

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.

Disbursement of Funds from Corona Infection Prevention and Treatment Fund to Various Hospitals

Chaurjahari Hospital and Dailekh Hospital of Jajarkot have been provided Rs. 50 Lakh each for the procurement of health equipment and management of lab :

Rs. 1 Crore

Shaheed Gangalal National Heart Center, Bansbari for procurement of equipment related to COVID-19 :

Rs. 1 Crore

Nepal Research Council, Kathmandu to conduct research on COVID-19:

Rs. 2 Crore

Tribhuvan Teaching Hospital to manage 10 ventilators and 14 ICU beds

Rs. 5 Crore 75 Lakh

Dhulikhel Hospital to manage 5 ventilators and 14 ICU beds :

Rs. 2 Crore 85 Lakh

Nepal Police Hospital to manage 20 ICU beds along with ventilators and procure and arrange the equipment related to COVID-19 :

Rs. 8 Crore 40 Lakh

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2087>



Nepal Update



Butwal Sub-Metropolitan City has started rescuing the homeless people and conducting their PCR test for free

Photo: [Bhawani Prasad Pandey](#)

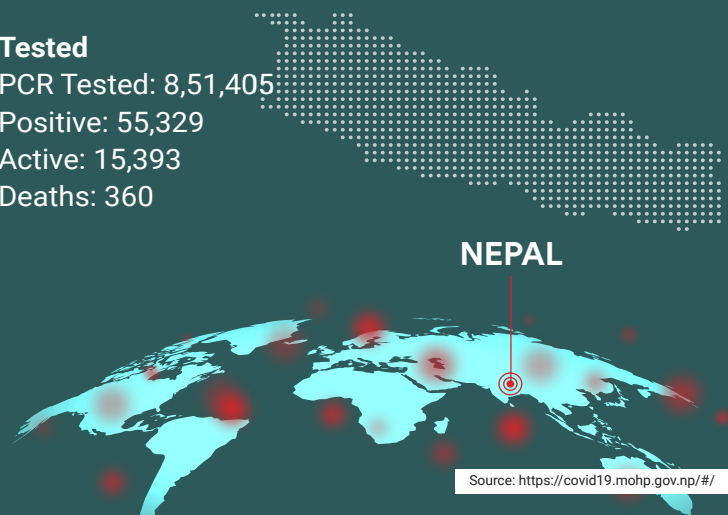
Tested

PCR Tested: 8,51,405

Positive: 55,329

Active: 15,393

Deaths: 360



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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that now the schools will be able to charge the fees of online classes. Is it possible to take the same regular fees as before?

With the aim of resuming the regular schooling which was halted due to the contagious disease of COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has issued "Student Learning Facilitation Guideline, 2077" to facilitate the use of distance and open education systems for time being. According to which, the fee to be charged by schools will be determined and approved by the local unit as per the existing law.

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



It is heard that a new provision has been made to obtain recommendation to travel outside Kathmandu for urgent work.

Yes. There have been changes in the recommendation to allow vehicles to leave Kathmandu for urgent work. For this, the concerned individual must be mandatorily present with the prescribed application, the document revealing the urgent work as well as the permission letter from the concerned District Administration office where he/she is travelling to and the recommendation of the local level of the concerned destination.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/EflCf6q>



Are all the students taking the grade 12 exams asked to come in contact with the school?

Due to the corona pandemic, the students at present are staying in districts other than the one where they are studying. This has caused difficulty in conducting exams. To facilitate this challenge, the National Examinations Board (NEB) has issued a notice asking the students who have filled grade 12 examinations forms and are currently away from their school location to make available the details of their current location and the name, address and code (the name, address and code of the schools are in the website of the board) of the school near their area where grade 12 classes are run within 7 days in the concerned offices of the board.

Source: <http://www.neb.gov.np/uploads/photos/Cx7KtymVFq200911104344.pdf>



Similar to the Prime Minister's Employment Program, the Karnali Province Government has introduced the Chief Minister's Employment Program. What has the province government prepared for this?

The Karnali Province Government has given high priority to the activities relating employment in the budget of the current fiscal year. About 20 percent of the total budget has been allocated for job creation. For this, the recent meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Karnali Province has approved the Chief Minister Employment Program Procedure, 2077.


