

# ANMF Grant Application

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## Organization Information

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<b>Title</b>	Executive Director

## Organization Mission

HFN advocates for public health policies and programs that promote the health and well-being of the underserved people in rural and urban areas of Nepal to realize their optimum potential health.

## Organization Description

**Health Foundation Nepal (HFN)** is a vibrant movement made up of people who are committed to improving the health and well-being of the most undeserved people of Nepal. It is a nonpartisan, apolitical organization that works in partnership with local community-based organizations to provide health care services through the integrated health approach. HFN is registered as a non-profit organization in US and Nepal. We operate through our office based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

## Population Served

## Project Information

<b>Project Title</b>	Mass Testing Initiative
<b>Project Location</b>	Gulmi
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	47500
<b>Grant Request</b>	20000
<b>Conversion Rate</b>	117
<b>Project Start Date</b>	06/05/2021
<b>Project Duration</b>	1 month

### Project Summary

Testing, tracing, isolation/quarantine are crucial steps to control COVID-19 pandemic. Nepal's test positivity rate is among the highest in the world, indicating that we have very high active cases and not enough testing. Rapid Antigen testing in mass-scale has been proven to break the transmission chain in many countries like China, Vietnam, South Korea, and Slovakia, including in areas that do not have enough RT-PCR labs.

HFN intends to test, trace, isolate and provide telemedicine services in rural communities in collaboration with local municipalities and local healthcare center. We are launching this initiative from [हेलो रेसुङ्गा नगरपालिका - Resunga Municipality](#), Tamghas, Gulmi in collaboration with Dr. Uttam Pachya of Gulmi District Hospital.

### Project goals

The primary aim of this project will be to demonstrate that Nepal needs to prioritize Mass Testing to break the chain of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 virus. We intend to implement Gulmi as a pilot project where we will measure the effectiveness for replication by government and other organizations in other places. Subsequently, we will implement this in Tulsipur Sub-metropolitan, Rupa municipality, and Kerabari municipality.

### Why project is needed

Nepal is currently experiencing the fastest spread of COVID-19 globally. In the last week of April 2021, COVID-19 cases have skyrocketed by over 668%. Despite the government mandated lockdowns in over 2/3rd of the country, Nepal has been reporting nearly 9000 cases daily since May 2nd week. The daily new confirmed deaths per million have been higher than India's.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has advised governments that before reopening, rates of test positivity (number of positive tests/all the tests conducted) should remain at 5% or lower for at least 14 days. Nepal is currently reporting a national average of test positivity of 41%, with some districts reporting positivity of >70%. This suggests that there are many more positive cases in the community that we are unable to identify. To reach there, rapid expansion of testing capacity, followed by tracing, isolation, and quarantine, are the only ways to address this burgeoning crisis.

Mass testing has been used in many countries like China, Vietnam, Slovakia, etc. to rapidly test, isolate, trace and control the spread. With prompt identification of positive cases, mass testing enables prompt isolation of the infected individuals and prevent further transmission. Health Foundation Nepal (HFN) will work with the local

government and health institutions to implement Mass Testing Initiatives in rural Nepal.