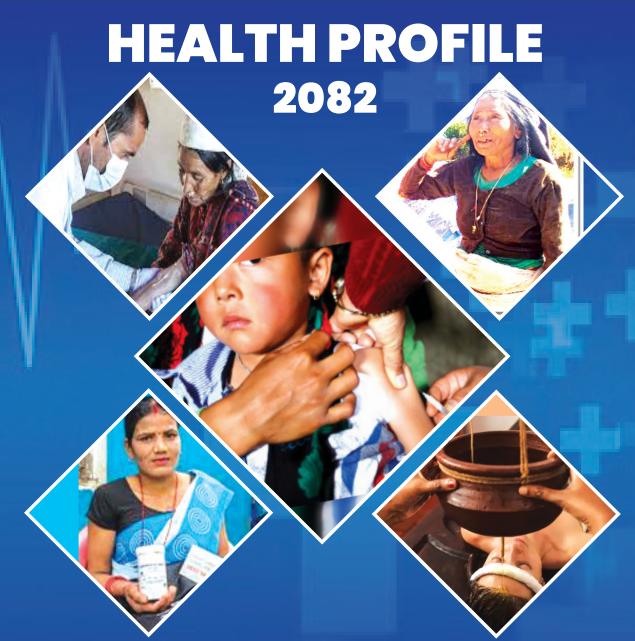
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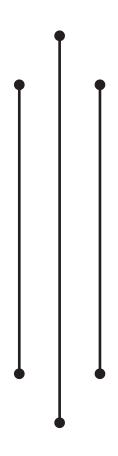




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Message

Nepal's constitution 2072, Article 27, has been provisioned the right to information, and also included in Right to Information Act and Regulations, every citizen has the right to request and receive information on matters of public concern. In accordance with that clause, I am pleased that the Ministry of Social Development, Karnali Province Government, has developed and published the health-related profile, which contains various types of health information that is very important for different health professionals.

Due to very difficult geography, poor socio-economic conditions, scattered human settlements. insufficient physical infrastructure, inadequate skilled human resources, lack of health governance, quality health services in Karnali Province is still behind to reach the universal health coverage o to all citizens. This profile covers the health status of the province over the last three years, including strengths, weaknesses, and various challenges, and updated health service-related statistics have been compiled in a single document. Therefore, I believe this publication will help accelerate the health services and establish a robust health system.

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Article 35 of the Constitution of Nepal, 2072, under the right to health, states that every citizen shall receive basic health services free of cost and that no one shall be deprived of emergency health services. Embracing the concept of universal access to health, the Ministry of Social Development, Karnali Province Government, which leads all health-related activities in the province, has published a comprehensive document titled "Karnali Health Profile," including various health and socio-economic indicators in a single document.

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List of abbreviations

A.N.M. Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife

ANC Antenatal Care

API Annual parasite incidence

ART Antiretroviral therapy

BHSCs Basic Health Service Centers

CHU Community Health Unit

CMC-Nepal Center for Mental Health and Counseling-Nepal

CNR Case Notification Rate

COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

CPR Contraceptive Prevalence Rate

DHIS-2 District Health Information System-2

DPT Diphtheria, Pertussis Tetanus

ECED Early Childhood Education and Development

FPAN Family Planning Association of Nepal

FY Fiscal Year

GDP Gross Domestic Product

HA Health Assistant

HDI Human Development Index

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HKI Helen Keller International

HMIS Health Management Information system

HPs Health Posts

HSD Health Service Directorate the Health Service Directorate

HSOs Health Service Offices

INGOs International Non-Governmental Organizations

KAHS Karnali Academy of Health Science

MBBS Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

MCHN Mother and Child Health Nutrition

MD Doctor of Medicine

MoSD Ministry of Social Development

MR Measles Rubella

MWRA Married Women of Reproductive Age

NA Not Available

NCDs Non-communicable diseases

NDHS Nepal Demographic and Health Survey

NER Net Enrollment Rate

NGOs Non-Governmental Organization

NPHC National Population and Housing Census

NPISH Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households

NPR Nepalese Rupee

NSI Nick Simons Institute

OHWW One Heart Worldwide

OPD Outpatient Department

PHCCs Primary Health Care Centers

PHN Public Health Nurse

PHO Public Health Officer

PHSOs Public Health Service Offices

PPE Primary Education

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

TB Tuberculosis

TPO-Nepal Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal

UHC Universal Health Coverage

UHUs Urban Health Clinics

UNDP United Nations Development Program

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

USAID United States Agency for International Development

WASH Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

WFP World Food Program

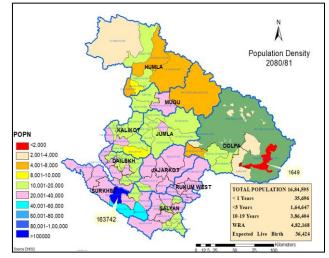
WHO World Health Organization

1. Introduction

1.1 Geographic situation

Karnali province is the largest province among the seven provinces of Nepal with a total

area of 27,984 Sq. Km (i.e. 19 percent of the total area of Nepal). This province occupies 60 percent of area with higher mountain land expanded to north borders, Tibet, Autonomous Region of China to the North, Gandaki province to the East, Sudurpaschim province to the West, and Lumbini province to the South. The largest National park of the country, the Shey Phoksundo National park with the Phoksundo Lake and the



largest lake, the Rara Lake are located in this province. The longest river of the country, the Karnali river also lies in the province. The major tourism destinations in Karnali province are Rara Lake, Se Phosksundo Lake, Chandan Nath Temple, Jwala, Kuvinde Bulbule (Bulbultal), Kankre

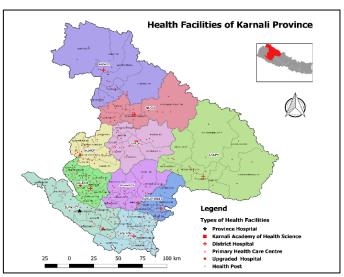
Bihar, Deutibajai Temple, etc.

Figure 1: Geographical Map of Karnali Province

1.2 Administrative Division

Karnali Province is divided into seventy-nine districts, municipalities, and seven hundred eighteen wards and is located in the western part of Nepal. The province has twelve House Representatives constituencies and twenty-four Provincial Assembly constituencies. determined through direct elections.

The districts further are subdivided into twenty-five municipalities and rural municipalities. Wards are



fifty-four Figure 2: Health facilities of Karnali Province

the lowest administrative units for governance. The capital of Karnali Province is Birendranagar, the most populous municipality in the province. In contrast, Chharka Tangsong, located in the Dolpa district, is the least populated rural municipality. The Bheri River and Karnali River are the main rivers of the province, flowing from the southeast and southwest directions, respectively.

1.3 Health Facilities in Karnali Province

The health facilities in Karnali Province comprise a diverse range of service providers. According to District Health Information System-2 (DHIS-2), there are 892 functional health institutions in the province. The province is home to the Karnali Academy of Health Sciences, along with one Secondary Hospital (A), one Secondary Hospital (B), and a Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital. Health services are further extended through 8 Primary Provincial Hospitals, 23 Primary Local Level Hospitals, 13 Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs), and 330 Health Posts. Additionally, the province has 149 Community Health Units, 10 Private Hospitals, and 3 Community Hospitals, which contribute to the overall healthcare system. These institutions play a crucial role in delivering healthcare services across the province, addressing both primary and specialized healthcare needs.

1.4 Demographic Situation

Total Number of Households and Total Population by Sex

According to the 2021 Population Census, Karnali Province has a total of 366,255 households and a population of 1,688,412, comprising 864,651 females and 823,761

Table 1: District wise population in Karnali Province

S.N.	Districts	Households	Population					
5.11.	Districts	Households	Total	Male	Female			
1	Rukum West	37,303	166,740	81,091	85,649			
2	Salyan	54,701	238,515	114,982	123,533			
3	Surkhet	97,893	415,126	199,740	215,386			
4	Jajarkot	37,466	189,360	94,063	95,297			
5	Dailekh	54,610	252,313	120,774	131,539			
6	Dolpa	9,398	42,774	21,371	21,403			
7	Jumla	24,438	118,349	59,228	59,121			
8	Kalikot	26,779	145,292	72,245	73,047			
9	Mugu	12,439	64,549	32,381	32,168			
10	Humla	11,228	55,394	27,886	27,508			
Total		366,255	1,688,412	823,761	864,651			

The population density of Karnali Province was 60 persons per square kilometer in 2021, an increase from 56 in 2011. The density varies across districts, with Surkhet being the most populated district and Dolpa being the least populated. Despite covering 19.74%

Source: National Population and Housing Census-2021 (NPHC-2021)

of Nepal's total land area, Karnali Province has the lowest population share, accounting for only 5.79% of the country's total population. The sex ratio in the province is 95 males per 100 females, with 48.7% of the population being male and 51.2% female.

The highest and lowest household sizes and population in Karnali Province are found in Surkhet and Dolpa districts, respectively. Among local levels, Birendranagar Municipality is the most populated, while Chharka Tongsong Rural Municipality has the lowest population. The annual average population growth rate in the province is 0.70%. Each year, a significant number of people migrate to India and other parts of Nepal in search of seasonal employment. According to Health Management Information system (HMIS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 projections, the current estimated population of Karnali

Province is 1,725,340. As the capital of the province, Surkhet serves as a key destination for employment opportunities. Additionally, 95% of the population in Karnali Province follows Hinduism, making it the dominant religion in the region.

Age-Sex Pyramid is a graphical representation of the population distribution based on the 2021 Population Census. The data indicates that the female population is slightly higher

than the male population. The age group below 15 years has the largest population share among both males and females. Additionally, the 15-49 age group constitutes nearly 50% of the total population, representing the economically active population. In contrast, the population aged 65 and above is significantly lower compared to other age groups.