Source: <https://www.facebook.com/cm.karnali/photos/>

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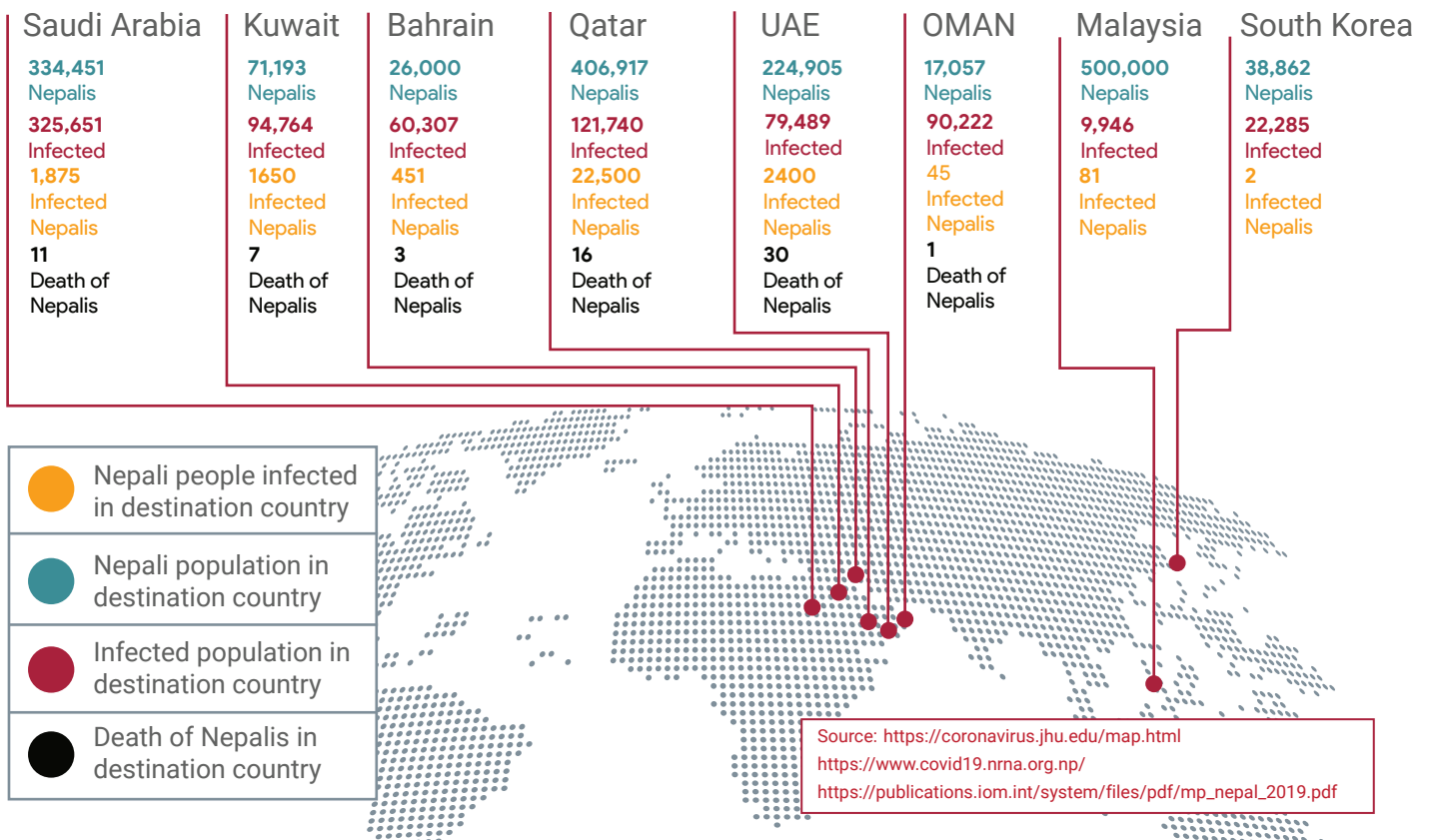
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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Information related to Middle East

The price of PCR test has been reduced to **250 Dirhams** in Dubai. Earlier, the price was **370 Dirhams**. Abu Dhabi, on the other hand, raised the test fee to **250 Dirhams** a few days ago.

A fine of **50,000 Dirhams** has been imposed in the UAE as per the law for not following home quarantine rules. The individual who was supposed to stay in quarantine went live on facebook while having tea in a cafe.

