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Provincial Level Orientation & Advocacy Program

Epidemiology & Disease Control Division (EDCD) organized two-day provincial level program in all 7 provinces with the technical support from Save the Children and funding from JHPIEGO/USAID.

The objective of the program was to orient various stakeholder in provinces, to advocate for support to help the program reach elimination targets and to mitigate the challenges faced at various levels of implementation. There was a participation of chief & focal staffs from Ministry of Social Development, Provincial Health Directorate and Health Offices of most of the districts. There was a representation from most of the districts in every Provinces. The program conducted in Biratnagar, Bardibas, Kathmandu, Pokhara, Butwal, Surkhet & Dhangadi for Province 1, Province 2, Province 3, Gandaki Province, Province 5, Karnali Province and Sudurpaschim Province respectively in the month of September 2019.



Group picture of the participants on provincial level program for Province 3 conducted at World Trade Center, Kathmandu.

The technical session started with the presentations on Overview of Malaria Program, Current Status of Malaria Disease, Malaria Surveillance and Malaria Epidemiology in Province. The participants were divided into group for accessing the current situation and way of its mitigation on various thematic areas; (a) case management, (b) major activities for elimination, (c) vector control, (d) financial need for procurement & supply chain management, (e) monitoring & supervision and (f) training & capacity development. Participants also worked out on the template provided for district level planning.

The program was successful to find out issues & further steps to be taken for the solutions in each of the areas in each province. It was also fruitful to internalize the issue among stakeholders in province and to reflect it in district level planning.



Provincial program at Biratnagar for Province 1 (left) and at Surkhet for Karnali Province

Workshop on Finalization of Strategy for Private Sector Engagement



Epidemiology & Disease Control Division (EDCD) in coordination with Save the Children organized one day workshop with support of JHPIEGO/USAID for development of strategy for private sector engagement. The objective of the program was to finalize the strategy by discussing & incorporating baseline information received from the previous program.

The workshop was conducted with the participation of representatives from Ministry of Health & Population, WHO, Management Division, Association of Private Health Institution of Nepal (APHIN), Nepal Medical Association (NMA), Chemical & Medical Suppliers Association of Nepal (CHEMSAN), Nepal Public Health Association (NPHA), Paramedical Association of Nepal (PAN), Nursing Association of Nepal (NAN), Nepal Chemist & Druggist Association (NCDA), Nepal Medical Council (NMC), Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS), Sukraraj Tropical & Infectious Disease Hospital (STIDH) and private hospitals.

The program was honored with the presence of Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh from Ministry of Health & Population (MoHP) as a chief guest. He put his remarks emphasizing the role of private sector for malaria elimination. Similarly, Dr. Bibek Kumar Lal, Director of EDCD expected support from private sector and requested to use WHO pre-qualified RDT kit for malaria testing in all the institutions. He informed, 'draft copy of private sector strategy is already prepared which will be soon finalized after incorporating feedback & suggestion from this program'.

There was a group discussion on case management, recording & reporting, strengthen private sector environment and private sector engagement operationalization at various levels. The participants actively participated and provided their inputs on all the discussion topics. All issues & recommendations provided by them were well noted to be addressed and incorporated in the final document.

Refresher Training on Malaria Entomology

One-week training with standardized methods for entomology surveillance and vector identification/control was organized from 25th to 31st August 2019 at Vector Borne Disease Research and Training Centre (VBDRTC), Hetauda.

The training was aimed to refresh, update and develop human resources to support entomology surveillance and monitoring within the country for a rational scale up of vector control interventions.

A total of 17 participants were participated in the training program from center, province, and districts. The participants attending the course were entomologists and technicians involved in vector borne disease control program. The training program was divided into two main parts. The first two days were devoted to theoretical classes with discussion and rest four days dedicated to mix up of theory, demonstration, field- and laboratory-based practical classes.

