

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 cost of contribution in percentage for Tourism Infrastructure and Tourism Development Partnership Program

Agencies partnering with the ministry	Cost budget to be borne (in percentage)	Estimated cost of the program to be conducted in partnership
Province	50%	30 Crore
Metropolitan City	50%	15 Crore
Sub-metropolitan City	40%	10 Crore
Municipality	35%	7 Crore
Rural Municipality	30%	5 Crore

*It has been said that the Ministry will provide an additional 5% cost from the budget to the rural municipalities or municipalities of the districts with relatively low income and fall below 0.5 points in Human Development Index. Complete detail is given in the link below.*

Source: <http://202.45.145.166/Home/DownloadKaryaBidhi>

## Nepal Update



The monitoring team in the leadership of the Deputy Mayor Gomadevi Acharya after there was an unreasonable increase in wholesale and retail price for medical equipment

Photo: [Bhawani Prasad Pandey](#)

#### Tested

PCR Tested: 955,923

Positive: 69,301

Active: 18,437

Deaths: 453



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

# Rumors & Facts



It is heard that Nepalis living abroad can send their earnings to Nepal from mobile phones now. Is it true?

A system that enables the Nepalis in foreign employment to send their earned money to their relatives from their mobile phones has been implemented. Nepal Rastra Bank has made arrangements to enable foreign migrants to send their earned money through mobile. After this arrangement, the problems of losing money and not receiving it on time will be solved. The central bank has brought a new system to send remittances through mobile banking, internet banking, electronic cards and digital wallets. Earlier, remittances were sent only by the banking system or remittance service provider company. After the new arrangement, it has become easy to send money from mobile.

Source: <https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2020/09/Digital-Remittance.2077-06-05.pdf>



There is news that the student admissions should be completed within a week. Many students are away from the school they are studying. How is it possible for them?

The parents of the students who have moved to different locations and those who are planning to change schools are asked to contact the nearest school or report to the concerned local level in case of any problem. The school and the concerned local level will ensure that all the students, including the transferred students, receive the textbooks. Following that, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has issued a School Education Contingency Action Plan 2077 stating to complete the admission of the remaining and transferred students by the second week of Ashwin.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/ZfCx07B>



Many employers citing the corona reasons are now cutting staff and lowering wages. Is it being monitored?

The Department of Labor and Employment has instructed the employers not to announce vacancies with minimum wage and facilities below the one prescribed by the Government of Nepal to employ workers in the public or private sector. In order to monitor if it is being implemented or not, a committee has been formed under the coordination of the Department of Labor and Employment with one representative each from employers and the Federation of Trade Unions.

Source: <https://moless.gov.np/?p=3668#post/0>



Due to lack of budget at the local units, there is a possibility of only a limited number of unemployed to get employment.

The Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration has extended the deadline to all local units to enter the details of unemployed individuals who are engaged as low-wage workers in the Employment Management Information System (EMIS) until 20 Ashwin 2077. The Ministry has stated that an additional amount will be sent for the current Fiscal year 2077/78 based on the number of unemployed individuals received within that period.


Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2108>

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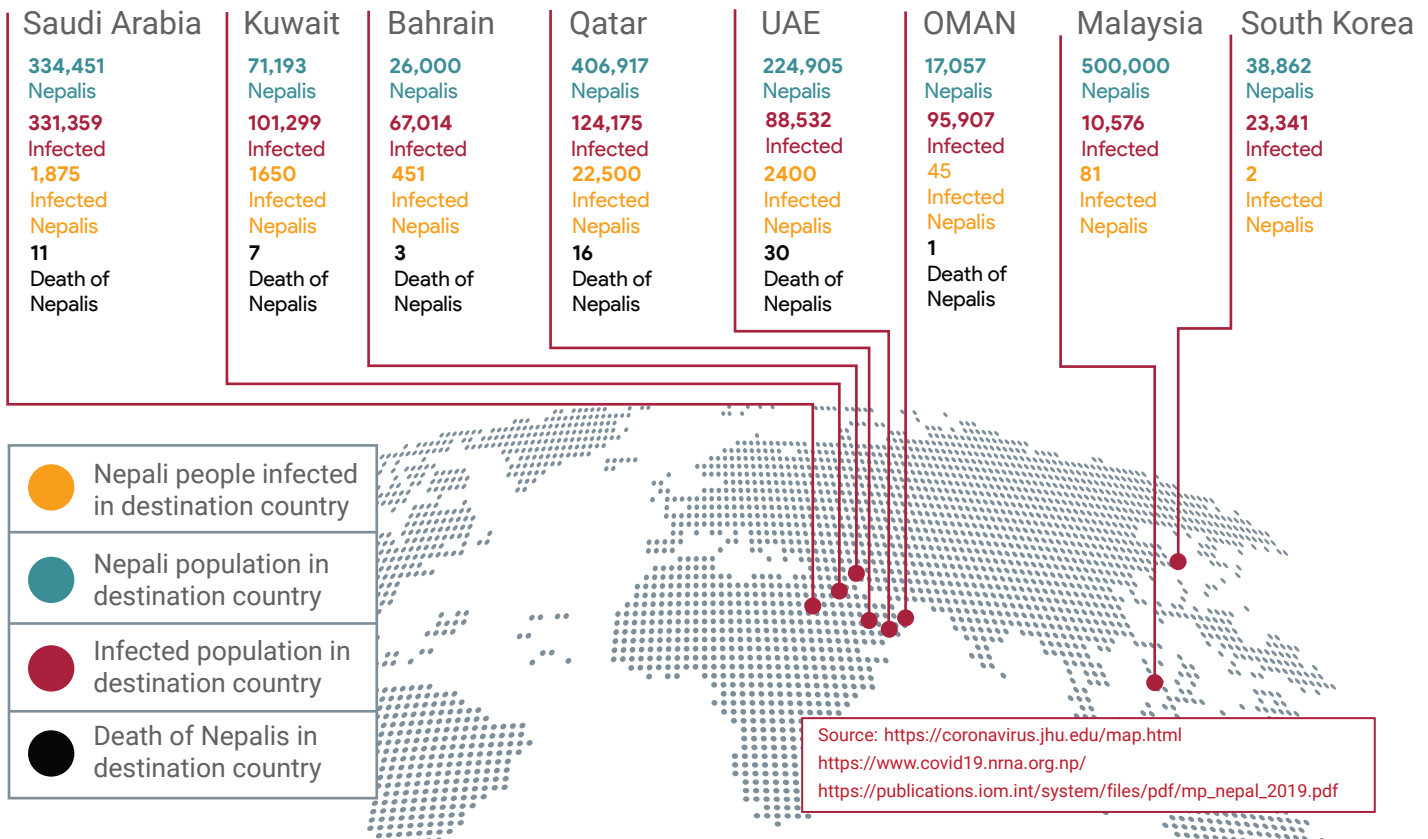
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# Open Migration

## Migrant workers in major destination countries



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**News of Gulf**

- Similar to Dubai, Sharjah has now opened its territory to tourists. Those with Sharjah visas will also no longer need to apply for a permit to return. But other rules including the need for less than 96 hours PCR negative report are still in place. The workers returning to Sharjah can contact Air Arabia to find out if they need an ICA or not and book a ticket. Air Arabia is the only airline to fly from Nepal to Sharjah.



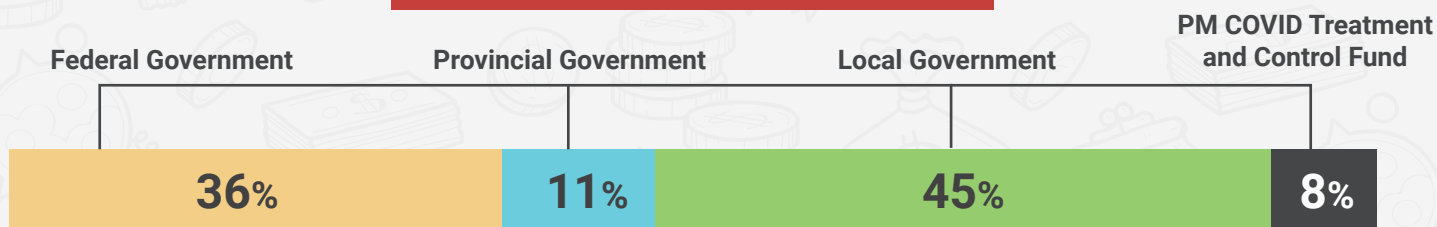
- It is only a rumor that there will be regular flights to the Gulf. However, some flights have now been added to Saudi Arabia and the UAE and others are expected to be added.

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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**