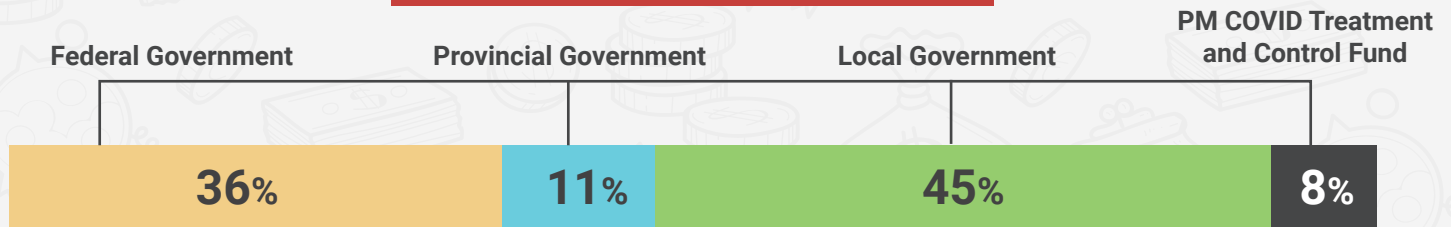
Normally, body tattoos aren't considered decent in Middle East countries. It is prohibited by law. The Kuwaiti government recently deported some Filipinos who were involved in tattoo business. If you are a Nepali worker with the same occupation, be careful.

You can listen to our Facebook live at www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening **UAE time (8: 00 PM), Kuwait (7: 00 PM) and Malaysia (12 Midnight)**.

\$ 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

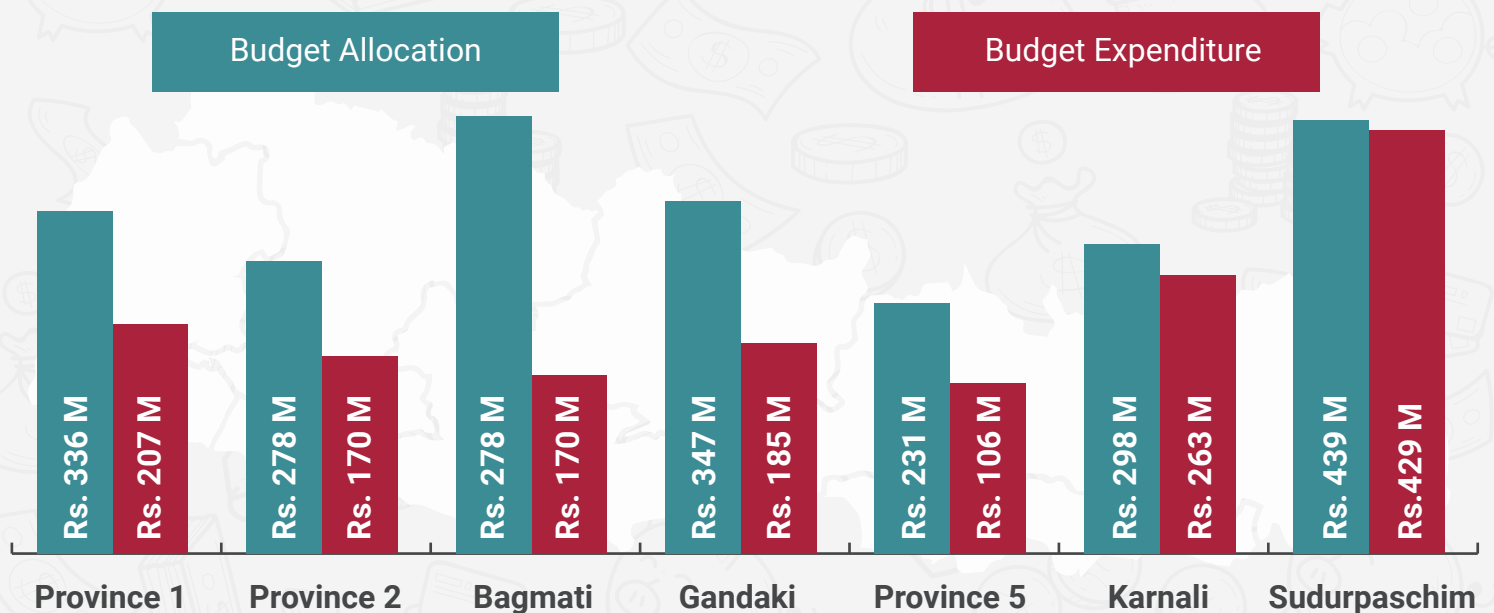


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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Transfers from PM COVID Treatment and Relief Fund to Various Agencies

Local Governments [473]	For quarantine management and treatment	Rs. 458,016,925
District Administration Offices [18]	For district level quarantine management	Rs. 9,000,000
District Hospitals [19]	To install ventilator and ICU services and procure health equipments	Rs. 318,000,000
Other Hospitals [8]	To extend isolation wards and procure medicine	Rs. 128,235,000
Laboratories [4]	To procure testing equipments	Rs. 89,479,000
Province Governments [7]	To support local levels within the provinces	Rs. 380,000,000
Ministry of Health and Population	To reimburse expenses for air lifting Nepalese abroad	Rs. 8,855,000
Nepal Army	To construct isolation wards	Rs. 92,680,000

