

Situations like the coronavirus pandemic quickly lead to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we saw after the earthquakes in Nepal. We can all play a role in beating the virus by making sure that we are sharing validated information and using trusted sources to inform our decision-making.

The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm.



Management of risk allowance by the government for the human resource involved in the treatment of COVID-19

100% of starting salary:

Human Resource who are involved in the laboratory testing, collection of samples of isolated and infected patients, and directly involved in treatment.

75% of starting salary:

Human Resource who are indirectly involved in the treatment of the isolated and infected patients and providing imaging service.

50% of starting salary

Human Resource involved in the help desks established in Tribhuvan International Airport, India and China border, the packaging and transport of the samples, transport of the infected individuals, quarantine facilities, fever clinics, isolation wards, health emergency centers.



Source: <https://cutt.ly/vykbdGM>

Rumors & Facts



Is it true that the government has decided that schools will be able to take new admissions from 26 Baisakh?

As the new admission and classes of all schools have halted, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has directed that schools shouldn't take new enrollment in any class or level or conduct any other actions like online classes requesting to deposit the fees in the bank accounts until further notice by the Nepal Government.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/Oyj9z4g>



We have heard that the government has given full customs exemption for the export of medicine.

The medicines, health items and equipment provided by various organizations, authorities or individuals to the hospitals and other bodies specified by the Ministry of Health for the prevention, control and treatment of corona will be provided a discount on tariff until Jestha 14.



We have heard that streets are now overcrowded due to the indiscriminate distribution of e-passes by the administration.

The administration has taken new steps to tighten the distribution of e-pass to limit the movements. For instance, the District Administration office has decided to provide e-passes to only those who are attending the funeral of a family member. Some districts, however, have completely stopped e-pass analyzing the risk.

Source: <https://traffic.nepalpolice.gov.np/>



It is said that rather than the individuals who are in need, the ones who aren't needy are taking the relief. What kind of action is taken against such people?

If individuals are found taking relief submitting the wrong information, the individual will be charged with equal amounts of the government relief and if found that the family who do not need the relief were verified from the administration, then the concerned ward chairperson or member should take the responsibility.

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/>

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[World Health Organization](#)

[Ministry of Health and Population](#)

[Do's and don'ts](#)

[Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

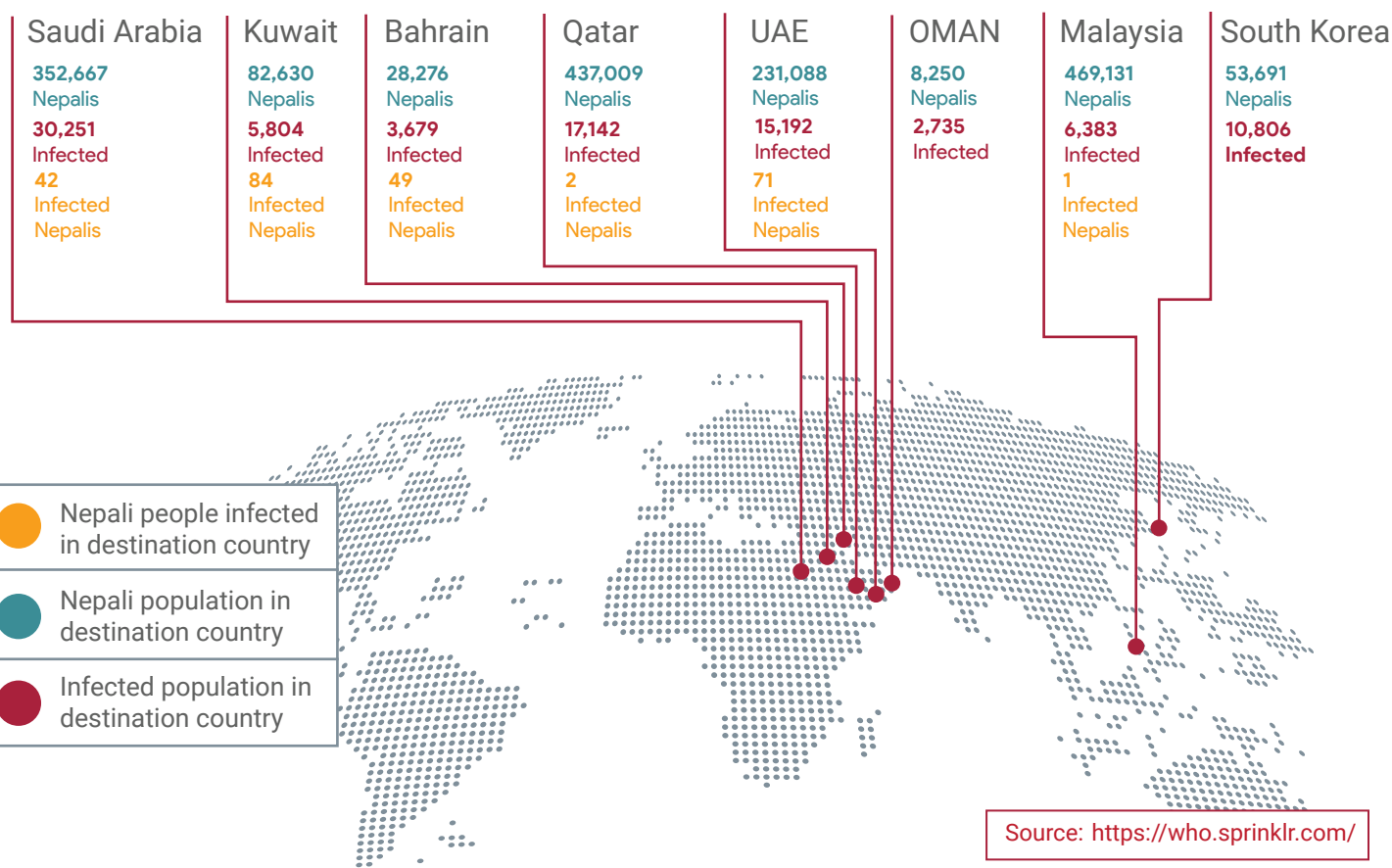
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update, Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal](#)

