

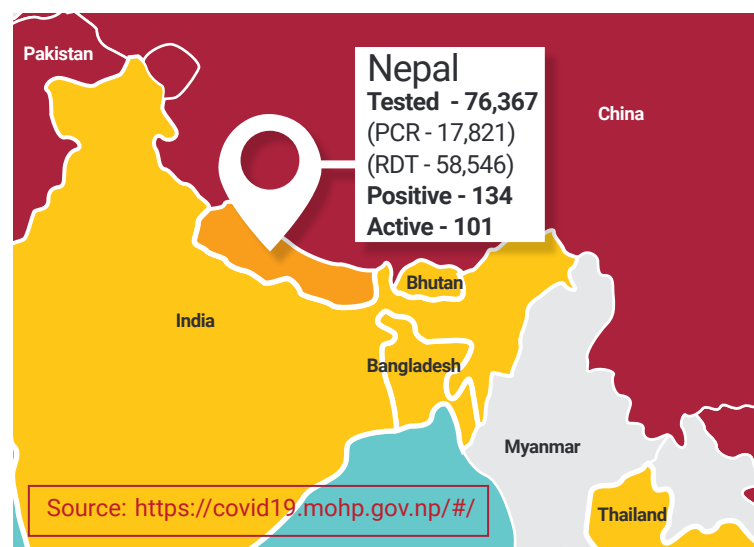
Situations like the coronavirus pandemic quickly lead to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we saw after the earthquakes in Nepal. We can all play a role in beating the virus by making sure that we are sharing validated information and using trusted sources to inform our decision-making.

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.



UAE sends coronavirus relief aid to the Philippines and Nepal

Photo: Arab News



## The estimated budget allocated by government for COVID-19 Response



<b>Public health and social measure</b> (quarantine management, community mobilization, identification of infected and those who have come in contact with them, monitoring, entry point and community level testing, emergency response team mobilization)	<b>Rs 3, 47, 35, 62, 000</b>
<b>Estimated budget allocated by government for corona treatment in hospital</b>	<b>Rs 2,96,79,90,200</b>
<b>Total treatment cost per patient per day</b>	<b>Rs 25, 439</b>
<b>Management, monitoring and research</b>	<b>Rs 44,93, 87, 680</b>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Rs 6,89,09,39,880</b>

(If the budget allocated for treatment is to be compared with total treatment per patient per day, the amount is minimal. On this note, if any patient is kept in hospital for 20 days, the amount would be enough for the treatment of only 6,000 patients.)

Source : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jrg02HTqN-q8KkUESCne35GreQOL199h/view>

# Rumors & Facts



We have heard that the time-card system is implemented for vehicles in Kathmandu valley. Has the lockdown loosened?

Time-cards have been arranged for the employees of the organizations which provide essential services including banks and financial institutions, industry, hydropower, and other large projects and the government offices which were allowed to operate from before with additional stringent measures and set timeframe for movements. The lockdown continues for the general public.

Source: <http://www.moha.gov.np>



Will the issues of human rights be further shadowed due to the corona pandemic? Is there a special mechanism to monitor it?

In order to monitor the recent complex human rights issues arising in federal, provincial and district level, a high-level human rights monitoring and coordination committee comprising the representatives from National Human Rights Commission, Nepal Bar Association, Federation of Nepalese Journalist and Federation of Non-Governmental Organization Nepal has been formed. For detailed information, the hotline service +977 15010000 is available 24 hrs including holidays.

Source: <https://www.nhrnepal.org>



The number of infected individuals is increasing because the contact tracing of the infected individuals isn't reliable. What is exactly the process of contact tracing?

Anyone who has stood face to face with a corona infected person for more than 15 minutes under a distance of 6 feet, had physical contact with the infected person, came in direct contact with the infected person without PPE, came in contact with the infected person in a closed environment for more than 15 minutes, sat around 2 seats difference on a flight with the infected person (but the active movements of the infected and use of public toilets puts all the passenger in high risk), the caretaker of the infected person who violates PPE rules will be kept under high risk and brought under the scope of testing.

