

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.

The rules to be followed by home delivery services in Kathmandu valley



- 01 It is mandatory for the individual delivering to carry a copy of the registration certificate.
- 02 It is mandatory to reveal the prices of all goods and services on the online site.
- 03 The name and contact number of the organization and individual delivering the goods and services should be clearly disclosed in the online site.
- 04 The individual delivering must carry the bill invoice.
- 05 Home delivery should only be practiced between 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- 06 The company practicing home delivery must provide the company name, contact and details of the vehicle used for delivery to the District Administration Office.
- 07 The individual delivering should confirm negative in PCR test.
- 08 The safety standards set by the Nepal government must be fully complied with.



Source: <https://cutt.ly/nfn23pq>

Nepal Update



The locals of ward no. 13 of Butwal Sub Metropolitan City welcoming 5 members of the same family who are now corona free

Photo: [Bhawani Prasad Pandey](#)

Tested

PCR Tested: 777,563

Positive: 47,236

Active: 16,259

Deaths: 300



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Source: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/>

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that those individuals who have done corona insurance but confirmed positive through the test in private laboratories won't receive the insurance amount. What is the reality?

Out of all the claims received by the insurance companies until 21 Bhadra 2077, it has been said that those claims which have conducted PCR test and confirmed positive from the institutions under the Ministry of Health and Population of Nepal Government will be provided the amount within 7 days as per the "Corona Insurance Standard 2077". As the government had not allowed the private laboratories to conduct tests while "Corona Insurance Standards 2077" was formulated, a grant management committee led by Executive Director of Insurance Board along with representatives of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health and Population will investigate such insurance claims, and decisions will be made based on the recommendation of the committee.

Source: <http://nib.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Press-Release-2077.05.21.pdf>



It is heard that local unit is launching a mobile app that provides information about corona. What kind of information will the app provide?

The government has already launched a mobile application for all 753 local units. So far, 433 local units have used the app. Now by upgrading its standards, the services of local units including programs and projects, rules and regulations, ward details, emergency numbers, collection of suggestions and complaints and two-way communication can be availed from a single application "Local Level". Similarly, the government has stated that the information dissemination during epidemics like corona and payment of the services at the local unit can be done digitally through the app itself.

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2072>



My driver's license has expired but I couldn't renew it as the service isn't available at the moment. Do I have to pay the fine?

The Department of Transport Management has stated that those individuals whose license renewal period falls during the lockdown will not be fined till the end of Bhadra. According to the decision, the system modification has also been done.

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



Has the government started issuing new labor permits for foreign employment?

Yes. For this, in order to obtain final labor permit in case of those who have obtained a pre-labor permit after the demand letter was certified before 29 Falgun 2076, the No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued by employer company of the destination country has to be submitted after verifying it from the concerned Nepal Embassy. Similarly, in case of individual labor permit, the NOC has to be received from the official email of the concerned employer company of the destination country to the official email of the Foreign Employment Office, Tahachal.


Source: <https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/156/lan/ne-NP>