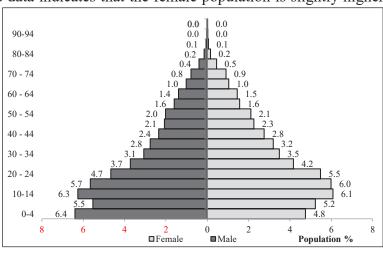


Figure 3: Population Pyramid by Age and Sex in Karnali Province

48.7 51.2 Male ■ Female

Figure 4: Population Distribution by Sex

illustrates the sex-wise Figure population distribution in Nepal, where females comprise 51.2% and males 48.7% of the total population. According to the 2021 Population Census, Karnali Province had a total population of 1,688,412, with 823,761 males and 864,651 females, indicating a higher female population. Karnali has the lowest population among the seven provinces of Nepal. Population dynamics play a crucial role in shaping the development and economic progress of the country.

Table 2: Target Population for Health Program

S.N.	Population	Total Number
1.	Total Population	1,704,172
2.	Children 0 to 11 months of age	35,923
3.	Children 0 to 23 months of age	70,903
4.	Children 6 months to 59 months of age	147,699
5.	Children Under 5 years of age	165,660
6.	Adolescent of 10 to 19 years of age	389,489
7.	Women with reproductive age group 15 to 49 years	485,125
8.	Married women with reproductive age group 15 to 49 years	374,419
9.	Elderly person above 60 years of age	146,027
10.	Expected Live Births	36,658
11.	Expected Pregnancies	57,024

Source: (HMIS) Target Population of Year 2023/24

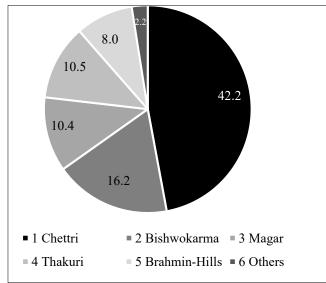
Table 2 above shows the total projected population for HMIS FY 2079/80, which is estimated at 1,704,172 for the province. This projection varies annually based on the population growth rate. Key population groups for health service delivery include those in the age categories of 0-6 months, 12-23 months, under 5 years, and Married Women of Reproductive Age (MWRA). These groups are critical for calculating various outcome indicators and for monitoring morbidity and mortality rates among children under 5 years and women aged 15-49 years.

Table 3: Population by Ethnicity and Sex

S.N.	Ethnicity	Total	Female	Male
1.	Chhetri	711889	363220	348669
2.	Bishwokarma	273962	141982	131980
3.	Magar	176068	91167	84901
4.	Thakuri	177179	89946	87233
5.	Brahmin-Hills	135617	68632	66985
6.	Tharu	8773	3919	4854
7.	Rai	534	245	289
8.	Tamang	4348	2269	2079
9.	Gurung	12546	6588	5958
10.	Others	11428	5516	5912
	Total	1512344	773484	738860

Source: Population Census 2021

Table 3 above illustrates the distribution of different ethnic communities and the sex of the population residing in Karnali Province. Among the various ethnicities, Chhetri has the largest population, followed by Bishwakarma, Magar, Thakuri, Brahmin-Hills, and others.



Karnali Province is considered the ancestral home of the Khas Arya ethnic community dating back to ancient times. The chart shows the population distribution by ethnicity in the province. According to the data, the largest ethnic groups in the province are Chhetri (42.2%),Bishwakarma (16.2%),Magar (10.4%),and Thakuri (10.5%),

Figure 5: population by Ethnicity

followed by Brahmin/Hill (8.0%) and others (2.2%). A significant portion of the Dalit population resides in Kalikot and neighboring districts, where their socioeconomic conditions remain highly disadvantaged (NPHC-2021).

2. Economic Situation

2.1 Macro-Economic Indicators (Total Domestic Production, Per Capita Income, **Employment Rate**)

Karnali Province is progressing toward its long-term vision of "Prosperous Karnali, Happy Karnali People." However, the province continues to face serious poverty challenges due to the lack of basic services and economic hardships. According to the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2022-23, the annual per capita expenditure in urban Karnali is Nepalese Rupee (NPR) 110,309, whereas in rural Karnali, it is significantly lower at NPR 83,233. In Karnali Province, economic disparity is evident across different income groups. The average annual expenditure of the poorest quintile (Q1) is NPR 50,570, while the richest quintile (Q5) spends NPR 227,197 annually. This results in a Q5/Q1 ratio of 4.49, indicating that the wealthiest urban residents spend 4.5 times more than the poorest. Similarly, in rural Karnali, the economic gap remains significant. The poorest quintile (Q1) spends an average of NPR 41,012 annually, whereas the richest quintile (Q5) spends NPR 144,898. Additionally, expenditure patterns vary by income level; the poorest households (Q1) in rural areas allocate 59% of their total spending on food, while the richest households (Q5) spend 47% on food.

Provincial planning commission has undertaken to increase the per capita income from 606 to 1147 US Dollar by 2022/23. According to the Economic Survey 2022/23, Karnali Province's share of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 4.1 lowest than other provinces despite the Economic Survey 2022/23, Karnali Province recorded the highest average economic growth rate in Nepal over the past five years, at 4.2 percent.

2.2 Health Financing Related Indicators- Out of Pocket Expenditure, Share of **Health Budget in Province**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Index in Nepal stands at 53, indicating that nearly half of the population lacks access to adequate health services. As per the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) 2022, only 29% of the population in Karnali Province is currently enrolled in a health insurance package. Considering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to achieve 100% health coverage by 2030, this statistic highlights the urgent need to strengthen Nepal's national health insurance program, particularly in terms of policy formulation, strategic planning, and effective implementation—both in Karnali Province and across the country.

According to the Nepal National Health Account 2019/20, households are the largest source of healthcare financing in Karnali Province, covering 48.4% of total health expenditures. Government and healthcare institutions contribute 23.3%, while provincial/territorial governments account for 9.5%. Businesses, including insurance providers, contribute a modest 2.0%, and the Department of Health and Human Services supports 6.2% of health costs. Other public institutions provide 4.3%, and Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households (NPISH) contribute 5.7% of the province's healthcare funding. In terms of spending allocation, medical care accounts for 33.5% of total health service expenditure in Karnali, reflecting a significant focus on clinical services.

Meanwhile, medicines and medical supplies constitute 36.9% of health spending, indicating a substantial financial burden associated with pharmaceuticals.

2.3 Population below Poverty Line

Karnali Province faces a significant poverty challenge, ranking second highest in absolute poverty with a poverty rate of 26.69%. The per capita income stands at US Dollar 997, the lowest among all provinces, according to the Nepal Living Standards Survey 2022–23. In terms of overall well-being, Karnali has the lowest Human Development Index (HDI) in the country, at 0.53. As reported by the National Planning Commission of Nepal, 39.5% of the province's population is multidimensionally poor, making Karnali the most deprived province in Nepal. Economically, 71.7% of the population is classified as economically active, while 7.5% are usually unemployed. Agriculture remains the primary source of livelihood, with 71% of households depending on it.

Migration is a common coping strategy for households facing economic hardship. Each year, about 85% of households have members who migrate for employment, with approximately 50% migrating to neighboring India for seasonal work. Key factors driving unemployment and migration in Karnali include persistent poverty, poor governance, limited economic opportunities, and low economic growth.

3. Educational Situation

Table 4: Educational Status by Sex in Karnali Province

Level	Female	Male	Total
Literacy rate (5 years and above)	69.4	83.3	76.1
Net Enrollment in Early Childhood Education and	66.4	68.0	67.2
Development (ECED) Center			
Percent of Grade 1 students with ECED/ Pre-Primary	79.7	84.0	81.9
Education (PPE) experience			
Net Enrolment Rate (NER) – Secondary Level (G 9-12)	58.7	60.5	59.5
NER Basic Level (G 1-8)	95.3	95.4	95.4
NER - Primary Education (G 1-5)	95.9	95.8	95.9
Survival Rate to Grade 5	88.3	88.1	88.2
Survival Rate to Grade 8	84.7	86.6	85.7
Survival Rate to Grade 10	69.8	70.4	70.1
Survival Rate to Grade 12	37.2	35.8	36.5

Source: FLASH Report 2023/204 and Central Bureau of Statistics 2021

Table 4 illustrates the educational situation in Karnali Province. The average literacy rate in the province is 76.1%, with the male literacy rate at 83.3% and the female literacy rate at 69.4%. This shows that a large portion of the female population is still illiterate in Karnali Province. The data also shows that the survival rate to Grade 5 is higher than in other grades.

Table 5: Health Professional Institutions by Cadre

					Health	Institut	ions				
Health Professionals	Karnali Academy of Health Science (KAHS)	Aarati Technical Institute, Salyan	Dailekh Technical School	Deuti Technical Training Institute, Surkhet	Rastriya Pravidik Shikshalaya, Surkhet	Surkhet Education Development Academy	Surkhet Technical Institute	Yogi Narharinath Study and Research Academy, Surkhet	Jajarkot Polytechnic Institute	Karnali Technical School, Jumla	Sahid Yagyashwor Memorial Institute, Rukum West
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)	130	ı	ı	1	1	ı	-	ı	i	ı	-
Doctor of Medicine (MD) General Practice	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pediatrician	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orthopedics	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medicine	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anesthesia	3	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Master's degree in public health	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bachelor's degree in public health	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Ī	-	-
Bachelors in nursing	52	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	ı	1	-
Bachelors of Midwifery	13	ı	-	-	ı	i	-	-	ı	i	-
General Ayurvedic Medicine	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	14	-	-	-
B-Pharmacy	61	40	40	-	-	40	40	40	-	40	-
Medical Laboratory (Proficiency Certificate Level)	-	-	-	6	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	381	40	40	6	24	40	40	54	0	40	0

Source: Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training, Provincial Office, KAHS 2024

Table 5 shows the current status of medical and professional institutions in Karnali Province. The data for Karnali Academy of Health Sciences (KAHS) reflects the overall status since its establishment, while the figures for other institutions represent the most recent data. KAHS, located in Jumla, is the largest government medical institution in the province. It plays a major role in producing medical professionals, with 191 individuals trained in the MBBS program and other specialties such as MD in General Practice, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, and Anesthesia.