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



Is it true that the staff mobilized for health checkup in the border checkpoints are at high risk of transmission?

Arrangements have been made for the staff at border checkpoints to maintain distance of at least two meter during the conversation with service seekers. To view the documents, the service seekers are asked to upload a scanned copy or make it available in electronic medium. If the documents are to be viewed, then they are requested to see by following the safety measure wearing gloves.

Source: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Prz1sPcQv0409ToqIWkTs77txsnR0hNo/view>

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[World Health Organization](#)      [Ministry of Health and Population](#)

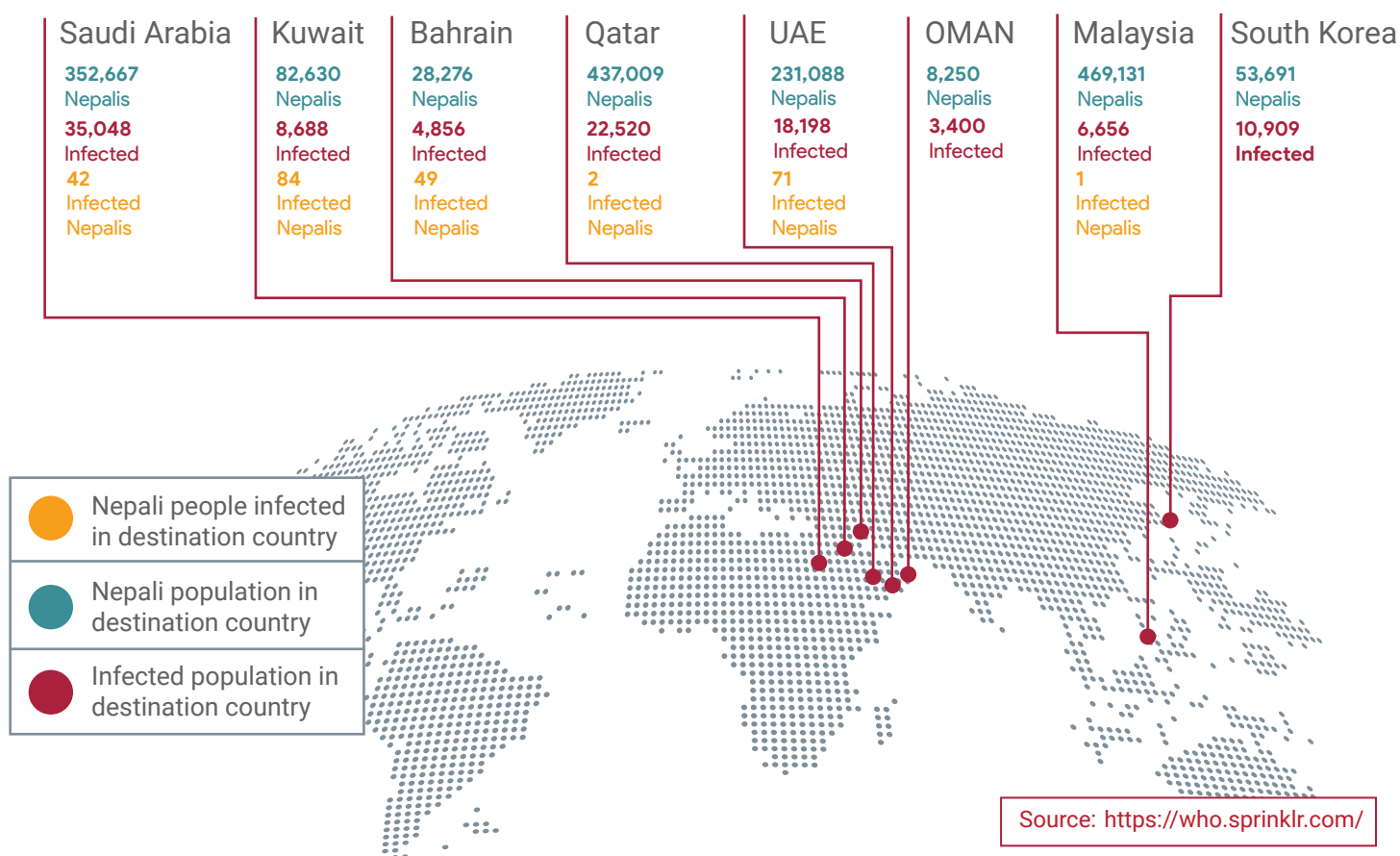
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[Nepal Labour Force Survey Report](#)      [COVID-19 Situation](#)