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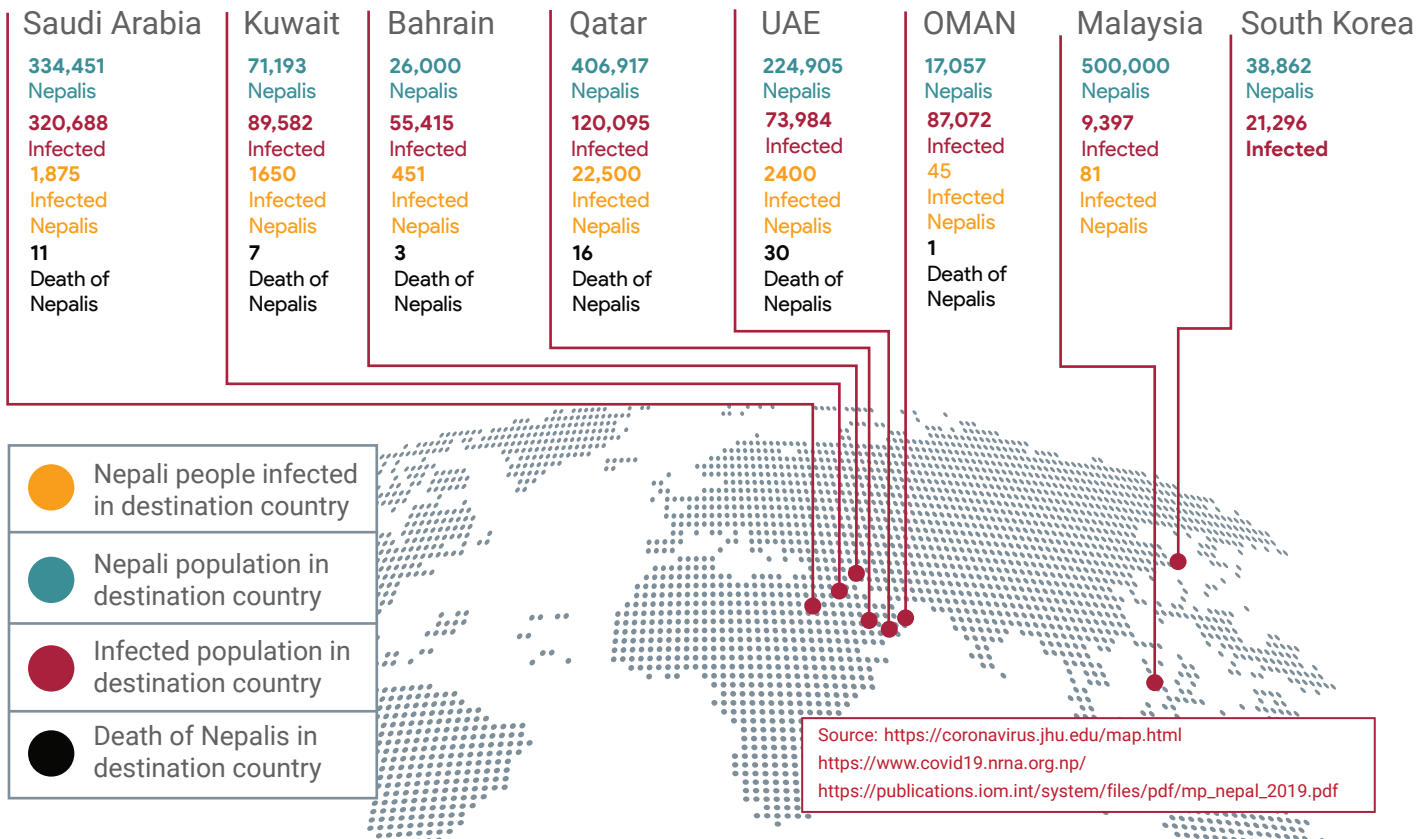
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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Information on PCR Testing in Qatar

According to the Nepalese Embassy in Qatar, the PCR testing of COVID-19 can be done free of cost or at a minimal fee at various government health centers in Qatar. The names of the health institutions are mentioned below:

Workers Health Center - Hemaila Branch

Building 265, Street 35,
Al-Taqa Street, Zone 81

Fereej Abdel Aziz Health Center

Al Farabi Street

Muaither Health Centre

Al Waab St, Ar-Rayyan

Rawadat Al Khail Health Center

B Ring Rd, Doha

Um Salal Health Centre

Al Shamal Rd, Umm Salal Muhammed

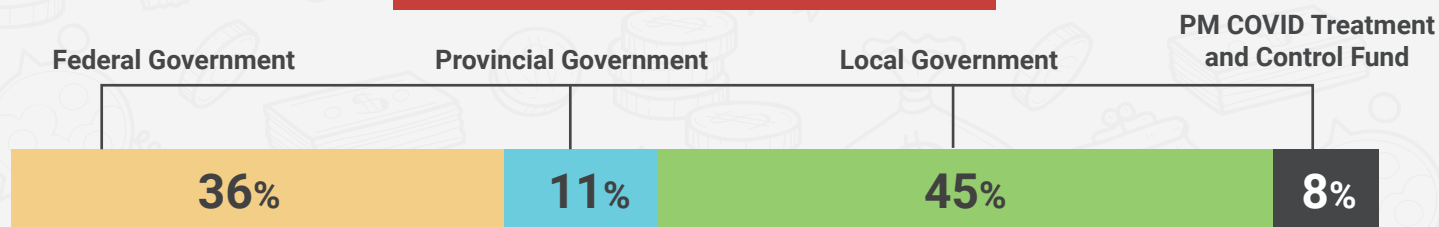
Gharafat Al Rayyan Health Centre

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\$ Follow the Money

Total expenses by the Government of Nepal until Shrawan 2077 to Fight Against Coronavirus