Meeting with NHEICC

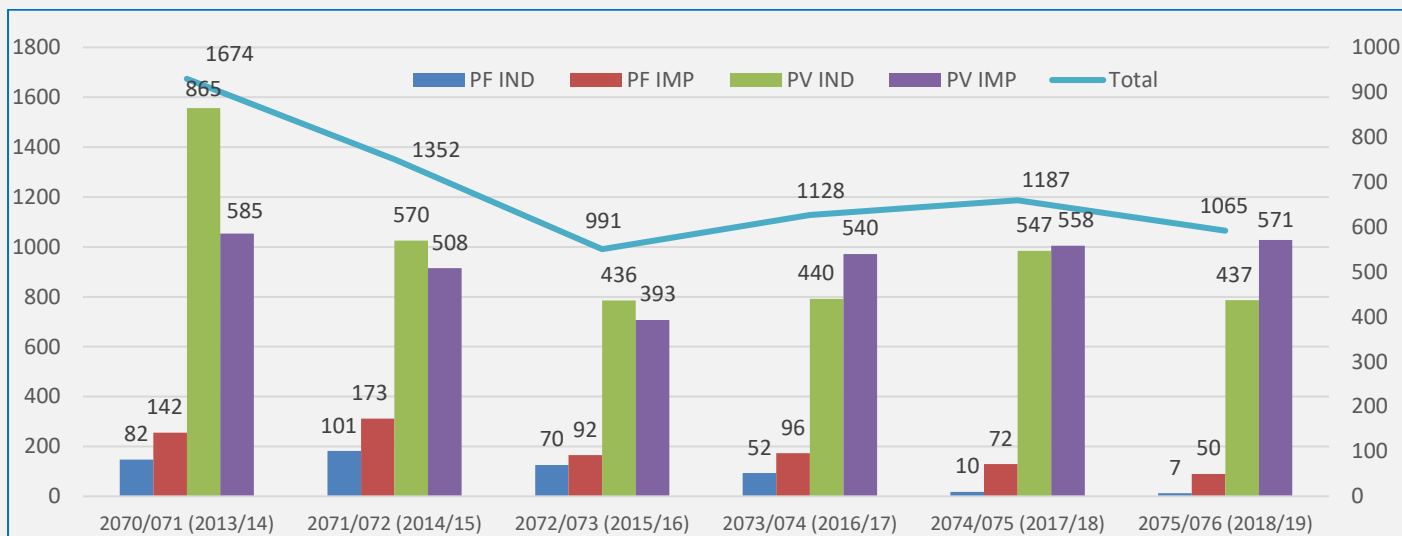
A meeting conducted with National Health Education, Information & Communication Center (NHEICC) on 21st August 2019 for developing IEC/BCC materials with expert's opinion to support on malaria elimination.

During the meeting, published/printed IEC material on malaria was presented to get feedback on the existing tools & trends. There was also discussion in the script of radio jingle which is on production phase targeting migrant workers returning home in festive season. The participants provided their creative feedback on the script and published malaria leaflet which is assured to incorporate it in final production.

