

# December 2020 Update



During the last several weeks our clinic staff have been busy particularly during festival time when many of the Government staff left Ghandruk to be with their families.

COVID has meant a change to the number of patients using the clinic, particularly the delivery of babies.

Many maternity patients did not wish to go to the larger hospital down in Pokhara, as COVID has made it difficult for patients to find a hospital that will accept them. So we have seen a higher number than normal of baby deliveries at the Ghandruk clinic.

In one case a woman from the village of Kimrong had to be carried by human ambulance across the Kimrong River in a Doko (a handmade basket) to the clinic for an emergency baby delivery. Thankfully, everything went well for all concerned.

## SCHOOLS – Open and Close

School is back for some students some of the time. Staff complete a temperature check of all students prior to entry to the main school facility. Many of the larger schools in the region have been closed for many weeks with only small isolated schools in the district operating.



Given the unexpected challenges of the COVID-19 virus for the second half of the financial year, ending 30th of June 2020, Sanjiwani Public Health Mission was still able to treat 2511 patients.

The ongoing care and health of the elderly during COVID has been of concern. Staff have been undertaking door to door medical appointments to ensure the community receives continued care. Staff also took the opportunity to administer immunisations if due to other members of the household.

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