammar Bahadur Thapa, due to the ignorance of the local level.

**According to the District Representative of Jumla, Mandatta Rawal**, PCR Karnali Health Science Academy and Teaching Hospital has established PCR but is on hold due to lack of some kits. They will be bought by coming Friday. The machine can test 96 swabs at a time.

**According to the District Representative of Mugu, Jivan Sejuwal**, the people of Humla rescued from Surkhet were kept at Mugu's Headquarter where they were given lunch just once within 5 days. Since 53 people were stuck in different roads due to lockdown, food they had was finished.

**According to the District Representative of Dolpa, Bishnu Prasad Devkota**, eight men and four women Indians returning from Tibet and stuck at Chharkatangsong rural municipality gave their RDT and they resulted negative.

**According to the District Representative of Humla, Nanda Singh,** Sarkegad rural municipality will be providing Rs 2000 to those rescued from Kathmandu, Nepalgunj and Surkhet. The reporters of Mugu provided lunch to those returning to Humla from Surkhet. Overseer Dhiraj Tamang of chakheli rural municipality -5, has donated one hundred and fifty thousand rupees to rescue the students stuck due to lockdown. Likewise, two soaps were distributed per household in Kharpunath rural municipality- 1 and 3.

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