Other institutions such as Aarati Technical Institute, Dailekh Technical School, and the Surkhet Education Development Academy are important centers for training Health Assistants (HA), each with around 40 students in this program. Bachelor's programs in Public Health are also available in several institutions across the province. KAHS has produced 74 bachelor's degree in public health, while institutes in Jumla, Surkhet, and Rukum have also made notable contributions in this field.

4. Water Supply and Sanitation

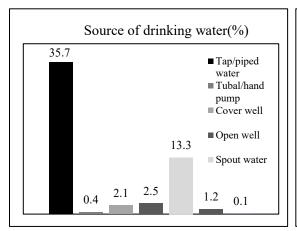
Table 6: Source of Water Supply by Household

	Total Household	Tap/piped water	Tubal or Handpump	Cover well	Open well	Spout Water	River/ stream	Jar/ bottle	Other
I	366,037	130,565	1635	7573	9210	48699	4276	480	1080
		(35.7%)	(0.4%)	(2.1%)	(2.5%)	(13.3%)	(1.2%)	(0.1%)	(0.6%)

Source: NPHC-2021

Table 6 shows the main sources of drinking water for the 366,037 households in Karnali Province. The majority of households (35.7%) rely on piped water as their main source, which includes 130,565 households. Fountains or spout water are the second most common source, used by 13.3% (48,699 households). Open wells and covered wells serve 2.5% (9,210 households) and 2.1% (7,573 households), respectively. A small number of households use rivers or streams (1.2%, or 4,276 households) and hand pumps (0.4%, or 1,635 households). Only 0.1% (480 households) use cans or bottles, and 0.6% (1,080 households) rely on other water sources.

These figures show that while many households have access to piped water, a considerable number still depend on less safe sources like wells and natural creeks.



Type of toilet used by household(%)

60.2

Flush (public sewerage)
Flush (Septic Tank)
Pit Latrine
No Toilet

2.2

2.6

Figure 6: Sources of Water in Karnali

Figure 7: Type of toilets used by household

Figure 6 and Figure 7 illustrate the sources of drinking water and types of toilets used by households in Karnali Province. The majority of people (35.7%) use tap or piped water as their main source of drinking water, while only 0.1% use jar or bottled water. Regarding toilet facilities, the majority of households (60.2%) use flush toilets connected to septic tanks, but 2.6% of the population still does not have access to any toilet facility.

Table 7: Type of toilets by households

266 027 0 140 220 226 126 770 0 70	Total Household	Flush (public sewerage)	Flush (Septic Tank)	Pit Latrine	No Toilet
366,03/ 8,149 220,226 126,7/9 9,59	366,037	8,149	220,226	126,779	9,596

Sources: NPHC-2021

Table 7 shows the types of toilets available at the household level in Karnali Province. The majority of households use flush toilets connected to septic tanks (220,226), followed by pit latrines (126,779) and flush toilets connected to public sewerage systems (8,149). However, 9,596 people still do not have access to any toilet facilities.

5. Nutritional Status of Children and Women

Table 8: Nutritional Status of Children and Women

Indicators	Status (%)	
Indicators	National	Province
Percentage of stunted children among under 5 years of age	25	35.8
Percentage of wasted children among under 5 years of age	8	3.8
Percentage of underweight children among under 5 years of age	19	17.7
Percentage of anemic children among under 5 years of age	43	40
Percentage of exclusive breastfeeding among 6 months of infant	56	74
Percentage of complementary feeding among 6-8 months of infant	85	87.7
Percentage of anemia among 15 to 49 years age of women	34	21

Source: NDHS 2022

Table 8 presents data on the nutritional status of children and women, comparing national and provincial levels. Nationally, 25% of children under five are stunted, while the rate is higher in Karnali Province at 35.8%, indicating a more severe stunting problem. For wasting, the national rate is 8%, but Karnali has a lower rate of 3.8%. Similarly, 19% of children under five are underweight nationwide, slightly above Karnali's rate of 17.7%.

Regarding anemia, 43% of children under five are anemic nationally, which is close to Karnali's rate of 40%. The rate of exclusive breastfeeding for infants under six months is 56% nationally, whereas Karnali performs better at 74%. For complementary feeding among infants aged 6-8 months, the national rate is 85%, slightly lower than Karnali's 87.7%. Among women aged 15-49, 34% are anemic nationally, while the rate is significantly lower in Karnali at 21%.

6. Organizational Structure and Health Facilities

The Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) of Karnali Province has a comprehensive role in policymaking, planning, human resource and financial management, along with monitoring and evaluation of ongoing activities. Following the federal restructuring, the MoSD consists of five divisions: Administration and Planning; Education; Women and Social Development; Sports and Youth; and the Health Service Division. Among them, the Health Service Division directly oversees the province's health system. This division is further subdivided into two sections: the Curative Services Section and the Public Health Section.

MoSD is structured to provide comprehensive health services through an efficient and accessible framework. The Health Service Division acts as the central body under the MoSD, overseeing both public health and curative services. Within this structure, specialized units have been established to address various aspects of healthcare delivery. These units include the Health Service Directorate, which supervises decentralized offices and centers to enhance health service delivery at the local level, and the Province Health Logistics and Management Center, which is responsible for managing the supply chain and logistics essential for healthcare services.

In addition, the Provincial Public Health Laboratory plays a crucial role in disease diagnosis and monitoring, while the Human Resources Development Center is dedicated to training and building the capacity of healthcare professionals. Key healthcare facilities, including the Province Hospital and the Province Ayurveda Hospital and Research Center, provide curative services by integrating both modern and traditional medicine. The healthcare system also comprises a network of Health Service Offices (HSOs), Public Health Service Offices (PHSOs), and Ayurveda Health Centers, which help to strengthen healthcare delivery at the community level

The organizational structure reflects a strategic approach to addressing the diverse healthcare needs of the population by utilizing specialized institutions, efficient resource management, and decentralized operations. The organizational structure of the MoSD in Karnali Province is outlined below.

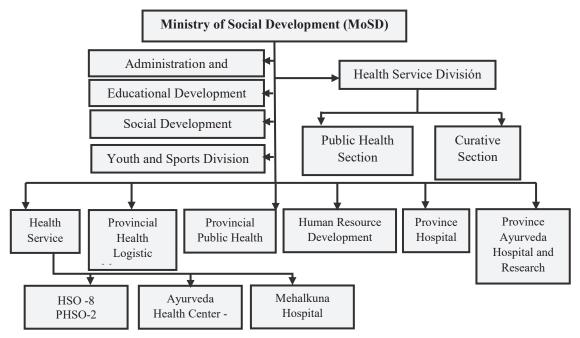


Figure 8: Organizational structure of MoSD

Organizational Structure of Health Service Directorate

The Health Service Directorate (HSD) is the implementing body of health services established under the MoSD of Karnali Province. There are 10 sections under the HSD. Its primary function is to provide technical support and program supervision to the PHSOs/HSOs and hospitals.

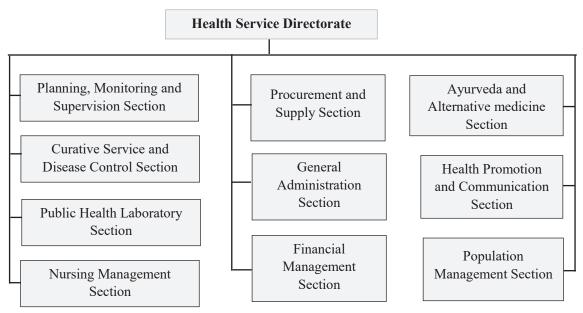


Figure 9: Organizational structure of Health Service Directorate

Table 9: Number of Health Facilities at Local Level

S.N.	Districts	Institutions	Number
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	7
		Private Hospital	0
		PHCCs	0
	ot	Health Post	27
1	Kalikot	Basic Health Service Center	50
1	X	Community Health Unit (CHU)	9
		UHU	0
		Ayurveda institutions	7
		Others	0
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	1
		Private Hospital	0
		PHCCs	0
)a	Health Post	23
2	Dolpa	Basic Health Service Center	15
		CHU	6
		Urban Health Clinics (UHCs)	0
		Ayurveda institutions	5
		Others	0
	, p.	Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	1
3	Mugu	Private Hospital	0
	2	PHCCs	1

S.N.	Districts	Institutions	Number
		Health Post	23
		Basic Health Service Center	23
		CHU	13
		UHU	0
		Ayurveda institutions	5
		Others	0
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	3
		Private Hospital	5
		PHCCs	2
	g	Health Post	45
4	Salyan	Basic Health Service Center	35
	Sa	CHU	9
		UHU	8
		Ayurveda institutions	9
		Others	112
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	1
		Private Hospital	0
		PHCCs	0
	Humla	Health Post	26
5		Basic Health Service Center	12
		CHU	36
		UHU	0
		Ayurveda institutions	6
		Others	55
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	4
		Private Hospital	0
		PHCCs	1
	ot	Health Post	30
6	arkot	Basic Health Service Center	44
	Jaja	CHU	17
		UHU	0
		Ayurveda institutions	7
		Others	78
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	1
		Private Hospital	1
		PHCCs	1
	æ	Health Post	29
7	Jumla	Basic Health Service Center	28
	Ju	CHU	11
		UHU	1
		Ayurveda institutions	7
		Others	91
	-	Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	2
8	Surkh et	Private Hospital	0
	Su et	PHCCs	3
	1	1	