[Nepal Labour Force Survey Report](#)

[COVID-19 Situation](#)



Migrant workers in major destination countries



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What is the latest update from abroad?

Saudi Arabia: The recent data that has come out highlights that there are 42 infected Nepalis in Saudi Arabia. Majority of the infected are in Jeddah.

Qatar: Several companies in Qatar are making workers sign end of service letter by telling them it is gratuity. Similarly, many companies have also asked for forced resignation from the workers. The ones who are asked to force resignation are also staying in their own rooms as the flights to Nepal are canceled.

Malaysia: The Embassy of Nepal in Malaysia is collecting data of Nepalis there. The form can be found in the facebook page of the embassy which is www.facebook.com/nepalembassykl where you can fill in your details and about your current situation. This data is collected to prioritize support coming in from diplomatic institutions for rescue of Nepalis from abroad if such an environment gets created in the future.

\$ Follow the Money

Federal Government

The budget allocated from Nepal Government and Ministry of Finance in three rounds

Around 1.48B NRS

The total fund in Coronavirus Infection Prevention, Treatment and Control Fund

Around 2.16B NRS

The total expenditure of Nepal government's activities against Coronavirus

Around 1.5B NRS



Total

Spent

Donors

ADB

60M USD

World Bank

28.7M USD

IMF

130.9M USD

European Union

82M USD

Province	Total Amount	Spent Amount	Remaining Amount
Province 1	Around 288M NRS	Around 120M NRS	Around 168M NRS
Province 2	610M NRS	177M NRS	433M NRS
Bagmati	400M NRS	123M NRS	177M NRS
Gandaki	Around 150M NRS	92M NRS	58M NRS
Province 5	236M NRS	126M NRS	100M NRS
Karnali	500M NRS	132M NRS	368M NRS
Sudurpaschim	Around 402M NRS	202M NRS	200M NRS

Note: This information is not complete. It has been brought together from different sources available. We will keep collecting the data and revise it in the days ahead.

Measures to be taken to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and normalize public life:

Prior Preparation: Points to review during lockdown

External Flights:

- Stop flight to the countries with existing cases. In case of urgency, take PCR test report into consideration.
- Put the returnees in quarantine, conduct tests as per the standard practice, and then send them home.



Internal Flights:

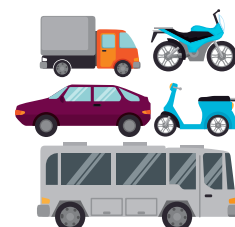
- Increase the scope and rate of tests until the cases persist. Take a test report under consideration for flights.
- Except for the critical patients, ask the individuals to bear the expenditure of the flight.
- Conduct pre-health tests for pilot and co-pilot.



Towards road transport:

Until the infection persists,

- Allow one person to ride on a motorcycle and cycle and allow one person in the driving seat and one in the back seat for car, jeep, taxi and tempo.
- Leave the middle seat of the bus, minibus, van vacant and keep only one person in one row. Determine the passenger fee as the investment cost might increase.
- Keep them in quarantine after reaching the destination.
- Only the driver and co-driver should travel in the cargo vehicles.
- Make use of sanitizer, mask and gloves along with mandatory physical and social distance maintenance during travel and shopping.



Towards the operation of agriculture, industry, development, construction and shop

- Make social distancing, self-quarantine and arrangement of personal health equipment mandatory.
- Increase the investment on health items, training of health professionals, lab, treatment and insurance .
- Ensure the PPE set in ambulance.
- Allocate the treatment places in government and private hospitals.
- Ensure the personal security materials, insurance and incentives for the security other mobilized personnels in the field.
- Focus on the cost-sharing of quarantine expenses.



