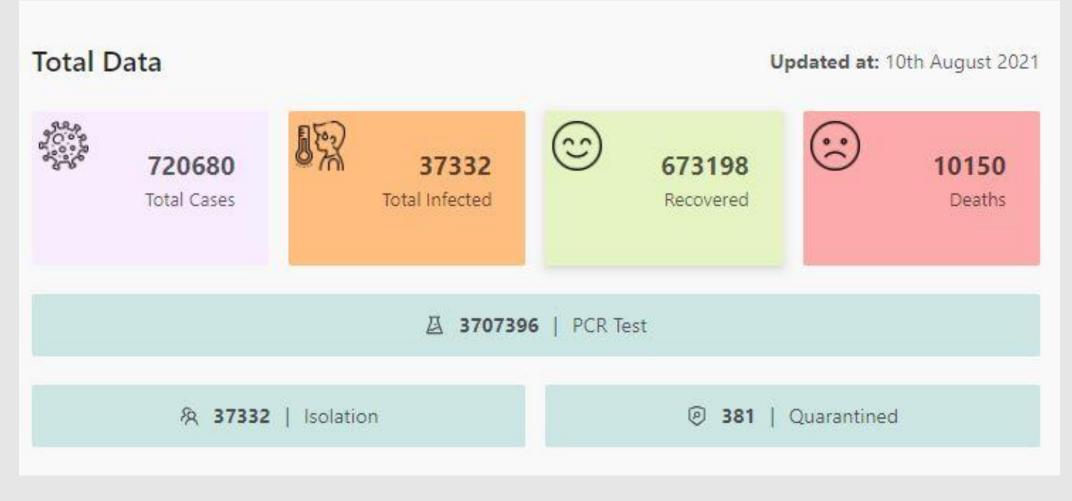
C-19 VACCINE INFO & ACCESS (VIA)

COUNTRY PROFILE

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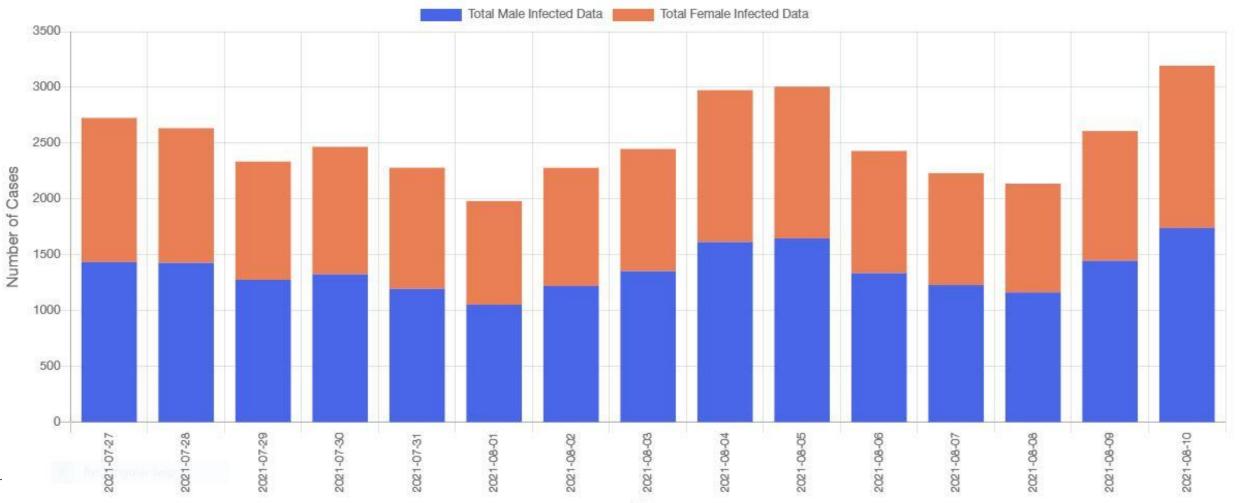
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3 Key Impacts of COVID-19 on PLHIV and Key Populations

- 1. Decreased access to health services
- 2. Diminishing income generation options
- 3. Worsening mental health

Name of Country

- Names of COVID-19 Vaccines approved and available
 - Sputnik V
 - Oxford/AstraZeneca formulation
 - Bharat Biotech Covaxin
 - Sinopharm (Beijing) BBIBP-CorV
 - Sinovac CoronaVac
 - Jonson and Jonson's Janssen
- Loan of \$165 million us form ADB, \$75 from World Bank
- Vaccines at free of cost for citizens.

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- 15.25% (45,25,435) of population vaccinated (first dose)
- 9.6% (2606046) of population fully vaccinated (2 doses)
- Who is eligible for vaccination?
 - People above 45 years of age, health workers, civil servants, financial institution staffs, sanitation workers, transport sector workers, etc.
- Who is being left behind?
 - People below 45 years of age who does not fall under the category of health workers, civil servants, financial institution staffs, sanitation workers, transport sector workers, etc.

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- What are the 3 key barriers for PLHIV and key populations in accessing C-19 vaccines
 - 1. The vaccine number are inadequate to cover all populations
 - 2. Vaccines are easily accessible to higher officials and their family members, poor and marinized are left behind.
 - **3.** Fear of side effects of the vaccine,.

Nepal

- PLHIV and explain the issue fall under the blanket category for vaccination.
- This means PLHIVs and Key Populations of 45 years and above are only eligible for the vaccinations, for the rest they have to wait for their age group.
- We have been advocating from National Level (Ministry of health and National Centre of AIDS and STD Control). At grassroot level our partner CBOs are working with PLHIVs to provide information on access to vaccination.
- PLHIVs and Key populations (Especially PLHIVs) would be kept in special category and prioritized for vaccinations.