The Corona Treatment and Relief Fund is one of the largest financiers of expenses on corona pandemic. Various minutes of the Operation Committee of the Corona Treatment and Relief Fund show that a total of NPR 1.4 billion has been released from the fund to various agencies. Of these, the largest portion is released to 473 local levels governments (31%) followed by district hospitals which received 21% of the total released amount and transfers to 7 province governments shared 26% of the total released amount. The allocation to local level was calculated based on the data available from the Health Information System administered by MOHP. Quarantine Management received the highest portion of the funds as shown above. Likewise, district hospitals also received a sizable portion of the fund because they needed funds to install ventilators with ICU services and procure health related equipments.

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.



The story of Sanukaji who became an entrepreneur in Nepal after failing to go for foreign employment

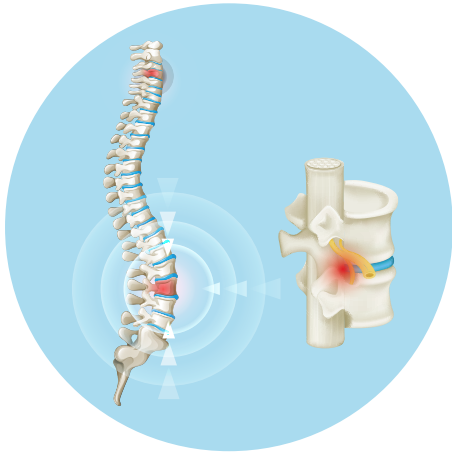
Sanukaji Thapa, a permanent resident of Nilkantha Municipality Ward No. 13 of Dhading had been doing back and forth from foreign employment for a long time. During his foreign employment, he worked for 3 years in Malaysia, 5 years in Dubai and 1 year in Kuwait. Regarding Kuwait, he returned to Nepal in a year after not getting the work and salary as per the contract. However, after seeing no employment opportunities in Nepal, he was looking for a new company and preparing for foreign employment. But, his final plan to go for foreign employment wasn't fulfilled due to the corona pandemic.



Seeing no working environment in Nepal, he had also planned to send his daughter to Korea on a student visa. After completing all the procedures, he had also submitted NRs. 3 lakh 50 thousand as college fee for one year. That too came to a halt due to the pandemic. As someone with a weak financial situation, he was forced to do something to pay off the bank's loan and accrued interest when both him and his daughter were stuck in Nepal. The same compulsion suggested a solution. He decided to raise chickens on the advice of his elder brother. For that too, they took a loan of NRs. 3 Lakh to build a poultry and started rearing 1,000 chickens. He earned a profit of 60,000 in the period of 42-43 days. In the second round, he is now raising 1 thousand 7 hundred chickens.

Thapa, who started his business in Nepal amidst the corona pandemic, found a way to make money in Nepal by working hard, but he is still unsure of the market. He is worried that inconvenience in the transportation might lead him to loss. He says if the government fixes the minimum price of chicken meat, arranges insurance and provides subsidy by identifying the farmers, the compulsion of the hardworking youths to go abroad will end.

Spinal Injury Center decreasing from 106 infected cases to zero through conscious effort



In the first week of Bhadra, a staff member was diagnosed with corona infection at the Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center, a hospital designated for special treatment of individuals with spinal injury, located in Bhaisepati, Banepa Municipality - 13, Kavrepalanchowk. The corona infection spread badly within a week at the center which treats the patients for months. The number of corona infected reached 106 in the hospital by 14 Bhadra. The infected were patients, staff, doctors and the relatives of the patients looking after them at hospital.

The process of controlling the coronavirus immediately after a large number of infections was observed was a challenge in itself. The first challenge was to prevent more people from getting infected. The second was to treat the infected ones on time. The good coordination and supervision of the doctors of the hospital and the public health officer of Kavre resulted in the prevention of corona. As of 29 Bhadra, more than 80 people have fully recovered. In the second round of PCR test, they were confirmed free of infection. After corona was found in the staff of the hospital, the hospital got PCR tests of all the patients, the relatives looking after them, medical staff, and all the staff working in the hospital. In the process, the ones who confirmed negative were kept in quarantine. Those who tested positive were treated by the hospital by establishing an isolation ward.

