

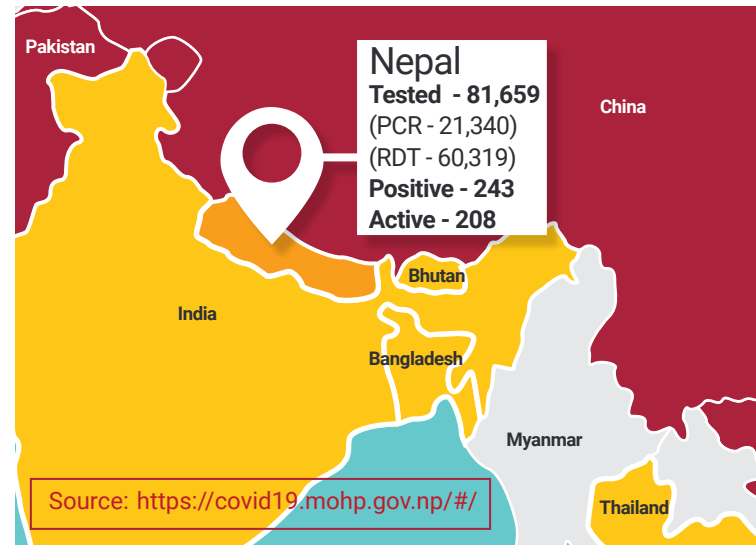
Situations like the coronavirus pandemic quickly lead to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we saw after the earthquakes in Nepal. We can all play a role in beating the virus by making sure that we are sharing validated information and using trusted sources to inform our decision-making.

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.



Citizens treated as strangers at the border. Who will listen to the cries of a breastfeeding child?

Photo: AP



## Estimated budget required to operate quarantine for COVID-19 on a per day per person basis



Human Resource  
Rs. **497**



Equipment  
Rs. **95**



Food & Accommodation  
Rs. **2,013**



Vehicle Cost  
Rs. **300**



Information Management  
Rs. **8**



Waste Management  
Rs. **120**

**Total**  
Rs. **3,033**

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

# Rumors & Facts



It is evident that millions of youth who are returning home from foreign employment will be unemployed. What is government planning in this regard?

The government is formulating a budget in order to restore the employment affected by COVID-19 to provide employment opportunities to returnees from foreign employment, increase their self-employment, and also encourage them to be involved in agriculture, small scale domestic enterprise or service sector. They are preparing to run the program in collaboration with provincial and local governments.

Source: <http://shorturl.at/aq046>



The threat of corona outbreak is increasing. Meanwhile, many people are violating the lockdown. Where and how to inform?

Nepal Police has launched a "Nepal Police" mobile app to provide the information related to COVID-19. It can also be used to report about the violation of lockdown, black marketing during the lockdown, neighbors showing symptoms of COVID-19 and staying in self-quarantine, and any other problem you face due to the lockdown. Please click the link below for detailed information.

Source: <https://twitter.com/NepalPoliceHQ>



The bodies of the migrant workers who died in labor destinations cannot be brought to Nepal. Will the government take any initiative on this matter?

In the present circumstances, it is a compulsion to perform final rituals of the deceased worker at the destination. The Foreign Employment Board Secretariat has requested close kin of the deceased to send a consent letter through the concerned District Administrative Office. The Council of Ministers has decided to provide Rs. 50,000 as a relief to the close kin who sent the letter.

Source: <http://www.fepb.gov.np/detail/76/suchana>



We have heard that the government has cancelled all the passes provided earlier and it will be effective from 1 Jestha.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has only cancelled the pass issued earlier permitting to travel from one district to another. The validity of the passes issued for the essential services within the district will remain the same.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

[Do's and don't's](#)      [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

Saudi Arabia	Kuwait	Bahrain	Qatar	UAE	OMAN	Malaysia	South Korea
352,667 Nepalis	82,630 Nepalis	28,276 Nepalis	437,009 Nepalis	231,088 Nepalis	8,250 Nepalis	469,131 Nepalis	53,691 Nepalis
33,731 Infected	6,567 Infected	4,131 Infected	18,890 Infected	16,240 Infected	2,958 Infected	6,467 Infected	10,822 Infected
674 Infected Nepalis	78 Infected Nepalis	195 Infected Nepalis	1400 Infected Nepalis	85 Infected Nepalis		45 Infected Nepalis	

-  Nepali people infected in destination country
-  Nepali population in destination country
-  Infected population in destination country



Source: <https://who.sprinklr.com/>

## ShramikSanjal

Are you in Dubai or Qatar?  
Here is some important information for you to know.

**Dubai:** The public vehicles are operating in Dubai. In addition, tram is also under operation from today. Some suggestions from relevant bodies on the use of public vehicles under this circumstance:

- Reach the bus or metro station half an hour earlier than regular days.
- If the bus, metro or tram you are planning to take is crowded, then don't take it. Wait for another one.
- Keeping a distance of 2 meters with others in the station and the vehicle.
- Do not sit in the seats marked with a red symbol. Its objective is for people to maintain social distance.

**Qatar :** The money exchange and transfers which were closed in Qatar from past one month has reopened from yesterday. Here are some rules to be followed:

- Entering the exchange by wearing a mask.
- Maintaining a minimum of 2 meters of social distance.
- You are only allowed to enter after your body temperature is tested. So, not entering if you feel weak or even have a slight fever.
- As soon as you touch the cash clean your hands with sanitizer before it touches your face.
- Try to avoid touching the pole, walls, or the exchange counter. Take your

# \$ 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.

# 10 directions from the Commander in Chief for the army personnel designated for COVID-19 prevention, response and control



1. Protect yourself first to protect your family, community, and country.

2. Always maintain a social distance of more than 1.5 meters and highly maintain your personal hygiene.



3. If unwell, stay at home or in the barrack, conduct a test if necessary and stay in isolation maintaining a physical distance.

