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THIS QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Public Hearing on Tikapur Comprehensive Plan



From 17th to 18th March-2020, COMMITTED supported 'Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan' program at Tikapur Municipality. The first day of the program included discussion on feedbacks received from each ward among the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) members and the summarization of feedbacks received from ward level thematic committees.

The second day comprised of public hearing meeting among the local citizens. There were 70 local participants in the meeting who actively provided their feedbacks on the drafted Comprehensive Plan of Tikapur Municipality. Comprehensive Plan is a wide ranging municipal plan that aims to assist municipalities to recognize their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, establish visions, and identify resources towards addressing their service delivery gaps. The plan comprises of sectors such as Education, Health, Land Use, Economic Development, Transportation, Public Works, Environment & Natural Resources, Disaster Emergency Management, Gender Equality & Social Inclusion and Good Governance.

All the feedbacks received from public hearing meeting will be assimilated in the final document of the Comprehensive Plan.



Local Government Comprehensive Plan Working Procedure

Following our ongoing activities for the development of Comprehensive Plan (CP) of five municipalities- Damak, Bhimeshwor, Tansen, Waling & Tikapur, we have also developed a Working Procedure (Karyabidhi) to serve as a guideline for the development of local government comprehensive plans.

This guideline is a legal document and can also be adopted as a local act, should the municipalities choose to do so in the future. COMMITTED seeks to provide this model for replication and endorsement for other municipalities seeking to develop their comprehensive plans.

The drafted document was sent to all five municipalities for review and comments and with endorsement from the Plan Development Steering Committee, this document has now been endorsed and adopted by the Municipal Executive Bodies of four municipalities. Because of COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown, Damak Municipality was not able to endorse the working procedure. The municipality will review and endorse it as soon as the country gets back to normalcy.

This document was developed with the support from our 'Enhancement of Local Government Service Delivery & Economic Governance (EnLoG-SDEG)' project funding partner 'The Asia Foundation (TAF)' and its Subnational Governance Program partner 'Public Policy Pathshala'.

This guideline will facilitate municipalities to conduct development activities in the immediate timeline, and establish mean and way for amending their comprehensive plan in the future. It further reinforces institutionalization process for the establishment of various citizen centric approaches and mechanisms during the comprehensive plan development.

Key Objectives Of The Guideline Are :

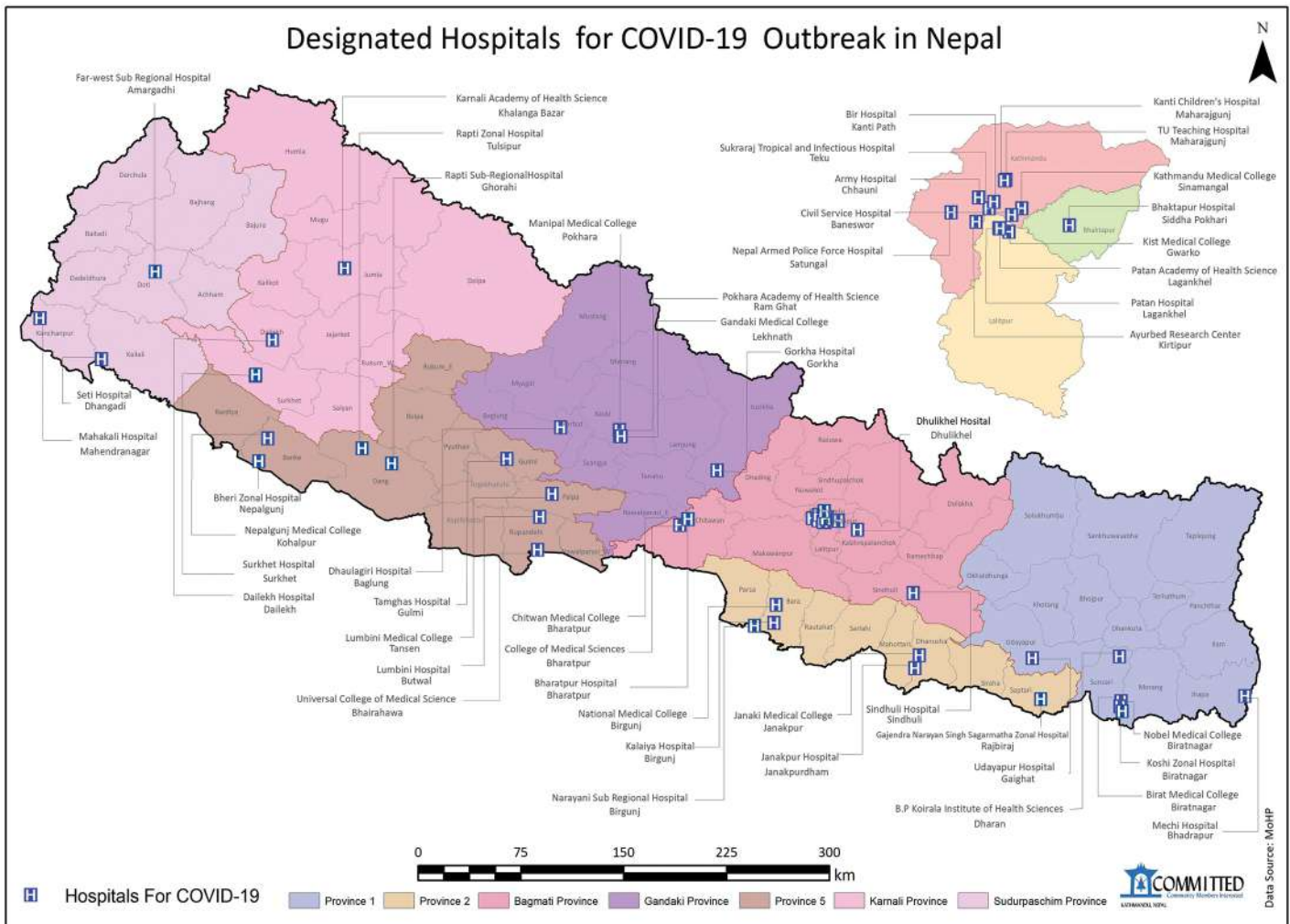
- *To provide legal basis for the plan*
- *To establish citizen centric structures and process*
- *To ensure maximum citizen participation*
- *To formulate mechanism to develop the plan*
- *To define rights and responsibilities of the mechanism, key actors including citizens*
- *To manage issues and priorities*
- *To establish process for plan implementation and amendment*

COMMITTED Produces Map of Designated Hospitals in Nepal for COVID-19

With Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) being a global pandemic and a public health emergency, its first case in Nepal was confirmed on 23rd January 2020 in a student who returned from Wuhan, China where the virus first emerged.

Since then, Government of Nepal along with provincial and local government has been taking various precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. There has been various hospitals designated across the country for treatment of patients infected from COVID-19.

Therefore, COMMITTED has published a map of hospitals in Nepal designated for COVID-19. The list of hospitals mentioned in the map are those confirmed as Corona designated hospitals by Nepal Government until the date this Newsletter is published. Data used in the map are sourced from Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP).



NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (nCoV)

Preventive messages for general public

The common symptoms of nCoV



Fever
(38°C and higher)



Difficulty in breathing



Cough

"If you are suffering from the above mentioned symptoms and travelled the countries within 14 days of the onset of illness where novel corona virus is circulating. Please contact the nearest health center"

How to Protect yourself from Novel Corona Virus Infection?

Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand rub



Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms



Avoid close contact with those who show signs of flu



Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals



Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



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