13.37 Billion NRS



Expense Headings at the Federal Government




Medicine and Health Equipments
Rs. 1,755,240,000



Quarantine Management
Rs. 46,946,000



Health Infrastructure
Rs. 2,938,896,000

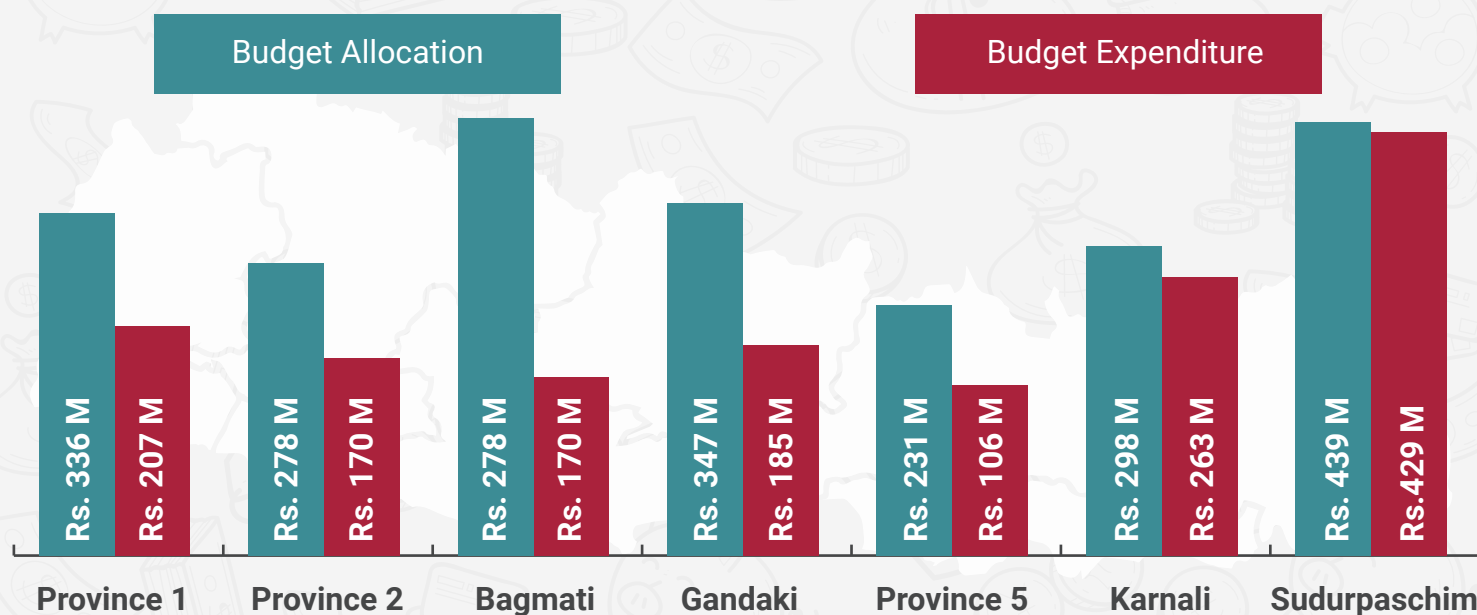


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



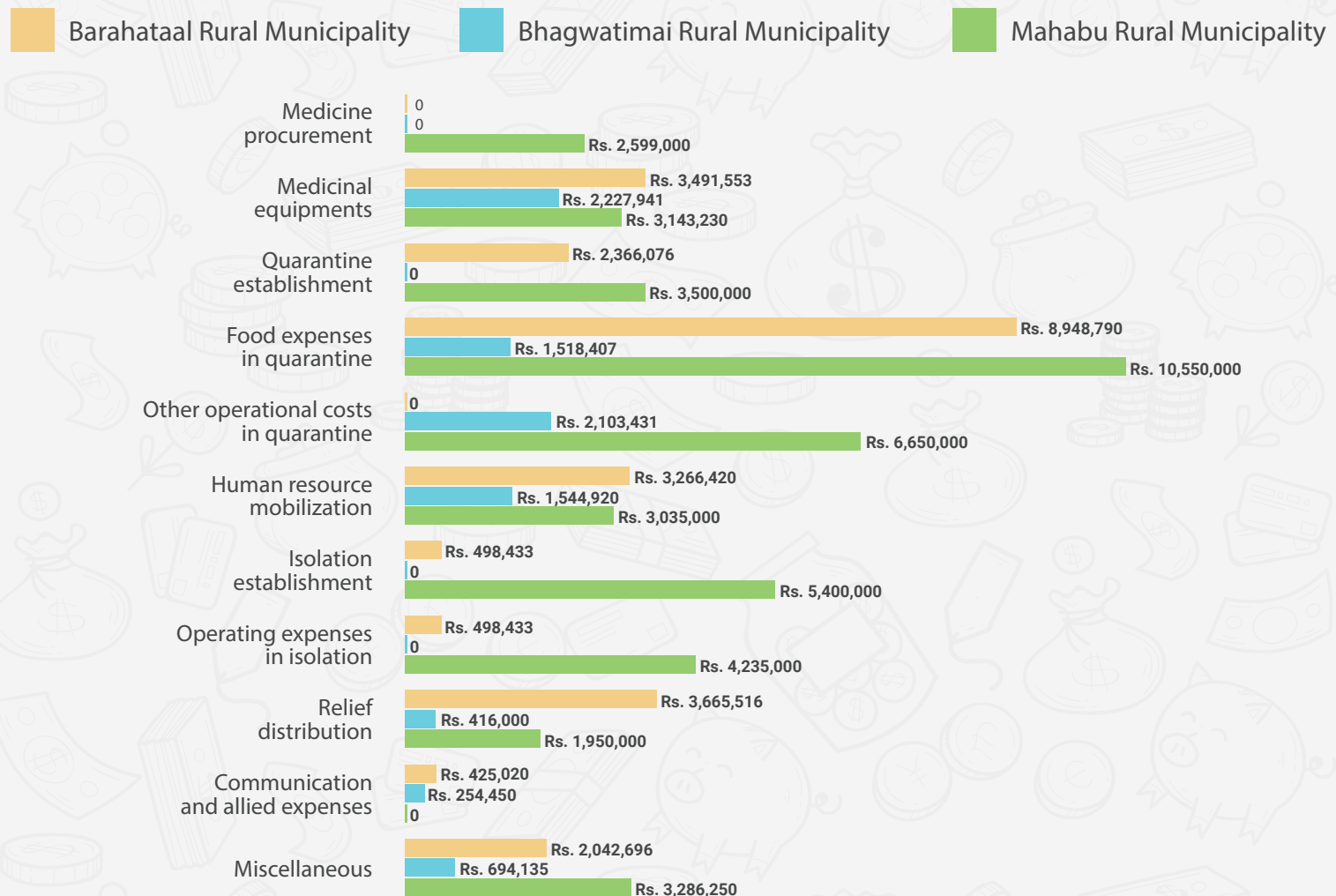
Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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Corona related expenses in select local government units in Karnali Province



The coronavirus pandemic put serious challenges before local governments to increase their response activities. Most of the expenses made by local governments are operational. Expenses on food items, relief distribution and allowances distribution (risk allowance, meeting allowance and inspection visits allowance) is substantial while the expenses on building permanent infrastructures or procuring equipment which are highly necessary and could be an asset beyond the present circumstances is very small. If these trends continue in the future also, there will be huge operating (recurrent) expenses for these local levels. Given the controversial state of management of quarantine facilities, it raises questions on whether or not these expenses are properly managed or not. Disclosing data is only but a first step towards maintaining financial accountability and realizing financial justice. While it is imperative for other local governments to disclose financial expenses details, it is also important that these costs are justified. The expenses which are operating in nature seems to multiply as the covid pandemic duration expands in Nepal. Such issues need micro analysis because expenses of this size can be used in financing other more important health operation activities.