4. Only believe official and valid information.



5. Always have a supportive feeling for your colleagues. Understand the norms and values of the army and also share it with your colleagues.

6. Always be respectful to all the citizens. Highly respect the health workers who are working risking their lives.



7. Many citizens are assured with the presence of the army. Sick people feel well. Always present your integrity, gentleness, and humanity.

8. The lockdown imposed by the Nepal government is both challenge an opportunity for the country. Do not use your courage but your intellectuality. Forget your happiness and show your feelings for service.



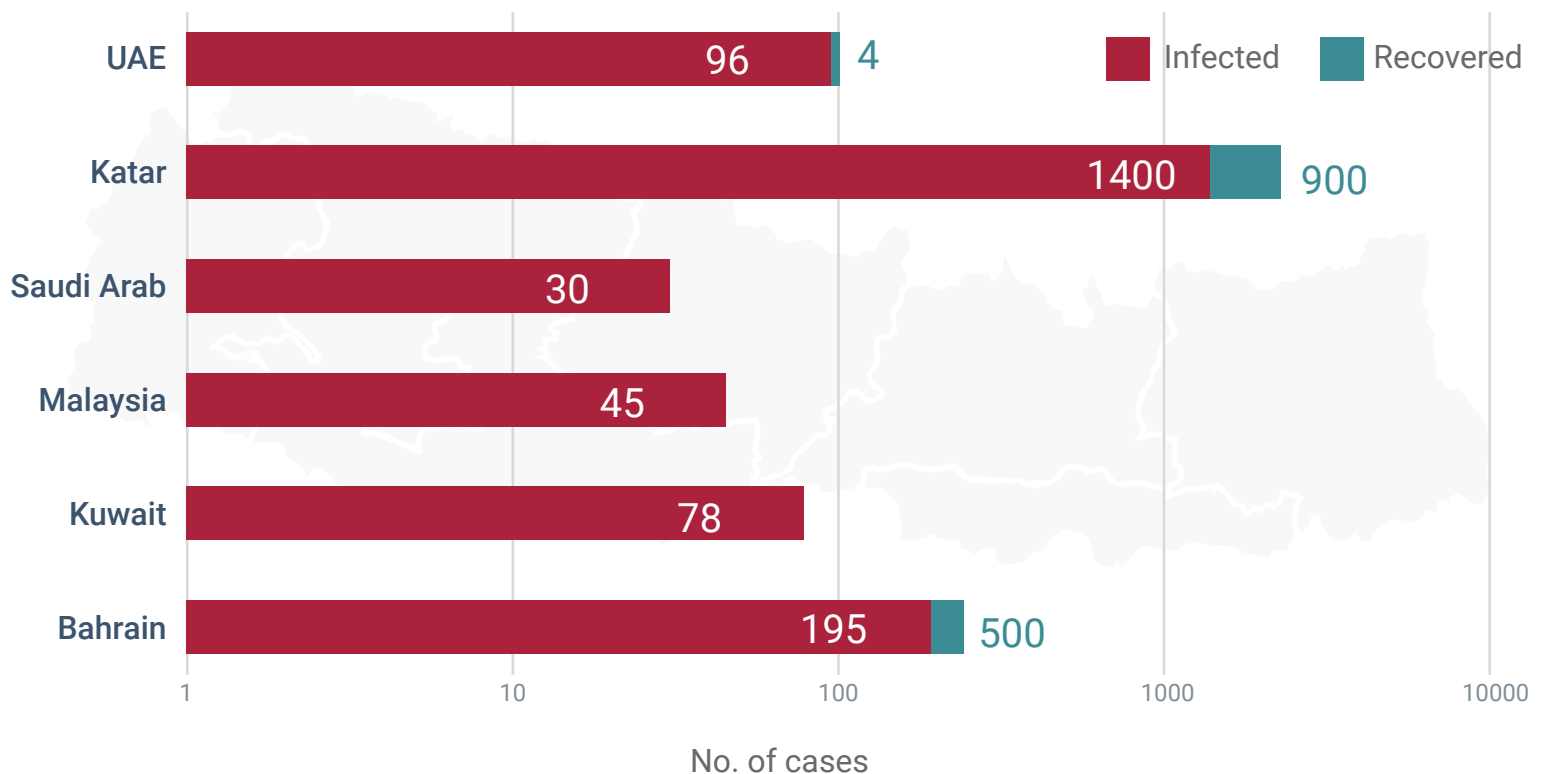
9. Show restraint and patience during this period. Always remember, difficult times are only for some time.

10. Your words and behavior can also change others' thought. Influence others to change their daily routines.



Source: Nepal Army Website

## Status of COVID-19 among Nepali migrant workers



The above graph shows the status of COVID-19 among migrant workers in different destination countries. Poor living conditions, over-crowded settlements and lack of support from employers and governments of destination countries is keeping our workers at a higher risk of infection and mental stress. The government needs to be more aware of these workers and needs to act proactively in protecting all of them from the pandemic. Strong diplomatic interventions to protect them and impromptu initiatives bring them home safely is necessary.

Source: <http://www.nrma.org>

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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