# Migrant workers in major destination countries



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### Important notice to the workers in foreign destinations

**Kuwait:** A complete curfew will be imposed on Kuwait from 4 PM on Sunday, 10 May 2020 to Saturday, 30 May 2020. The cooperative society, food suppliers and gas cylinder distributors will, however, remain open during the curfew. Similarly, during the curfew period, it is permitted to walk from 4:30 to 6:30 in the evening only around the area of the residence wearing a mask and maintaining social distance, but without using any means of transportation.

**UAE:** Although the 24 hour lockdown in Dubai has been loosened, some rules are being maintained with more strictness. If one travels without permit from 10 pm at night till 6 am in morning, the individual has to pay a fine of 3000 Dirham. If one needs a permit, the pass will be provided only for urgent medical treatment. Pass can be obtained online.

(The "Ghar jana Pau" campaign of the laborers facing dire situations in foreign destinations has entered the next phase. The memorandum of "Ghar Jana Pau" has been submitted to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security and Noble Corona Disease Prevention and Control High Level Coordination Committee. Similarly, the journalists working in the sector of foreign employment and labor have been informed about the campaign through a zoom meeting.)

# \$ Follow the Money



Total

Spent

## Federal Government

The total expenditure of Nepal government's activities against Coronavirus

**Around 1.5B NRS**

The Ministry of Defence for the purchase of health equipment to prevent and control COVID-19 released

**Around 2.34B NRS**

## Donors

ADB

**60M USD**

World Bank

**28.7M USD**

IMF

**130.9M USD**

European Union

**82M USD**

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 2.20B NRS**

Province	Total Amount	Spent Amount	Remaining Amount
Province 1	Around <b>289M NRS</b>	Around <b>159M NRS</b>	Around <b>138M NRS</b>
Province 2	<b>610M NRS</b>	<b>177M NRS</b>	<b>433M NRS</b>
Bagmati	<b>400M NRS</b>	<b>123M NRS</b>	<b>177M NRS</b>
Gandaki	Around <b>150M NRS</b>	<b>92M NRS</b>	<b>58M NRS</b>
Province 5	<b>236M NRS</b>	<b>126M NRS</b>	<b>100M NRS</b>
Karnali	<b>500M NRS</b>	<b>132M NRS</b>	<b>368M NRS</b>
Sudurpaschim	Around <b>402M NRS</b>	<b>202M NRS</b>	<b>200M NRS</b>

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.

# 7 recommendations for the government to make COVID-19 response effective



1. Make the details of income and expenditure in relief distribution public in an easy and understandable language.

2. Ensure the quality of the relief distributed by the government. Take strict actions against anyone who distributes low quality relief materials.



3. Streamline the monitoring process. The monitoring and implementation committee should not be the same. The responsibility of monitoring should be given to an independent organization. The National Vigilance Centre could be given an active role in monitoring.

4. Fill the vacant positions in diplomatic missions immediately.



5. Arrangements should be immediately made to bring back the Nepali citizens stranded in foreign destinations.

6. Increase CIAA's activeness. Ask where and how much amount was spent, and if the amount was spent or not. No one has to complain about the wrongdoings, action can be taken on the basis of news.