S.N.	Districts	Institutions	Number
		Health Post	47
		Basic Health Service Center	47
		CHU	40
		UHU	0
		Ayurveda institutions	10
		Others	124
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	6
		Private Hospital	0
		PHCCs	2
	kh	Health Post	54
9	Dailekh	Basic Health Service Center	31
	Da	CHU	20
		UHU	14
		Ayurveda institutions	9
		Others	156
	Rukum West	Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	5
		Private Hospital	3
		PHCCs	1
		Health Post	24
10		Basic Health Service Center	45
10	kun	CHU	12
	Rul	UHCs	19
		Ayurveda institutions (Dispensary and Nagarik	
		Arogya)	6
		Others	59
		Basic Hospital/Municipal Hospital	31
		Private Hospital	9
		PHCCs	11
		Health Post	328
Total	Province	Basic Health Service Center	330
		CHU	173
		UHCs	42
		Ayurveda institutions	70
		Others	675
Total	Province		1625

Source: Provincial Annual Review, 2024

- Others=Birthing centres, Dots centre, Designated Microscopy Centres, ART sites, Polyclinics, Private medicals/pharmacies,
- Diagnostic centres, Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care and Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care

The table 9 provides an overview of health facilities at the local level across ten districts in Karnali Province. It categorizes the facilities into various types, including Basic/Municipal Hospitals, Private Hospitals, Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs), Health Posts (HPs), Basic Health Service Centers (BHSCs), and other health facilities such as Community Health Units (CHUs), Urban Health Clinics (UHUs), and Ayurvedic institutions. Surkhet has the highest total count of health facilities, followed by Jajarkot,

with health posts and basic health service centers making up the majority of the infrastructure. Dailekh leads in Health Posts with 54, while Jajarkot has the highest number of Basic Health Service Centers, totaling 44.

Most districts show a minimal presence of private hospitals and PHCCs, highlighting a reliance on public health posts and basic health service centers for healthcare delivery. The table reports a total of 1,625 health facilities within the province, including 31 government or basic hospitals, 9 private hospitals, and 11 Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs). Health Posts and Basic Health Service Centers represent the largest share, with 328 and 330 facilities, respectively, underscoring their critical role in primary healthcare. Additionally, there are 173 Community Health Units (CHUs), 42 Urban Health Clinics (UHCs), and 70 Ayurvedic institutions, reflecting the integration of both modern and traditional healthcare services. The "Others" category includes 675 facilities, indicating additional healthcare provisions. This distribution emphasizes the province's efforts to ensure accessible and comprehensive health services across various levels of care.

Table 10: Name list of Federal and Provincial Level Hospitals located in Karnali Province

Hospitals	District	Local level	Ward No.
Hospitals unde	er Federal I	Level	
Karnali Academy of Health Sciences	Jumla	Chandan Nath Municipality	02
Hospitals unde	r Province	Level	
Provincial Hospital	Surkhet	Birendranagar Municipality	04
Mehalkuna Hospital	Surkhet	Gurvakot Municipality	08
Health Service Office (Jajarkot Hospital)	Jajarkot	Bheri Municipality	03
Health Service Office (Dailekh Hospital)	Dailekh	Narayan Municipality	08
Health Service Office (Salyan Hospital)	Salyan	Sarada Municipality	02
Health Service Office (Rukum West Hospital)	Rukum West	Musikot Municipality	01
Health Service Office (Kalikot Hospital)	Kalikot	Khadachakra Municipality	01
Health Service Office (Mugu Hospital)	Mugu	Chayanath Rara Municipality	01
Health Service Office (Humla Hospital)	Humla	Simkot Rural Municipality	05
Health Service Office (Dolpa Hospital)	Dolpa	Thuli Bheri Municipality	03

Source: HMIS Annual Report 2080/81

7. Human Resource for Health

Table 11: Health Worker Post and Fulfillment (Province, District and Local level)

S.N.	Districts	Posts	Sanctioned	Fulfilled	Contract	Vacant
	Health Service Manager	1	0	0	1	
1	1 lpa	Doctors (Consultant)	3	0	0	3
1	Do	Doctors (Medical Officer)	4	4	4	0
		Dental surgeon	1	1	0	0

S.N.	Districts	Posts	Sanctioned	Fulfilled	Contract	Vacant
		Sr. Public Health Officer (PHO)/PHO	1	1	1	0
		Nursing Officer	1	0	1	1
		Paramedics	84	60	26	24
		PHN/ Staff	01	00	20	21
		Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	60	36	30	24
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,			,	
		Others)	1	0	4	1
		Health Service Manager	1	1	0	0
		Doctors (Consultants)	6	0	0	6
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	7	2	7	5
	an	Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	0	0
2	Salyan	Dental surgeon	3	0	2	3
	<i>O</i> 1	Paramedics Publication of the Paramedics	166	148	47	18
	PHN/ Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	122	96	90	26	
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray, Others)	34	17	37	17
		Doctors (Consultant)	34	0	0	17
		Doctors (Consultant) Doctors (Medical Officer)	5	3	5	2
		Dental surgeon	1	0	1	1
		Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	0	0
2	Mugu		1	0	1	1
3		Nursing Officer Paramedics	73	63	29	10
		PHN/ Staff	/3	03	29	10
		Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	58	35	52	23
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray, Others)	1	0	1	1
		/	1	0	0	1
		Health Service Manager	7	0	1	7
		Doctors (Consultant) Doctors (Medical Officer)	12	2	19	10
			+	0	0	
,	ekh	Dental Surgeon Sr PHO/PHO	5	2	1	3
4	Dailekh				_	40
		Paramedics PHN/ Staff	217	185	47	40
		Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	169	138	117	32
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,				
		Others)	62	26	49	36
		Health service manager	1	0	0	1
		Doctors (Consultant)	3	0	3	3
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	5	2	12	3
		Dental surgeon	1	0	1	1
5	iko	Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	0	0
	Kalikot	Nursing Officer	1	0	1	1
		Paramedics	111	167	121	1
		PHN/ Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	90	112	87	7
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	70	112	07	,
		Others)	8	23	28	0

S.N.	Districts	Posts	Sanctioned	Fulfilled	Contract	Vacant
		Doctors (Hospital director)	2	1	0	1
		Doctors (Consultant)	61	8	44	53
		Nursing Officer	1	0	0	1
		Public Health Administrator	1	1	0	0
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	25	18	20	7
	het	Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	2	0
6	Surkhet	Nursing Officer	22	10	14	12
	9 1	Dental surgeon	3	2	4	1
		Paramedics PHN/ Staff	189	184	90	5
		Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	238	215	156	23
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	230	213	130	
		Others)	57	30	171	27
		Health service manager	1	0	1	1
		Consultant	3	0	0	3
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	5	3	4	2
		Nursing Officer	1	0	1	1
7	Humla	Dental surgeon	1	0	0	1
,	Hu	Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	0	0
		Paramedics	95	76	47	19
		PHN/ Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	68	50	42	18
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	00	30	42	10
		Others)	8	6	5	2
		Public Health Administrator	1	1	0	0
		Sr PHO/PHO	1	0	0	1
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	31	3	19	28
		Nursing Officer	15	3	9	12
8	Jumla	Optometrist	1	1	1	0
0	Juī	Physiotherapist	5	0	2	5
		Paramedics	144	88	36	56
		PHN/ Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	75	69	139	6
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	13	09	139	6
		Others)	38	12	109	31
		Health Service Manager	1	0	0	1
		Medical Superintendent	1	1		
		Doctors (Consultant)	8	5	0	3
	;t	Doctors (Medical officer)	13	11	5	2
	Wes	Sr PHO/PHO	1	0	3	1
9	Rukum West	Dental surgeon	1	1	2	0
	tukı	Nursing Officer	1	0	3	1
	Ŧ	Paramedics	137	100	71	37
		PHN/ Staff	124	0.7	00	47
		Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M. Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	134	87	80	47
		Others)	32	11	23	21

S.N.	Districts	Posts	Sanctioned	Fulfilled	Contract	Vacant
		Health Service Manager	1	1	0	0
		Doctor (Consultant)	6	0	0	6
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	12	6	3	6
	ot	Dental surgeon	1	1	0	0
10	Jajarkot	Sr PHO/PHO	1	1	0	0
	Jaj	Paramedics	157	129	61	28
		PHN/ Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M.	134	72	91	62
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray, Others)	65	10	76	55
		Health Service Manager	7	2	1	5
		Doctors (Hospital Director)	2	1	0	1
		Doctors (Medical Superintendent)	1	1	0	0
		Doctors (Consultant)	100	13	48	87
		Doctors (Medical Officer)	119	54	98	65
		Public Health Administrator	2	2	0	0
	Karnali	Dental Surgeon	13	5	10	8
	Province	Optometrist	1	1	1	0
		Physiotherapist	5	0	2	5
		Sr. PHO/PHO	14	9	7	4
		Nursing Officer	43	13	30	30
		Paramedics	1373	1200	575	238
		PHN/Staff Nurse/Sr.A.N.M./A.N.M	1148	910	884	268
		Other technical (Lab, X-ray,	206	125	502	126
		Others) Total	306 3134	135 2346	503 2159	136 847

Source: Provincial Annual Review 2023/24

The above Table 11 highlights major gaps in healthcare staffing in Karnali Province, with many districts struggling to fill the sanctioned posts. While positions such as paramedics and nurses are partially fulfilled, technical roles like lab technicians, X-ray technicians, and medical officers remain largely vacant. Districts like Surkhet, Jajarkot, and Dolpa have a high number of sanctioned posts but also many vacancies. These districts perform relatively better in filling paramedic and nursing positions. To manage the shortages, many healthcare facilities rely on contract workers. However, this heavy dependence on temporary staff shows the urgent need for long-term and permanent staffing solutions. Overall, the province faces serious challenges in ensuring enough skilled healthcare workers for sustainable health service delivery.