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.



Unemployment is a bigger problem than the pandemic

Krishna Prasad Chapain lives in Khajura Rural Municipality Ward no. 2. Chapain, who is currently 27 years of age, lost his job due to the corona pandemic. He went to Karnataka of India seven months ago for employment but returned to Nepal unemployed as the work was shut down. He had to struggle a lot to return to Nepal. At first, he did not get a ticket. Later, he did receive a ticket but he was forced to travel in the same but with many people. The fear of being infected settled in his mind during the time.



Somehow, he reached the Gauriphanta entry point in Dhangadhi from the journey he started from India. From there, he was brought directly to Kohalpur. He had to stay there for one night as it was already dark when they arrived. The next day he was brought to Khajura quarantine. He couldn't sleep during the 15 days stay in quarantine with fear of corona. In the end, the report of the corona test confirmed negative. He then stayed in home quarantine as per the doctor's advice.

He did succeed in his struggle to return home. He was free from the fear of living away from the family during the pandemic, but now he is worried about how to run the house. Unemployment has appeared as a bigger problem for him than the corona pandemic.

Ramesh B.K

Khajura Rural Municipality

Ward No. 2



My Experience with Corona Infection

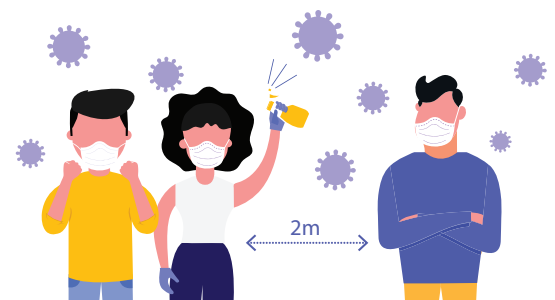


On the night of 24 Shrawan 2077, I woke up with the sound of my wife vomiting on the terrace. She vomited about ten to twelve times throughout the night. I also had regular diarrhea. But, we didn't have any medicine. I thought it was a symptom of corona and we immediately moved to another room away from the children.

We gave swab for the Corona test on 28 Shrawan. We waited for a few days for the corona test report to arrive. The report had arrived on 31 Shrawan. But no one informed us. It was my birthday on the 32nd Shrawan. In the morning, the Chief Administrative Office called me. I picked up the phone in a hurry, thinking that he must have called to wish me a happy birthday. But, he instead said "Take care of your health and stay safe. You both have confirmed positive for corona in the report".

The news of us confirmed positive for corona spread all over. The news reached upto Europe, America and Australia through social media. Many relatives, friends and acquaintances comforted us with their words. However, some people from the neighbourhood even asked us to clarify if we were infected or not a month ago when we met them. The people also encouraged a boy living in our neighbourhood to shift house, saying that the people next to your house are infected. My nephew who lives 5 Km away from us was also interrupted by people while he went to sell milk. The people would tell him your uncle and aunt have corona infection, why are you roaming around?

