

**f. Providing training on proper healthcare waste management**

National capacities on improving healthcare waste management are strengthened via necessary trainings and information exchange seminars, which will reach approximately 450 healthcare workers.

2. Providing advocacy, information sharing and communication support on COVID-19, with a special focus on the marginalized and vulnerable groups. This entails:
- An online campaign, entitled Schemata Project, where information is disseminated via social media in local languages
  - Development of promotional materials
  - Development of videos, audios Public Service Announcements and broadcasting.

300 Volunteers being mobilised for mass online campaign on health care waste management system are:



Percentage of volunteers from marginalized communities



20 LGBTQ+ individuals



15 people with Disability



53 people from Ethnic Minorities



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**SSCAF Regional Project on Learning from China's Experience to Improve the Ability of Response to COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific Region**





## About the Project

The Government of People's Republic of China and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) jointly launched an initiative in Nepal to support the country to respond and recover from COVID-19 by increasing their capacity through experience sharing and improving the healthcare waste management system, under the framework of China's South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF).

UNDP works closely with Department of Health Services under the Ministry of Health and Population of the Government of Nepal and with seven COVID-19 designated hospitals across the country, including Koshi Hospital, Biratnagar; Narayani Hospital, Birgunj; Janakpur Hospital, Janakpurdham; Shree Birendra Hospital, Chhauni; Provincial Hospital Surkhet, Birendranagar; Rapti Provincial Hospital, Tulsipur; and Bheri Hospital, Nepalgunj.

The Project, based on an assessment of seven select hospitals, identifies areas of improvement in the existing status of health care waste management system and the laundry facilities for these hospitals in Nepal. Based on need, tangible support in the form of autoclaves as well as sets up waste treatment area and laundry facilities among other required logistics.

Complementarily, national capacities on improving healthcare waste management are strengthened via necessary trainings, social campaigns and information exchange seminars, which will reach approximately 450 healthcare workers.

Additionally, audio and video public service announcements on this HCW are developed and disseminated in local languages to ensure access to information for all.

The project is committed to proper and effective health care waste management.

## What is the project doing?

1. Setting up a provision of technical and logistical support on establishing safe health care waste management system in the selected health care facility to contain the epidemic and protect the environment. This involves:

	Supporting the development and strengthening of HCWM Committees
<b>a. Institutionalization of Health Care Waste Management (HCWM)</b>	Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for safe health care waste management (SOPs for waste handling, waste segregation, waste transportation, autoclaving and others).
	Development of recording and monitoring checklists and mechanisms
<b>b. Identifying the needs and areas for improvement regarding the current practices of waste management</b>	Conducting a detailed assessment of the status of HCWM practices in all 7 hospitals

<b>c. Identifying and installation of feasible environment friendly technology for the treatment of the waste generated by the hospitals as per WHO standards:</b>	Supporting the refurbishment of existing infrastructures
	Supporting autoclaves and other required logistics such as waste bins, waste transportation trollies, needle cutters
	Testing of the installed autoclaves
<b>d. Installation of washing machines in the laundry for the proper washing of the dirty and potentially infected clothes, supplies and gears</b>	Supporting the refurbishment of existing infrastructures
	Provide washing machines
	Testing of the installed autoclaves



<b>e. Providing appropriate personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of the waste handlers</b>	Providing personal protective equipment
	Conducting trainings for all levels of staff in the hospitals