Table 12: Health Worker-to-Population Ratio in the Province (per 1,000 population)

Health Worker	Number	Population Ratio
Doctors	235	1:7252
Nurse	1837	1:928
Paramedics	1775	1:960
Total	3847	2.26(per 1000)

Source: Annual Health Review 2024

The updated data reveals the distribution of health workers in Karnali Province relative to its HMIS target population of 1,704,172 for the fiscal year 2023/24. On average, each doctor serves approximately 7,252 people, indicating a significant shortage compared to other health worker categories. Nurses are the most accessible, with one nurse serving about 928 individuals, followed closely by paramedics, with one for every 960 people. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set a target of 4.45 health workers per 1,000 population. However, Karnali Province currently has only 2.26 health workers per 1,000 population nearly half of the required benchmark. This gap highlights the urgent need to address the shortage of health workers to enhance healthcare accessibility and quality in the province.

8. Ayurveda and Alternative Medicine

8.1 Background

Ayurveda is an ancient system of medicine that emphasizes achieving harmony between the body, mind, and spirit to promote overall well-being. It is founded on the concept of balance among the three doshas—Vata, Pitta, and Kapha—which are derived from the five elements: earth, water, fire, air, and ether. Ayurveda promotes the use of natural remedies, including herbs, oils, and minerals, alongside personalized dietary and lifestyle practices. It integrates holistic approaches such as yoga, meditation, and detoxification to prevent illness and maintain health. Deeply rooted in the understanding of the interconnectedness between nature and human life, Ayurveda offers a comprehensive and preventive approach to healthcare.

8.2 Number of Ayurvedic Service Centers in Karnali province

Figure 10 provides information about Ayurvedic service centers in Karnali Province. The province has a total of one Ayurvedic hospital, nine Ayurvedic health centers, eighteen Ayurvedic dispensaries, and forty-three Nagarik Arogya Centers involved in the delivery of Ayurvedic services. This distribution highlights the province's ongoing efforts to integrate traditional medicine into the broader healthcare system.

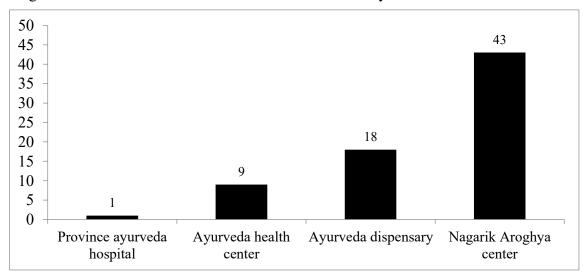


Figure 10: Ayurvedic Service Center in Karnali Province

9. Details of staffs

Figure 11 provides an overview of staffing in Ayurvedic centers across Karnali Province. Among the staff, there are 7 sanctioned positions for Doctors (Consultants), with only 1

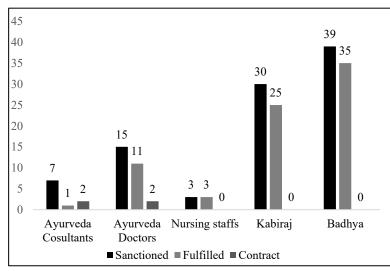


Figure 11: Details of staffs in Ayurvedic centers in Karnali province

position currently filled and 2 positions occupied by contract staff. For Ayurveda Doctors, 15 positions are sanctioned, of which 11 are fulfilled and 2 are filled on a contract basis. A11 3 sanctioned positions for Nursing Staff are fully staffed. There are 30 sanctioned positions for Kabiraj, with 25 currently filled. The highest number of sanctioned posts is for

Baidya, with 39 positions, of which 35 are filled. This data indicates moderate staffing gaps in Ayurvedic centers, particularly in specialized roles such as Consultants.

9.1 Ayurveda Service Utilization in 3 Years

The figure 12 illustrates the utilization of Ayurveda services in Karnali Province over three

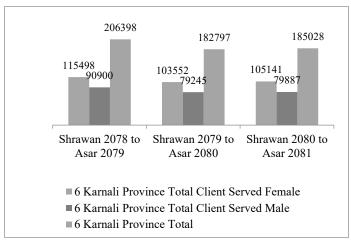


Figure 12: Ayurveda Service Utilization in 3 Years

years. In the fiscal year 2078/79, total service utilization peaked at 206,398, with 115,498 females and 90,900 males benefiting from the services. In FY 2079/80, total utilization decreased to 182,797, with 103,552 females and 79,245 males served. By FY 2080/81, total utilization slightly increased to 185,028, with 105,141 females and 79,887 males accessing the services.

10. Overall Public Health Status

10.1 Total Fertility Rate, Life Expectancy at Birth and Situation of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

According to the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) 2022, the total fertility rate of Karnali Province is 2.1. Additionally, the average life expectancy in the province stands at 72.5 years, reflecting ongoing improvements in health outcomes and access to healthcare services.

10.2 Neo-Natal, Infant and Maternal Mortality

Table 13: Mortality

Indicators	Status			
Indicators	National	Province		
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	21	26		
Infant Mortality Rate	28	36		
Under 5 Children Mortality Rate	33	46		
Maternal Mortality Ratio	151	172		

Source: NDHS 2022

The data in Table 13 presents a comparison of mortality rates—specifically neonatal, infant, under-five, and the maternal mortality ratio—between National and Karnali Province levels. All four indicators demonstrate that mortality rates in Karnali Province are higher than the national averages. This disparity highlights the urgent need to strengthen health policies and programs to reduce mortality and improve maternal and child health outcomes in the province.

10.3 Situation of Non-Communicable Disease

Table 14: Situation of Non-Communicable Disease (FY 2080/81)

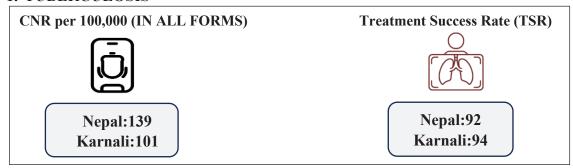
		National	Province		
Disease	Number	Prevalence rate (Per 1000 Population)	Number	Prevalence rate (Per 1000 Population)	
Cardio-vascular diseases	30,330	1.03	430	0.25	
Diabetes Mellitus	584,347	20.04	17,978	10.65	
COPD	259,110	8.9	21,095	12.5	
Cancer	97,387	3.4	83	0.05	

Source: Nepal Health Fact Sheet 2024

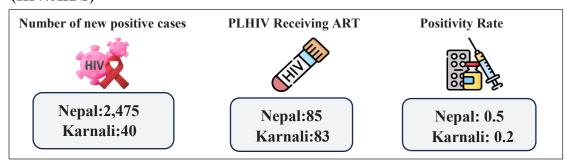
Table 14 provides an overview of the prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in fiscal year 2080/81, comparing national and provincial data. At the national level, Diabetes Mellitus has the highest prevalence rate at 20.04 per 1,000 population, accounting for 584,347 cases, followed by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) with a prevalence of 8.9 per 1,000 and 259,110 cases. Cardiovascular diseases and cancer show lower national prevalence rates of 1.03 and 3.4 per 1,000 population, respectively. In Karnali Province, the prevalence rates are comparatively lower, with diabetes and COPD recorded at 10.65 and 12.5 per 1,000 population, respectively. Cardiovascular diseases and cancer are notably less common at the provincial level, with prevalence rates of 0.25 and 0.05 per 1,000 population. This comparison highlights a heavier burden of NCDs nationally, with diabetes and COPD emerging as the most prevalent conditions across both levels.

10.4 Situation of Communicable and Vector-Borne Diseases

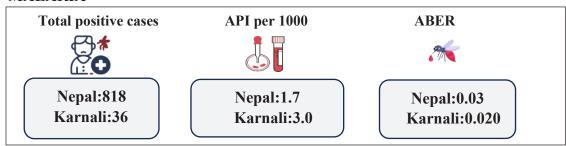
1. TUBERCULOSIS



2. Human immunodeficiency viruses/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)



3. MALARIA



4. DENGUE

5. KALA-AZAR

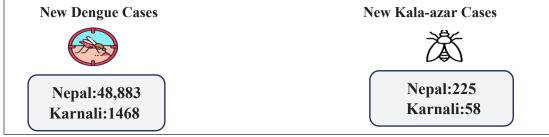


Figure 13: Situation of important communicable and vector-borne diseases

Figure 13 highlights the situation of communicable diseases in Karnali Province in comparison to the national data for fiscal year 2080/81. Nepal reported a higher Case Notification Rate (CNR) for tuberculosis at 139 per 100,000 population, while Karnali had a lower CNR but a slightly higher treatment success rate (94% compared to the

national average of 92%). In terms of HIV/AIDS, Nepal recorded a total of 2,475 new positive cases, whereas Karnali reported only 40. For malaria, Karnali had significantly fewer cases (36) compared to Nepal's 818 cases. However, Karnali exhibited a higher Annual Blood Examination Rate (3.0% vs. 1.7%), despite having a lower Annual Parasite Incidence (0.020 vs. 0.03 per 1,000 population). Dengue continues to be a major public health concern, with 48,883 new cases reported nationwide and 1,468 cases in Karnali Province

10.5 Top Ten Diseases of OPD visit

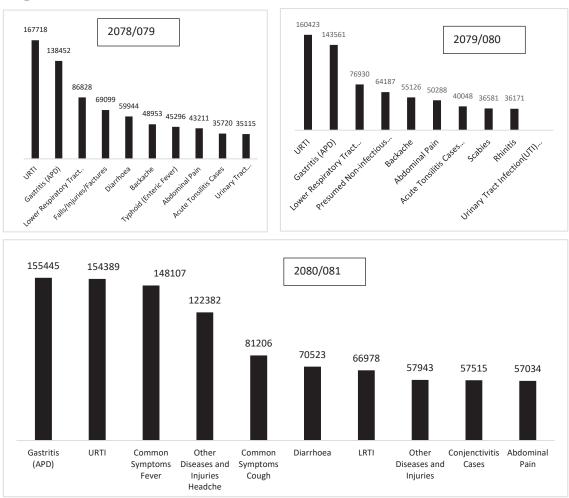


Figure 14: Top Ten Diseases of OPD visit in FY 2078/79, 2079/80 and 2080/81 respectively

The figure consists of three bar charts displaying the most common causes of outpatient visits or health conditions across different datasets (possibly health centers or time periods). Across all three charts, Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTI) and Gastritis (Acid Peptic Disease - APD) are consistently the top two leading causes of outpatient visits, each recording over 160,000 cases in at least one fiscal year. Other frequently reported conditions include Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTI), diarrhea, abdominal pain, backache, acute tonsillitis, and urinary tract infections (UTI). Notably, symptoms such as common fever, cough, and injuries are also among the top ten in the FY 2080/81.

11. Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness Survey Result 2019

Eye impairment is a significant concern in Karnali Province, affecting both children and adults. The burden of eye problems, largely due to non-communicable diseases, has been increasing daily. According to the 2019 Assessment of Avoidable Blindness Survey conducted in Karnali, the overall blindness rate is above 1%. Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness, accounting for 61% of cases, followed by refractive errors (15.7%), glaucoma (2.4%), retinal issues (12.2%), and other eye problems (14.6%). The cataract backlog stands at 0.5%. To address this issue, there is a need for comprehensive planning in eye care services to reduce and control avoidable and needless blindness, which remains the highest in Karnali Province compared to other provinces in Nepal.

12. Health Rehabilitation Services

According to the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey 2022, 29 percent of Nepalese people experience functional disability, with 6 percent being completely disabled and unable to manage their daily tasks. This highlights the urgent need for rehabilitation services across the country, particularly for a significant portion of the population. The 2078 National Census indicates that approximately 2.25 percent of Nepal's population is living with disabilities. In Karnali Province, this figure rises to 3.14 percent, with over 37 percent of these individuals experiencing physical disabilities. This underscores the pressing need for effective rehabilitation services to help individuals regain their ability to perform daily activities through a robust health system. To address these needs, the province has developed a rehabilitation strategy, which is currently being implemented. However, due to budget constraints, many individuals are not receiving the specialized rehabilitation services they require.

13. Health Services Delivery Situation

Table 15: Health Services Delivery

Ludiantous	National	Province	National	Province
Indicators	2080/81	2078/79	2080/81	2078/79
Percentage of under 1-year age children Vaccinated with third dose of Diphtheria,	96.18	94.1	88.6	87.22
Pertussis Tetanus (DPT), Hepatitis B and Hemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)				
Percentage of 12 -23 months children Vaccinated with second dose Measles Rubella (MR)	100.68	89.1	87.7	90.59
Tetanus Diphtheria 2 nd and TD 2 nd + coverage	68.07	66.3	65.2	61.75
Children age 0 to 23 months registered for growth monitoring	68.29	102.6	NA	63.3
Incidence of pneumonia among children U5 years (per 1000)	33.88	85.7	73.6	NA
% of pneumonia cases treated with antibiotics	100.84	101	NA	99.92

To Parkens	National	Province	National	Province
Indicators	2080/81	2078/79	2080/81	2078/79
Incidence of diarrhea per 1,000 under five years children	127.11	216	216	250.59
% of children under 5 with diarrhea treated with Oral Rehydration Therapy and zinc	97.04	94.8	97.3	98.91
% of pregnant women who attended four Antenatal Care (ANC) visits as per protocol	88.42	72.3	85	76.68
Institutional deliveries %	80	69.8	83.4	71.98
% of deliveries by caesarean section among reported deliveries	27.61	6.6	7.9	8.73
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) unadjusted	21.49	28.5	28.6	28.37
Tuberculosis (TB) Case notification rate (all forms of TB)/100,000 pop.	136.76	97.3	91.3	99.24
TB Treatment success rate	92.15	90.9	93.2	93.6
Leprosy Prevalence rate per 10,000	0.84	0.49	0.53	0.47
Annual parasite incidence (API) per 1,000 population at risk	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02
Incidence of Kala-azar in high-risk districts/10000 population	NA	0.66	0.39	NA
% of OPD new visits among total Population	NA	105	87.7	NA
Average length of stay in hospital	3.56	3	3.1	NA

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The table 15 presents an overview of health service delivery in Karnali Province. Regarding immunization, 87.22% of children under 1 year have received the third dose of DPT, Hep B and Hib vaccines. Additionally, 90.59% of children aged 12 to 23 months have received the second dose of the MR vaccine. However, the national coverage for these vaccines is higher, with 96.1% and 100.6%, respectively.

The incidence of diarrhea among children under five years in Karnali is 251 per 1,000, which is significantly higher than the national average of 127.11. Furthermore, the percentage of institutional deliveries in the province stands at 71.9%, which is lower than the national average of 80%.

14. Priority of Development Partners in Karnali Province

The nutrition. The socio-economic development indicators of Karnali Province lag behind those of other provinces. The province contributes only 4 percent to the national GDP. Factors such as a scattered population, difficult-to-reach areas, socio-economically deprived communities, and seasonal migration are significant barriers to development. However, it is encouraging that several development partners have prioritized sectors such as health, education, protection, food security, water supply, and other cross-cutting issues to improve the health and well-being of the people in Karnali. Bilateral and UN Agencies, along with International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) and Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs), are actively working in various sectors, coordinating

with provincial and local governments to optimize resources and avoid duplication of efforts.

Organizations such as WHO, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Save the Children, CARE Nepal, One Heart Worldwide (OHW), and Helen Keller International (HKI) have made significant investments in maternal, adolescent, and child health and nutrition.

15. Budget Allocated for Health Sector in Karnali Province

Table 16: Budget Allocated for Health Sector (in thousands)

Level	Conditional Grant			Non- Conditional Grant		Special Grant			Total Budget in Health Sector			Percentage of Health Budget against Province Total Budget			
Level	08/6/07	2080/81	2081/82	2079/80	2080/81	2081/82	2079/80	18/0807	2081/82	2079/80	18/0807	2081/82	2079/80	2080/81	2081/82
Provincial Level	096268	652140	628864	1716504	2543751	2143267	328500	400000	467500	3721014	3595891	3239631	11.4	10.8	10.3

Source: Ministry of Social Development 2081

The above table 16 shows the budget allocation for the health sector in Karnali Province. The percentage of the health sector budget relative to the total budget has decreased slightly in the current fiscal year, from 10.8% to 10.3%, along with a decline in the conditional budget over the past three consecutive years.

16. Natural Disaster Risk Areas- Districts and Local Levels

Table 17: Local Levels which are at Risk of Natural Disaster

S.N.	Type of Disaster	I ACOLL AVAIS I NOMA AT LIISTRICTI			
1	Flash Flood	Kalikot, Dailekh, Salyan and Surkhet			
2	Landslide	Jajarkot (Barekot) Salyan, Surkhet (Chingad, Simta, Birendranagar) Kalikot (Narahari Nath, Sanitribeni), Dailekh, Rukum West, Dolpa			
3	Fire	Kalikot, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Rukum West, Salyan and Surkhet			
4	Airstream	Jajarkot			
5	Disease Outbreak	Jajarkot			
6	Thunder	Dailekh, Jajarkot, Rukum West, Surkhet and Salyan			

Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law, Karnali Province FY 2080/81

17. Issues and Challenges

The risk of natural hazards seems flood, landslide, airstream, diseases outbreak and thunder in Karnali province. The natural disaster risk is therefore considered as the combination of the severity and frequency of a hazard. Prompt response during emergency is important for information gathering, emergency health service and resumption of essential health services targeting to children, pregnant and lactating mothers, geriatric population and adolescent girls is very important. Deployment of human resources, essential drug supply, reduce the potential risk of diseases outbreak and resumption and rehabilitation of health services is important after any kind of natural disaster.

Issues/Challenges of Karnali Province on Health Sector

- Sanctioned Human Resources are not recruited in health facilities as per National Human Resource Strategy has persuaded to fulfil the HR gap through Organization & Development Survey,
- 2. General public are not convinced to enroll in Health Insurance Scheme due to several barriers both in demand and supply side,
- Total health budget has not increased as per WHO recommendation that has increased out-of-pocket expenditure leading to impoverishment,
- Sufficient budget has not been allocated for public health program for prevention and health seeking behaviors,
- 5. Ayurveda and alternative medicine are not priority yet wherever large scope exists,
- 6. Insufficient infrastructure of many health facilities because most of the HP, PHCCs are designated into primary hospital and still there is same condition,
- 7. Constant stock out of essential drugs including free drug at local level is still prevalent due to timely monitoring, evaluation, and timely requisition submitted,
- Repair and maintenance of bio-medical equipment in hospital has increased the operational cost compromising timely diagnosis and quality health services,
- 9. Reconstruction of health facilities is not constructed collapsed due to Jajarkot earthquake,
- 10. National health facility is not completely followed as per establishment and operation guideline,
- 11. Continued coordination, collaboration and co-existence between province and local government in favor of strengthening basic health services,
- 12. Primary Health Service is the fundamental right of every citizen, but maternal mortality and acute malnutrition is not declining as expected,
- 13. Non-communicable diseases (NCD) and mental health, Road Traffic Accident (RTA) are increasing due to social disintegration of family, unhealthy food behavior, poor physical activities and violation or traffic rules,
- 14. Oversight through monitoring, supervision, and evaluation of current implementing program is not effective for problem solving and link into planning,
- 15. Public private partnership is not enough for resource mobilization and collective efforts as well as sharing of corporate responsibility,
- 16. Research is least priority for budget allocation and proper implementation is a single tool for identifying issues/problem in health sector,
- 17. Water Safety Plan quality surveillance, and water chlorination is not properly implemented to increase the safe drinking water target 2030.

18. Jajarkot Earthquake: Model of Collaboration

18.1 Background

On the night of November 3, 2023, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck the Jajarkot and Rukum West district of Karnali Province with its epicenter located in Ramidanda, Jajarkot district, at 11:47 PM. Following the initial earthquake, numerous aftershocks occurred, causing fear among the local population. The ongoing aftershocks had compelled residents to evacuate their homes and seek to stay in open areas. A total of 18 local governments are affected where Jajarkot and Rukum West are severely affected in terms of human casualties, and damage to houses in Karnali Province.

