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Improved services at the ground crossing points

The health desks established by the Government of Nepal at the Nepal-India border has been administering COVID-19 test on returnee migrants, as well as providing the health-based, WASH-based and protection-related services for the migrants. IOM, under the leadership of Ministry of Health and Population, in coordination with Epidemiology and Disease Control Division has been engaged at the Ground Crossing Points with the aim to support the local and provincial governments of the targeted locations in addressing the identified gaps and concerns and strengthening the overall management at entry points.

‘The safe waiting spaces have provided us relief from the scorching sun while we wait for test results at the health desks. The provision of safe drinking water and toilets are essential to all migrants. I’m glad to see these services being accessible by all migrants travelling through this GCP’ – Returnee migrant, Kakarbhitta GCP, Koshi Province

Additionally, the project has provisioned for breastfeeding corner, screening room, hand washing stations and installed solar panels for electricity. “While these interventions look normal, the coordination and support have played a big role in terms of benefitting the migrants. We have now initiated to provide psychological first aid services to the migrants and as required, refer them to supporting organizations”, said Mr. Bholu Adhikari, In-charge, Kakarbhitta Health Desk, Kakarbhitta GCP

The ‘Effective case management by strengthening Isolation Centers and Ground Crossing Points (GCPs) management for Rapid Response and Preparedness against COVID-19’ project implemented by International Organization for Migration (IOM), with financial support from the European Union European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations in implementing partnership with Save the Children (SCI) and in local partnership with Nepal National Social Welfare Association (NNSWA), Kapilvastu Integrated Development Services (KIDS), Aasaman Nepal provided safe and regular crossing for migrants amid COVID-19 by improved capacity of ground crossing points.