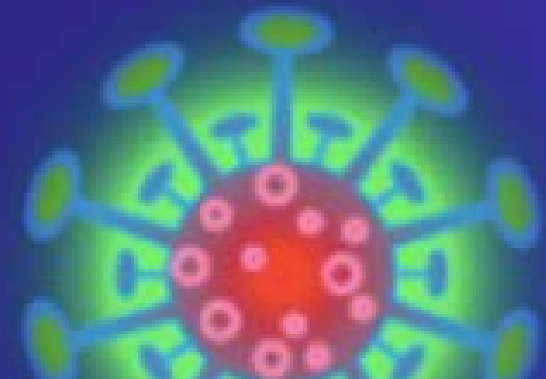
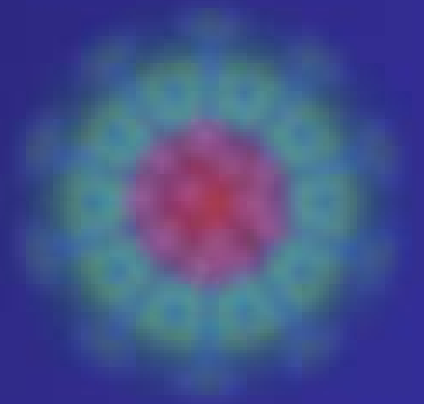


Session 11:

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

DRAWING ON DRR ACTS AND PROVISION

- 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

