



Impacts on Youth during COVID-19 in Nepal



Student health volunteers

Approximately 75 medical students were enlisted as volunteers to assist in treating and mitigating COVID-19 infections.



Education sector changes

Educational institutions were closed in response to the pandemic, and examinations were suspended. The government also provided grant funds to 11 universities to develop their infrastructure for online education, although the application of online education was not uniform throughout the country.



Youth awareness campaigns

The National Youth Council created radio broadcasts aimed at informing youth about COVID-19, and also disseminated animations and infographics to increase awareness among youth.



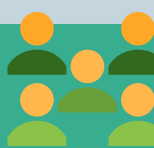
Quarantine facility management

The National Youth Council coordinated with various civil society organizations to help manage quarantine facilities at the local level for repatriated workers and travelers.



Youth mental health

Reports indicate the suicide rate, especially among adolescents, has increased during COVID-19, and the National Youth Council reached out to youth via social media during the pandemic with webinars on mental health and well-being, and also to hold online competitions and activities related to a 16 Day campaign against GBV.



Youth volunteers

The Ministry of Youth and Sports mobilized 1,473 youth volunteers to raise awareness of COVID-19, and local governments also mobilized youth volunteers to assist with awareness raising and a sanitization program.



9,650 Scout volunteers participated in awareness-raising activities, supporting quarantine and isolation centers, sanitization, swab collection, dead body management, management of transportation for health workers, and mask production and distribution.