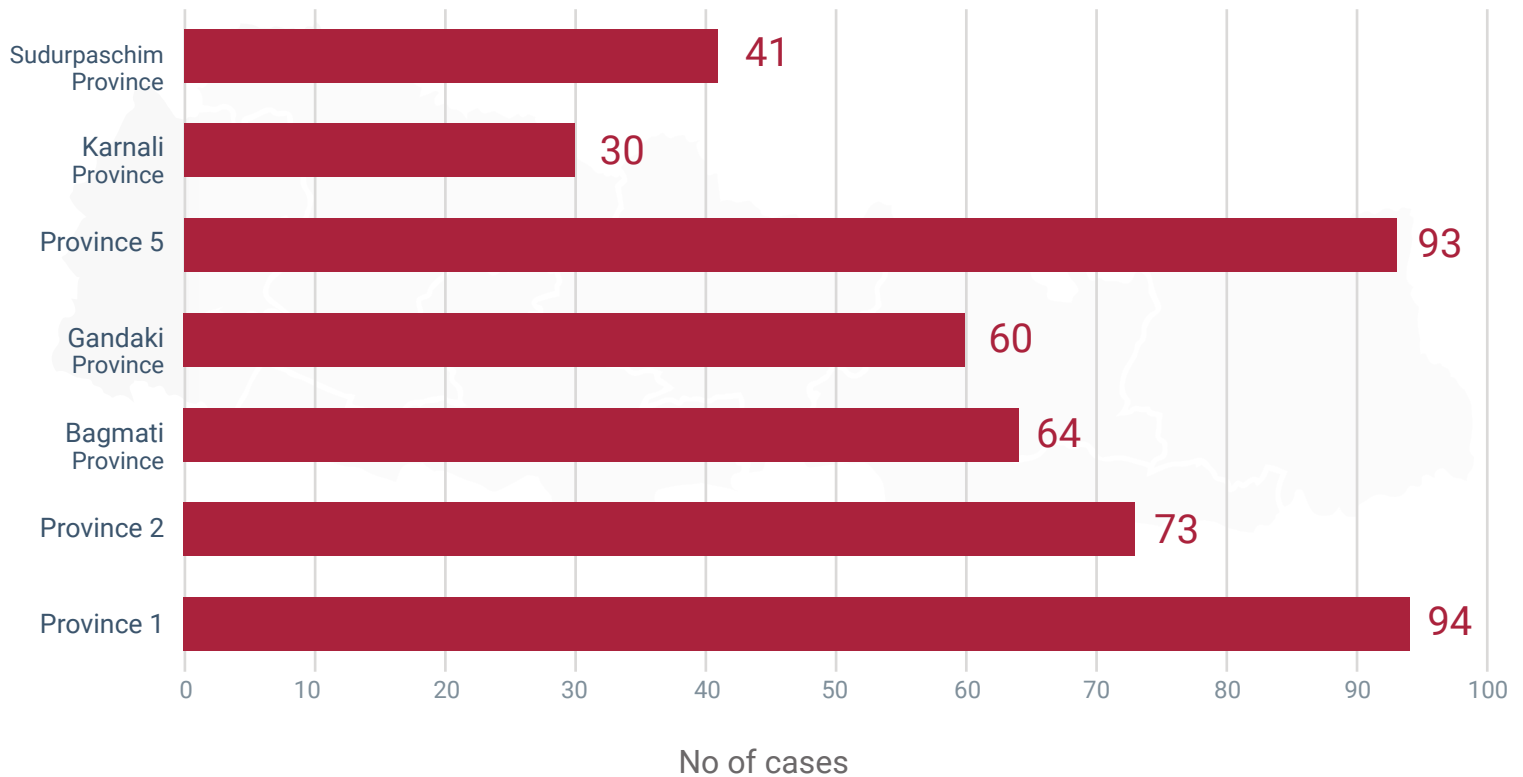
7. Make the citizens feel the presence of government by prioritizing the needs of every citizen, and plan and implement clear criteria to meet the demand.

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### Suicide cases in different provinces during lockdown (24th March - 2nd May 2020)



Mental health is critical during difficult times like the current lockdown. The above graph shows that suicide is still prevalent amidst the lockdown across Nepal. Uncertainty, fear, domestic violence, substance abuse, etc. contribute to stress and mental illness and the majority of suicide cases are the result of depression. Almost all suicides are preventable, therefore, we need a strong community-based mental health support.

Source: <http://www.pahilopost.com>

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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