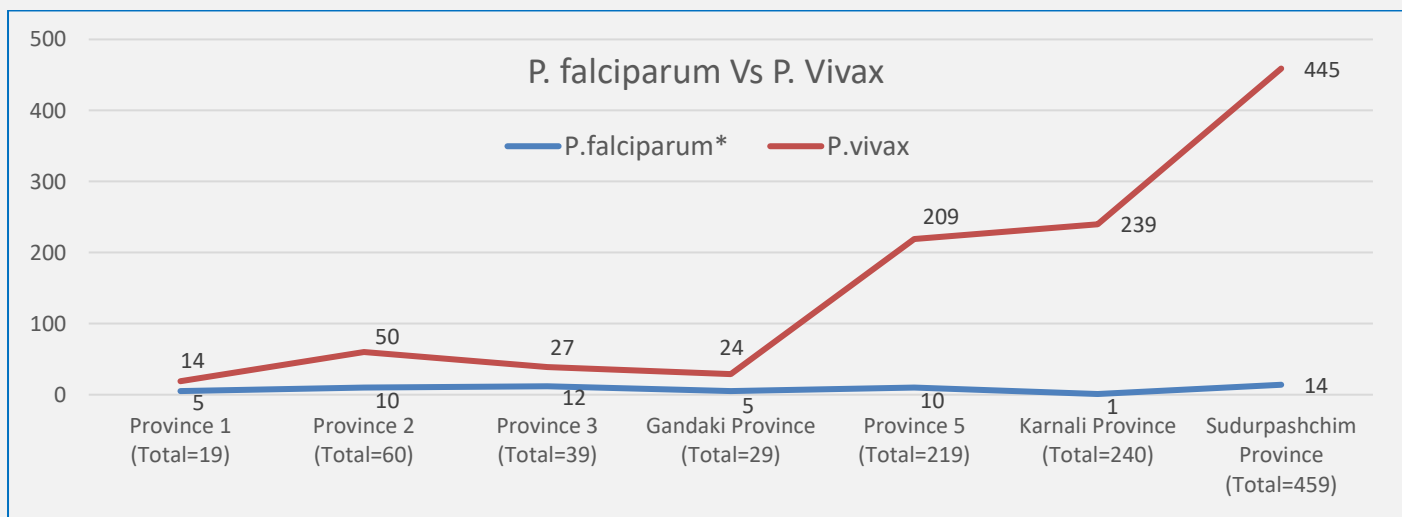
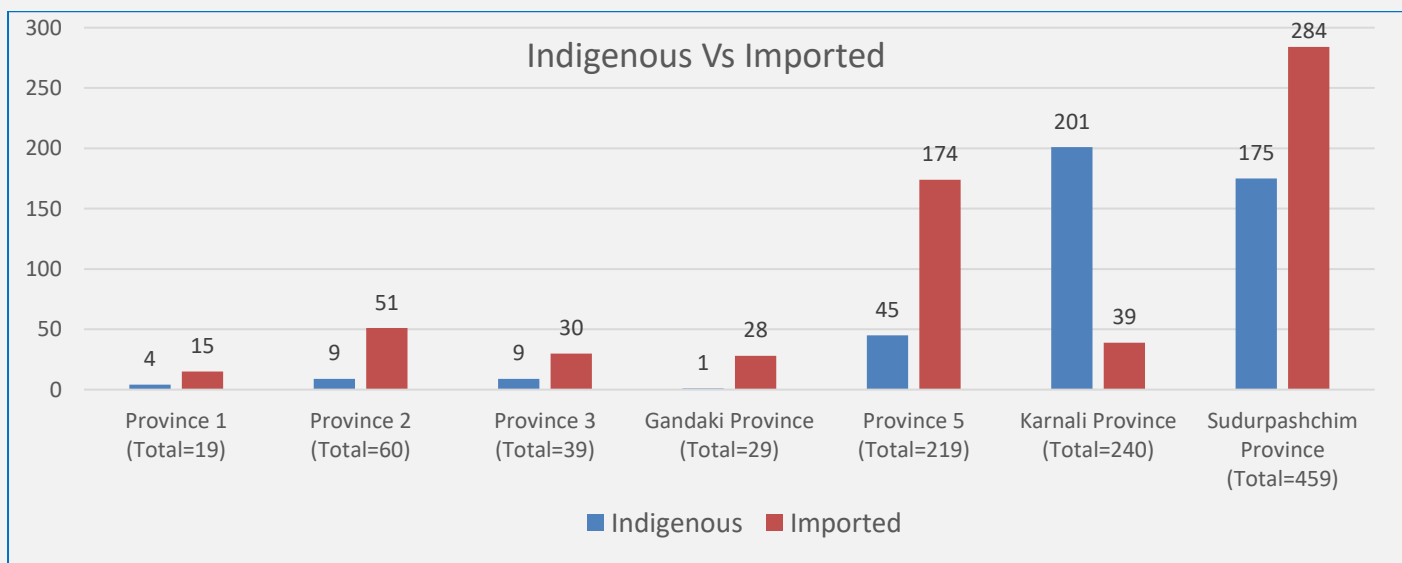
Mr. Kunja Joshi, Deputy Director of NHEICC suggested to develop message which can encourage everyone equally responsible for malaria elimination. He also added to focus on local FM/Radio to disseminate malaria message or information.