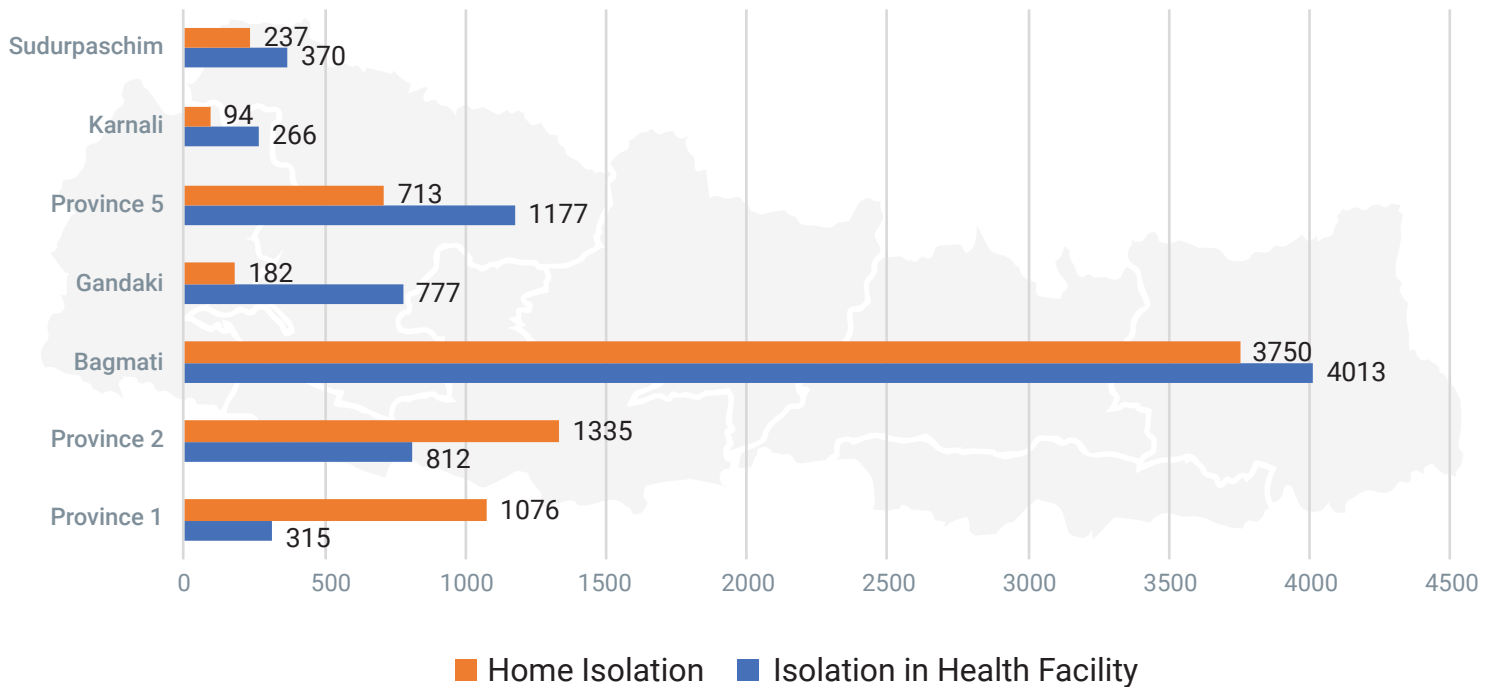
Similarly, the hospital provided regular counselling to the infected individuals. Since the minimum treatment period in the hospital is at least three months, they kept encouraging each other as they got to know each other better. The hospital that once became the hotspot of corona in Kavre has only around 30 active cases at present.

Corona was at high risk in the area due to increased crowds in the area around Sangha after the restrictions to enter the valley were eased from 1 Ashad. As the hospital treats the sensitive issue like spinal cord, the hospital became fully aware of the potential risks from the corona and in about three weeks, the infection is almost under control in the hospital.

Keshav Raj Poudel

Increasing COVID-19 patients in Home Isolation in Need of Better Monitoring Mechanisms

Active COVID-19 Cases in Isolation



The above graph shows the active cases of COVID-19 in home isolation or health facility isolation. Now, more than half of all active cases live in home isolation. The World Health Organization (WHO) as well as the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) Nepal have developed guidelines for home isolation of confirmed cases. However, there have been several instances where local authorities and health personnel are not able to monitor and help persons in home isolation. As cases continue to rise in Nepal, home isolation monitoring mechanisms need strict implementation. This is a loose end, which needs proper attention and prompt actions from all levels of the government.

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 different people, directly and indirectly, over the past week. 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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