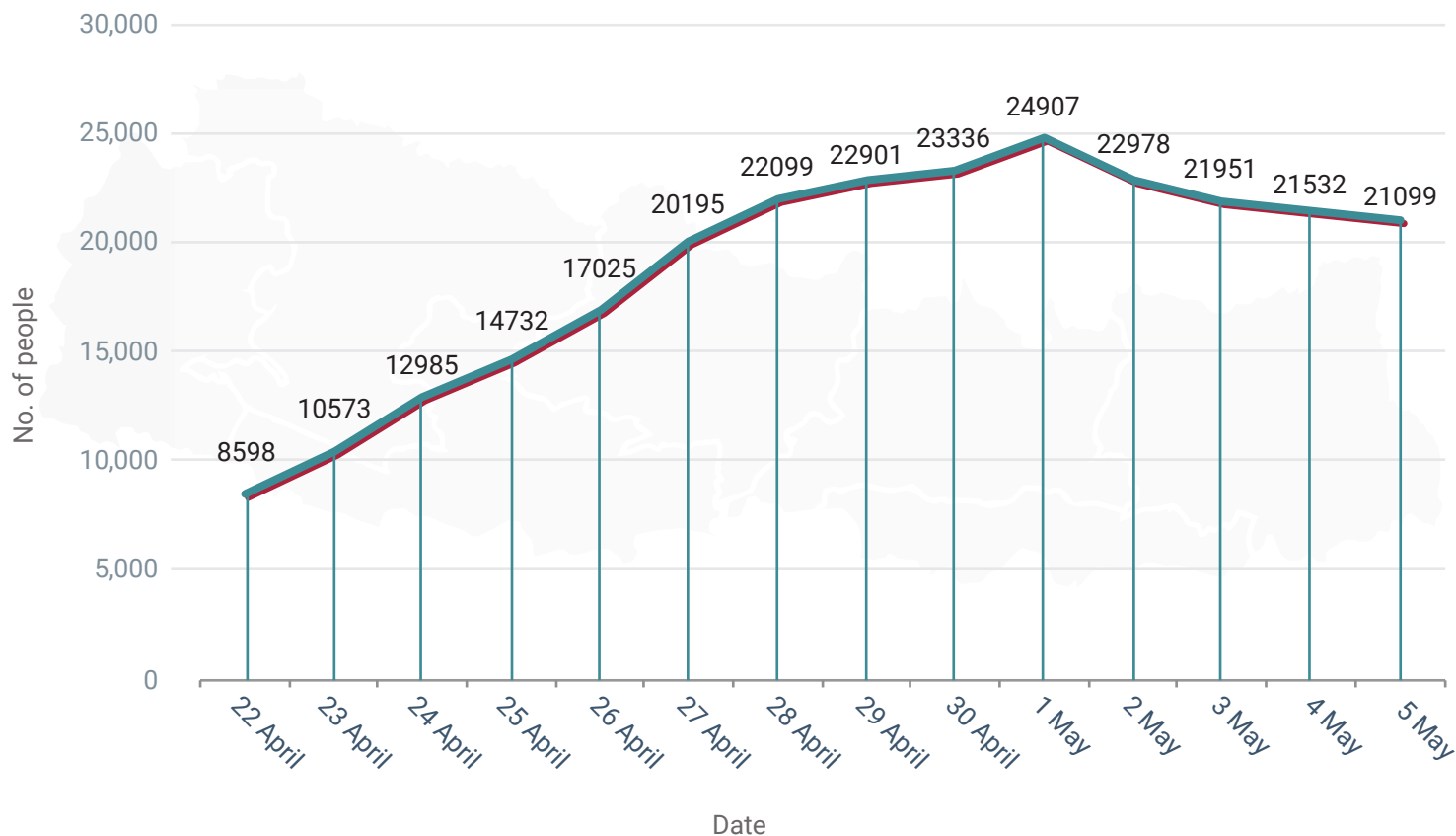
Response

- Search for potential infectants, collect information, and manage quarantine.
- Seal the areas alongside conducting tests and treatment, if required, show decent behavior towards the patients.
- Relief: the concerned ward should fully or partially carry out the relief distribution in the allocated place and time, except for the case of people with disabilities.
- Ward should receive everyone's help and volunteers should be mobilized in coordination with ward.
- Spread awareness through online platforms as much as possible.
- Become suitable for conducting tests by increasing the centers, maintaining social distancing, using sanitizer, masks and gloves.
- Take strict measures to conduct emergency and follow-up treatment.
- Bring into practice cluster-based monitoring, resource management, coordination, information sharing, recording documents and reporting.

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The total number of cases likely to surge more in the upcoming weeks

People in Quarantine



The total number of people in quarantine in the last week of April increased by four times. This number reflects the movement of people from one place to another and the need for staying in quarantine. Many people who are in quarantine now, need to stay there for a couple of weeks more, which means the confirmed cases of COVID-19 are likely to surge if there is community transmission in Nepal.

Source: HEOC, MOHP, # SitRep 73-86

The sources of rumors, information and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations and individuals including the Ministry of Health and Population, the World Health Organization (WHO), social media and the CivActs team based on their conversations with over 2000 people in April 2020. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance and potential impact. The information presented here is correct at the time of issue.

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