Confirmed malaria case trend by species and origin



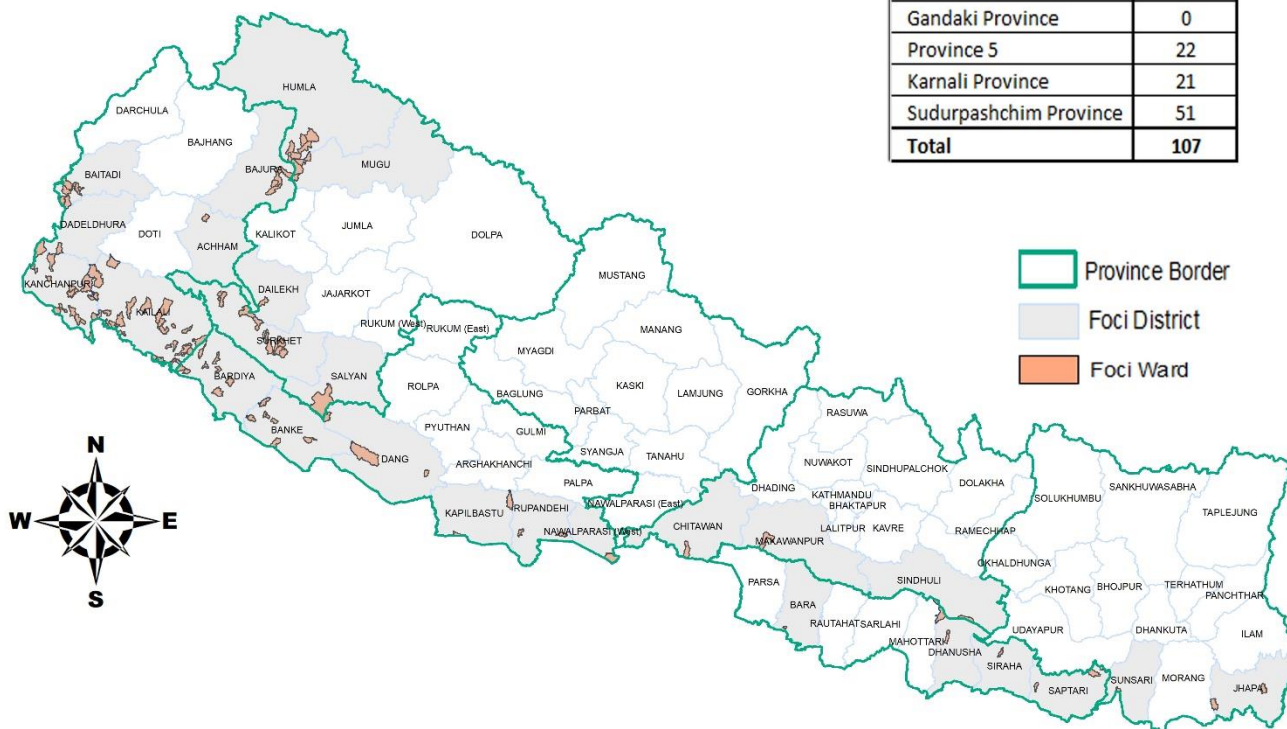
Malaria case distribution by province for fiscal year 2075/076 (2018/19)



Data Source: DoHS Annual Reports/HMIS, *P.falciparum + mixed infection

Foci Map of Fiscal Year 2075/076

Province	No. of Foci
Province 1	3
Province 2	7
Province 3	3
Gandaki Province	0
Province 5	22
Karnali Province	21
Sudurpashchim Province	51
Total	107



Glimpse of Program Activities



Meeting with national malaria team from Gambia during their exposure visit to Nepal on 8th September 2019.



One day orientation on HMIS recording & reporting to private health institutions at Birgunj on 14th August 2019.



Participants of Refresher Training on Malaria Entomology held on VBDRCT, Hetauda from 25th to 31st August 2019.



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