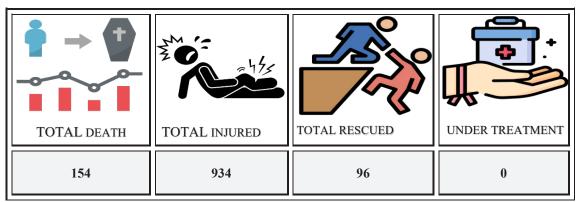


Figure 15: Situation Overview of earthquake

18.2 Damaged Status of health facilities and households Table 18: Damaged status of health facilities and household

District	Damaged Health	Household								
District	Facility	Fully Damaged	Partially Damaged							
Jajarkot	39	9,794	24,707							
Rukum West	31	9,468	13,428							
Salyan	6	151	988							
Jumla	0	5	116							
Surkhet	0	4	32							
Dailekh	0	1	5							
Kalikot	0	0	93							
Grand Total	76	19,423	39,369							

Source: Provincial Health Emergency Operations Center, Health Service Directorate, Karnali Province

The above figure 17 and table 18 provide an overview of the impact of natural disasters on several districts in Karnali Province, including casualties, rescue efforts, and infrastructure damage. A total of 154 people lost their lives, 934 were injured, and 96 were rescued, with no reports of individuals remaining under treatment afterward. In Jajarkot, 39 health facilities were damaged, 9,794 households were completely destroyed, and 24,707 were partially damaged. In Rukum West, 31 health facilities were damaged, 9,468 households were fully destroyed, and 13,428 were partially damaged. In Salyan, 6 health facilities were damaged, with 151 households fully destroyed and 988 partially damaged. Surkhet, Dailekh, Kalikot, and Jumla reported minimal household damage, with no damage to health facilities in the Jajarkot earthquake. Overall, 76 health facilities were damaged across these districts, with 19,423 households fully destroyed and 39,369 partially damaged. Prompt response efforts and the deployment of emergency health teams helped prevent any post-earthquake epidemics or additional mortality.

19. Health Policy, rule, regulation, and strategic plan

Karnali Province has developed and implemented various health policies and strategies. The key health policies, rules, regulations and strategic plan in the province are as outlined below:

- Karnali Province Health Policy, 2076
- Health Service Act, 2078
- Health Service Regulation, 2080
- Reaching to unreached strategy, 2077-82
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Strategic Plan, 2079
- Health Sector Strategic Plan, 2080
- Health Rehabilitation Strategic Plan, 2080
- Eye Health Strategy, 2080
- Multi Hazard Health Nutrition and Contingency Plan, 2080



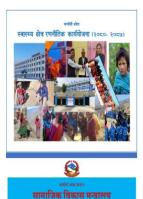


The documents have addressed the specific needs of target population in Karnali. Likewise other policies and strategies are under development to meet along with the evolving health requirements.

Karnali Province Heath Sector Strategic Plan 2080-2087

Karnali province government has formulated Health Sector Strategic Plan 2080-2087 based on the national strategy, policy, national and international commitments, SDG

goals and contemporary documents. The plan covers the ten strategic outcomes as mentioned.





सनिश्चितता नतिजा २: स्वास्थ्य सेवाको गुणस्तर वृद्धि नतिजा ३: औषधि तथा सामग्रीको आपूर्ति व्यवस्थापनमा सुधार नतिजा ४: स्वास्थ्य पर्वाधारहरुको विकास तथा व्यवस्थापनमा नतिजा ५: स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्रको वित्तीय प्रणाली सुदृढीकरण नतिजा ६: स्वास्थ्य जनशक्तिको उपलब्धता, परिचालन तथा समयानुकुल क्षमता विकास नतिजा ७: जनस्वास्थ्य विपद व्यवस्थापनमा सधार नतिजा ८: सुदृढ स्वास्थ्य सुचना व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली तथा अनुसन्धान प्रवर्धन नतिजा ९: स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्रको नेतत्व र सशासन सद्ढीकरण नतिजा १०: प्रबर्धनात्मक क्रियाकलाप मार्फत स्वास्थ्य व्यवहार परिवर्तन

नितजा १: स्वास्थ्य सेवामा सर्वव्यापी पहुँच तथा उपभोगको

Annexes

Annex 1. External Development Partners and NGOs working in Provincial Level Health Sectors

	Name of	Province			Con	ntact		
S.N.	Organization	Head/ Coordinator	Scope of Work	Coverage	Contact Number	Email		
1.	World Health Organization	Mr. Pradeep Adhikari	Health System Strengthening, Health Emergency, Immunization Preventable Diseases, NCD and Mental Health, and Neglected Tropical Diseases, CDS and Kalazaar.		9860779811/ 9841418844	adhikarip@who.int bamb@who.int		
2.	UNICEF	Ms. Bindu Panthi	Maternal and Newborn Health, Immunization and Cold Chain, Mental Health, NCD, Health System Strengthening, Nutrition, Integrated Management Acute Malnutrition, Adolescent Health and Health Emergency.		9858085513	bpanthi@unicef.or g		
3.	WFP	Mr. Purna Bdr. Nepali	Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN), Rice fortification and Emergency Nutrition		083-522575 9851373920	purna.nepali@wfp. org		
4.	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Mr. Atma Ram Neupane	Family Planning, Safe Motherhood, Adolescent Health, Gender, Mental Health Counseling and Disability support	Surkhet, Dailekh, Kalikot, Dolpa, Rukum West & Jajarkot	9851317426	aneupane@unfp a.org		
5.	AIDS Healthcare Foundation Nepal	Mr. Sanjaya Kumar Poudel	Sustaining the Gain, strengthen HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care services at ART clinics of Nepal	Surkhet	9851182107	sanjaya.paudel@ ahf.org		
6.	Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN)	Mr. Shekhar Pd. Dhamala	Sexual and Reproductive Health, Immunization, Maternal and Newborn Care, Cancer Screening, etc.	Surkhet and Dailekh	083-520257 9848022211	fpansurkhet@fpa n.org.np		
7.	Handicap International	Prakash Upadhayaya	Functional and Inclusive Disability, Physical Health Rehabilitation, Livelihood, Community Based Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience.	All 10 Districts	9801975904 9856040142	p.upadhayay@hi .org		
8.	CBM Global	Ms. Parbati Acharya	Disability inclusion, Eye and Ear Health, Mental health, physical	Surkhet, Dailekh and	9851216903	parbati.acharya @cbm- global.org		

	Name of	Province			Co	ntact
S.N.	Organization	Head/ Coordinator	Scope of Work	Coverage	Contact Number	Email
			rehabilitation, Disability Inclusive Livelihood	Rukum West		
9.	One Heart Worldwide	Mr. Rabin Joshi	Strengthening Maternal and Newborn Care, Health System Strengthening	Rukum West, Salyan, Jajarkot, Dailekh, Kalikot and Jumla	083-590467 9857866000	rabin@oneheart worldwide.org
10.	Save the Children	Mr. Dipendra Thakuri	Adolescent and Reproductive Health, New Born Care, HIV/Tuberculosis, and Malaria – Surkhet, Dailekh, Jajarkot, Kalikot and Jumla	5 Districts	9848021810	dipendra.thakuri @savethechildre n.org
11.	Ipas	Ms. Nirmala Bhandari	Sustainable Sexual and Reproductive Health Right Strengthening (Gender, Climate Change Resilient Health System)	Dailekh, Rukum West, Jajarkot, Salyan	9848061213	bhandarin@ipas. org
12.	Phase Nepal	Ms. Urmila Adhikari	Primary Health Care (Preventive, Curative and Promotive), Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition, NCD, Mental health, Emergency service, Community awareness activities	Mugu & Humla	01-6634038 9851176042	info@phasenepa l.org
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14.	Plan International Nepal	Ms. Meena Parajuli	Comprehensive Sexuality Education, Education, Adolescent Friendly Toilet, Maternal Newborn Nutrition, Emergency Nutrition	Kalikot and Jumla	083-523007 9802020469	mina.parajuli@p lan- international.org
15.	Centre for Mental Health and Counseling- Nepal (CMC- Nepal)	Mr. Laxman Nath	Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing and Mental Health System Strengthening – Surkhet, Jajarkot Salyan, Rukum West, Kalikot and Dailekh	6 Districts	083-590367 9849391535	laxman@cmcne pal.org.np
16.	Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal (TPO- Nepal)	Mr. Prem Nath Bhattarai	Mental and Psychosocial Health- Kalikot, Dailekh, Salyan, Surkhet, Jajarkot and Rukum West	6 Districts	9841011176	-
17.	International Nepal Fellowship Nepal	Mr. Lalit Saru	Skin diseases, Leprosy, Obstetric Fistula, Disability Rehabilitation, and treatment	All 10 districts	9844875236	lalit.saru@nepal. inf.org
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Source: Health Service Directorate, 2024

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Annexes 3: Household and Population by Local Levels

S.N.	Local Laval	District	Number of]	Population	l
3.11.	Local Level	District	households	Female	Male	Total
1.	Dolpo Buddha Rural Municipality		543	1272	1148	2420
2.	Shey Phoksundo Rural Municipality		861	1856	1779	3635
3.	Jagadulla Rural Municipality		601	1315	1260	2575
4.	Mudkechula Rural Municipality		1190	2885	2918	5803
5.	Tripurasundari Municipality	Dolpa	2622	6153	6080	12233
6.	Thulibheri Municipality		2327	4914	4947	9861
7.	Kaike Rural Municipality		916	2113	1852	3965
8.	Chharka Tangsong Rural Municipality		320	853	819	1672
	Total		9,380	21,361	20,803	42,164
9.	Mugumkarmarog Rural Municipality		1372	3259	2963	6222
10	Chhayanath Rara Municipality	Mugu	4952	12137	12390	24527
11	Soru Rural Municipality		2581	7248	7029	14277
12	Khatyad Rural Municipality		3525	9319	9513	18832
	Total		12,430	31,963	31,895	63,858

