Session 11:
Rôle of DM agencies in responding to COVID-19
Objectives of this Session

• Role of DM agencies in management of COVID-19

• Example from Nepal

• Example from other countries
• Declaration of Disaster or Emergency triggered Government response to the pandemic – access to resources and personnel necessary for the response

• Civil Protection, paramilitary forces under Disaster Management agencies put into commission to support pandemic response
Joint Institutional Management

• In several countries, COVID-19 was jointly managed by NDMA (Ministry of Home Affairs) and Ministry of Health for reasons ---
  • Maintenance of law and order, enforcement of guidelines
  • Implementation of provisions under the emergency management act.
  • Human Resources for procurement, construction of hospitals,
  • Facilitating compensation claims for COVID-19 deaths
  • Procurement of medical supplies, including oxygen
  • SOP for International and national travel
Risk Communication

• Preparation of Guidelines and SOPs for management and response to COVID-19. India NDMA has for example with MoH has 12 videos on topics ranging from Home isolation, Use of Masks , to safety in schools and safety in public transport, taking care of elders, etc

• Guidelines on vaccine, information on access to vaccines
• Guidelines on containment measures

• Daily COVID -19 Advisories and Updates
Guides, Advisory and Actions

• Activation of the crisis coordination bodies and mechanisms,
• Mobilization of experts bodies and emergency responders, activation of the NDMAs emergency operation centres and situation rooms for better planning and coordination of resources,
• Support and provision of the business continuity, constant assessment and needs prioritization,
• Implementation of restrictive measures to prevent the spread of the disease, imposing of quarantine and isolation measures,
• Preventive measures for disinfection,
• Crisis communication with the general public and the citizens,
• Allocation of COVID-19 response funds, etc.
Nepal Example
Discussion on what could have been done better