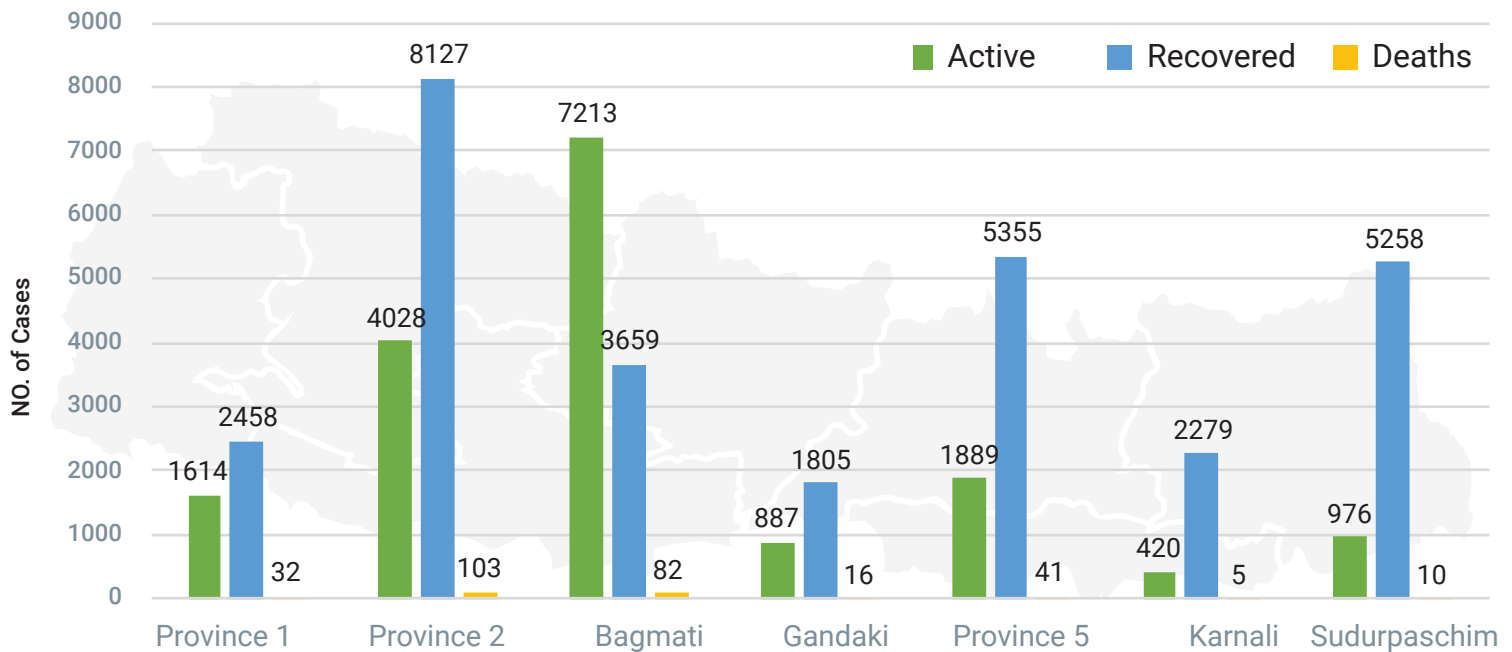
Some people from another tole reportedly asked us not to walk on their tole roads. We experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, loss of taste, smell in mouth, chest pain, difficulty in breathing and fatigue due to corona. About seven to eight days passed with great difficulty. Taking allopathic medicine according to the symptoms was not so difficult as our own daughter studied pharmacy. By the tenth day, the symptoms of corona were gone. We have completed the time period as per the criteria specified by the Government of Nepal. We have been in home isolation for 26 days. The test report has confirmed negative. When we step out of the gate, the neighbours ask, have we tested negative? Nobody asks if we have recovered.



I recovered from corona even when I was battling ulcer and typhoid. If high morale is maintained, corona can be easily defeated. It is not necessary to hide it. The test report must be submitted within 24 hours. The neighbours need to help the infected people. In days to come, I am determined to raise the morale of corona patients and assist in their treatment.

R P Aryal

Province-wise daily new cases of COVID-19



The above line graph shows the daily active cases in each province of Nepal for the last 6 days. It is clearly visible that Bagmati province is experiencing rapid surge in daily cases compared to other provinces. In fact, Bagmati has more daily cases than Province 1, Gandaki, Province 5, Karnali and Sudurpaschim province combined. Province 2 has recorded the second highest number of cases in this period. Majority of cases in Bagmati are now seen in Kathmandu valley. Bagmati and Province 2 seem to be the riskiest provinces if the same trend continues for days to come.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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The sources of rumors, information, and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations, government agencies, international organizations, news articles, social media, and Community Frontliners in all 7 provinces of Nepal, as well as the CivActs team based on their conversations with over 2000 people in September 2020. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance, and its potential impact on society. The information presented here is correct at the time of the issue.

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