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S.N.	Local Level	District	households	Female	Male	Total
13	Chankheli Rural Municipality		1193	3289	3290	6579
14	Kharpunath Rural Municipality		1437	3410	3326	6736
15	Simkot Rural Municipality		2882	5888	6047	11935
16	Namkha Rural Municipality	Humla	849	1839	1750	3589
17	Sarkegad Rural Municipality		2205	5325	5363	10688
18	Adanchuli Rural Municipality	_	1480	4227	4038	8265
19	Tanjakot Rural Municipality		1158	3087	3005	6092
20	Total	T	11,204	27,065	26,819	53,884
21	Patarasi Rural Municipality Kanaka Sundari Rural Municipality	4	3342	8568	8256	16824
22	Sinja Rural Municipality	-	2754	6891	6734	13625
23	Chandannath Municipality	 Jumla	2354 5367	6143 10637	6413 10399	12556 21036
24	Guthichaur Rural Municipality	Juilla	2444	5541	5381	10922
25	Tatopani Rural Municipality	-	3318	7876	7699	15575
26	Tila Rural Municipality	1	2667	7337	7202	14539
27	Hima Rural Municipality	1	2176	6037	6154	12191
	Total		24,422	59,030	58,238	117,268
28	Palata Rural Municipality		2834	8538	8808	17346
29	Pachal Jharana Rural Municipality]	2398	6787	6900	13687
30	Raskot Municipality		3194	8881	8544	17425
31	Sanni Tribeni Rural Municipality		2422	6903	6588	13491
32	Naraharinath Rural Municipality	Kalikot	4290	11400	11058	22458
33	Khandachakra Municipality]	4101	11062	11212	22274
34	Tilagupha Municipality]	3154	8193	8004	16197
35	Mahawai Rural Municipality]	1615	4128	4049	8177
36	Kalika Rural Municipality		2762	7139	6634	13773
	Total		26,770	73,031	71,797	144,828
37	Naumule Rural Municipality		4223	10196	9491	19687
38	Mahabu Rural Municipality		3968	9797	8262	18059
39	Bhairabi Rural Municipality]	4269	10183	8584	18767
40	Thantikandh Rural Municipality		3840	9371	8930	18301
41	Aathbis Municipality		6134	15842	15250	31092
42	Chamunda Bindrasaini Municipality	Dailekh	5113	13538	13021	26559
43	Dullu Municipality	1	9053	21038	18105	39143
44	Narayan Municipality		6504	13906	12205	26111
45	Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality	1	3550	9189	9017	18206
46	Dungeshwor Rural Municipality		3399	7643	6890	14533
47	Gurans Rural Municipality		4541	10787	10402	21189
	Total		54,594	131,490	120,157	251,647
48	Barekot Rural Municipality		3887	10970	11035	22005
49	Kuse Rural Municipality	1	4401	11555	11503	23058
50	Junichande Rural Municipality	1	4296	11936	11835	23771
51	Chhedagad Municipality	Jajarkot	7197	19179	18698	37877
52	Shivalaya Rural Municipality		2806	7478	7298	14776
53	Bheri Malika Municipality	1	8874	19516	18376	37892
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54	Tribeni Nalagad Municipality		5992	14556	14366	2892

S.N.	LeadLead	District	Number of	Population					
5. N.	Local Level	District	households	Female	Male	Total			
	Total		37,453	95,190	93,111	188,301			
55	Aathabisakot Municipality		7553	18299	17618	35917			
56	Sanibheri Rural Municipality		5292	12745	12014	24759			
57	Banphikot Rural Municipality	Rukum West	4607	10859	10174	21033			
58	Musikot Municipality	Kukuiii west	8693	18020	16250	34270			
59	Tribeni Rural Municipality		4308	10704	9821	20525			
60	Chaurjahari Municipality		6837	14947	14009	28956			
	Total		37,290	85,574	79,886	165,460			
61	Darma Rural Municipality		4264	10384	9755	20139			
62	Kumakh Malika Rural Municipality		5491	12765	12094	24859			
63	Banagad Kupinde Municipality		7428	17202	15738	32940			
64	Siddha Kumakh Rural Municipality		2898	6869	6258	13127			
65	Bagachour Municipality	Salyan	7498	17547	16474	34021			
66	Chhatreshwori Rural Municipality	Salyan	5139	11223	10019	21242			
67	Sharada Municipality		8898	18275	16388	34663			
68	Kalimati Rural Municipality		4972	11265	10941	22206			
69	Tribeni Rural Municipality		4110	8746	7918	16664			
70	Kapurkot Rural Municipality		3974	9157	8369	17526			
	Total		54,672	123,433	113,954	237,387			
71	Simta Rural Municipality		6062	13463	10620	24083			
72	Chingad Rural Municipality		3297	8233	7367	15600			
73	Lekabeshi Municipality		7441	16833	14877	31710			
74	Gurbhakot Municipality		11798	26033	22183	48216			
75	Bheriganga Municipality	Surkhet	11539	25665	22538	48203			
76	Birendranagar Municipality		38377	78734	75129	153863			
77	Barahatal Rural Municipality		6169	13478	12465	25943			
78	Panchapuri Municipality		7803	18609	17230	35839			
79	Chaukune Rural Municipality		5336	13714	13236	26950			
	Total		97,822	214,762	195,645	410,407			

Source: Population Census 2021

Annexes 4: Type of Health Facilities by Local Level

S.N.	Local Level	Nursing Home	Secondary A Hospital	BHSC	General Hospital	Primary Hospital	Academy	NGO	Urban Health Center	Health Post	District Hospitals	СНО	PHCCs	Private Hospital	PHCCs/Outreach Clinic Clinic	Tertiary Hospital	Secondary B	Others
1	Dolpo Buddha Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Shey Phoksundo Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Jagadulla Rural Municipality	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Mudkechula Rural Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Tripurasundari Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Thulibheri Municipality	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Kaike Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chharka Tangsong	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Rural Municipality			1	Ü		Ü		•									
	Municipality	0			0	0	0	0	0	23	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural		0	20						5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
]	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural Municipality Chhayanath Rara Municipality	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0									
9	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural Municipality Chhayanath Rara Municipality Soru Rural Municipality	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 10 11 12	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural Municipality Chhayanath Rara Municipality Soru Rural Municipality Khatyad Rural Municipality	0 0	0 0	20 4 10 4 4	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 6 7 6	0	3 3 6	0	0	0	0	0	0 1 0
9 10 11 12	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural Municipality Chhayanath Rara Municipality Soru Rural Municipality Khatyad Rural Municipality Wugu Total	0 0	0 0	4 10 4	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0 0 1 0	0 0	5 6 7	0 1 0	3 3	0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0 1 0
9 10 11 12	Municipality Dolpa Total Mugum karmarong Rural Municipality Chhayanath Rara Municipality Soru Rural Municipality Khatyad Rural Municipality Wugu Total Chankheli Rural	0 0 0	0 0 0	20 4 10 4 4	0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0	5 6 7 6	0 1 0	3 3 6	0 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 1 0
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20	Patarasi Rural Municipality	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Kanaka Sundari Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Sinja Rural Municipality	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Chandannath Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
24	Guthichaur Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Tatopani Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Tila Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Hima Rural Municipality	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
J	Jumla Total	0	0	24	0	0	1	1	1	29	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	2
28	Palata Rural Municipality	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Pachal Jharana Rural Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Raskot Municipality	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Sanni Tribeni Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Naraharinath Rural Municipality	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Khandachakra Municipality	0	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
34	Tilagupha Municipality	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Mahawai Rural Municipality	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
36	Kalika Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
K	Kalikot Total	0	0	48	1	5	0	1	0	27	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	2
37	Naumule Rural Municipality	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
38	Mahabu Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Bhairabi Rural Municipality	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Thantikandh Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
41	Aathbis Municipality	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
42	Chamunda Bindrasaini Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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43	Dullu Municipality	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Narayan Municipality	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
45	Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
46	Dungeshwor Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
47	Gurans Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	ailekh Total	0	0	25	0	4	0	6	5	54	1	11	1	0	1	0	0	6
48	Barekot Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Kuse Rural Municipality	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Junichande Rural Municipality	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
51	Chhedagad Municipality	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Shivalaya Rural Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Bheri Malika Municipality	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
34	Tribeni Nalagad Municipality	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ja	jarkot Total	0	0	44	0	3	0	0	0	30	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	1
55	Aathabisakot Municipality	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	Sanibheri Rural Municipality	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	Banphikot Rural Municipality	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
58	Musikot Municipality	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	3	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	3
59	Tribeni Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	Chaurjahari Municipality	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ruk	um West Total	0	0	44	1	4	0	1	11	25	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	4
61	Darma Rural Municipality	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Kumakh Malika Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	Banagad Kupinde Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	Siddha Kumakh Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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65	Bagachour Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
66	Chhatreshwori Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
67	Sharada Municipality	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
68	Kalimati Rural Municipality	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
69	Tribeni Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Kapurkot Rural Municipality	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	alyan Total	0	0	33	0	2	0	1	5	44	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	2
71	Simta Rural Municipality	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	Chingad Rural Municipality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
73	Lekabeshi Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
74	Gurbhakot Municipality	0	1	8	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
75	Bheriganga Municipality	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
76	Birendranagar Municipality	4	0	8	1	1	0	11	4	7	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	34
77	Barahatal Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	Panchapuri Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	1
79	Chaukune Rural Municipality	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	et Total	4	1	50	1	1	0	12	10	47	0	33	3	4	2	0	0	40
Kar	nali Province Total	4	1	319	3	21	1	24	32	329	8	134	11	9	3	0	1	61

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