

Hospital Service Extension to Dolpa District

Karnali Academy of Health sciences, Jumla, have extended its medical services to Dolpa District hospital from the months of Ashad, 2072 BS (June, 2015 AD) as per the MOU between the ministry of health and population and KAHS, Jumla. A team of health workers including medical officer, OT technician and staff nurses under the leadership of Assist. Prof. Dr Niresh Thapa, a renowned general practitioner, is serving the backward district since then.

Dolpa is the largest district of Nepal covering 5.36% of the total landmass of the country, located at 28°43'N to 29°43'N latitude, and 82°23'E to 83°41'E longitude. Elevation ranges from 1,525 to 7,625 m (5,003 to 25,016 ft). The district borders Tibet (China) on the north and northeast, Jumla and Mugu districts of Karnali on the west, Myagdi, Jajarkot and Rukum on the south, and Mustang on the east.

Despite having the health infrastructure, Dolpa district was having the lack of competent health manpower to provide services. The people used to fly to Nepalgunj for minor surgeries, specialized treatment and follow-up care. The team has treated more than 200 patients and conducted 10 surgeries including a cesarean section till date. KAHS Jumla has planned to depute such manpower round the year to provide health service to the underserved district.