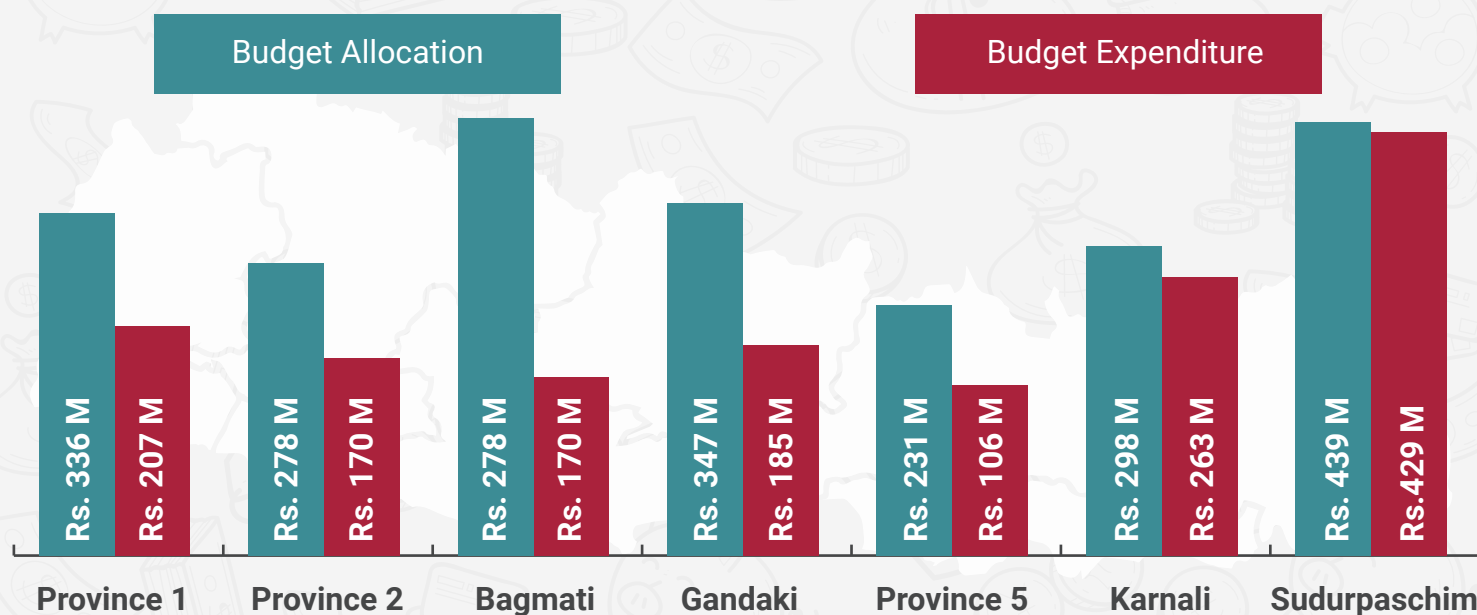


Other Expenses  
**Rs. 12,473,000**



Human Resource Mobilization  
**Rs. 57,443,000**

## Expense made by Provincial Government





## The experience of a 72 year old woman who won Corona - Don't panic even if you have a chronic illness



Khimkala Nepal, 72 of Manigram, Rupandehi is a chronic respiratory, heart and diabetic patient. The Bharatpur Cancer Hospital recently confirmed that she had cancer in her uterus. Khimkala, who has been taking heart medicine for 32 years, was taken to Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital for treatment after being diagnosed with cancer. She was admitted

there and was treated for 15/16 days. Her uterus couldn't be operated as the sugar level didn't decrease. As the corona infection increased even among the doctors and health workers of Teaching Hospital and the sugar level didn't come in control, the doctors advised her to go home and take rest and come for operation once the condition improves. Accordingly, she stayed at home with her son who lives in Kathmandu.

While sitting at home, she started showing symptoms of cold, fever and severe pain. Following that, she and all other members of the family tested positive for corona in PCR test. Considering her health condition, she was rushed to Patan Hospital. The other family members lived in home isolation. However, one of her daughters stayed with her in the hospital to look after the mother. Heart disease, diabetes and cancer as well as her age added to the worries of other family members. But the infected Khimkala did not give up. She prayed to god, chanted and ate whatever was given with the grit to win corona anyway. She didn't show any other complex symptoms except severe body aches, cold and mild fever. After staying in Patan Hospital for 11 days, the report of PCR test came back negative. Reports of her other family members also confirmed negative. Khimkala was very happy to defeat Corona. Family members also rejoiced. She doesn't have an experience of the health workers treating her differently.

She has returned to her home in Manigram after being hospitalized for 14 days. Khimkala, who heard that corona leads people to death, is now sharing her experience saying that corona can be cured and there's no need to panic even if one is tested positive. She hasn't gone to other people's houses, but her neighbours come to visit her as she has recovered. She is encouraging others to not lose heart, not to panic, to eat nutritious food, meditate, chant and do yoga. "I am a heart patient. I don't have energy, but I am an example that one can overcome corona despite ailments like heart disease, sugar, diabetes and cancer" says infection-free Khimkala.



## Frontliners Voices



### Dr. Rachana Nakarmi

Operational and Quality Assurance- Manager

Upendra Devkota Memorial National Institute Of Neurological And Allied Sciences, Bansbari

"In the beginning, the virus scared us mentally. During the time, neither we knew that we need to fight against it nor did we make any preparations. Since we work in a hospital, the service seekers directly come to us to get service. We are now able to streamline services with due diligence. Everyday we see 1-2 infected cases. It's frightening to see the situation, but we cannot run from our duties out of fear. We always try to encourage and assure the patients."

### Ram Chandra Chand

Health Division Head, Nepalgunj Sub-metropolitan City

"I am among those people who have never tested positive for corona infection despite working on the forefront since the starting of the pandemic. However, being perceived differently from the society and having to stay away from my own family makes me very sad. I feel disappointed to see the number of infections spreading in the community. I feel sad to see that the endless hard work of day and night to prevent the community from infection and the patience shown by the community earlier is wasted. Out of the first RDT test conducted among 181 workers returning from india, everyone tested negative. Then, we sent everyone home. I feel that's the reason corona is spreading in the community today."

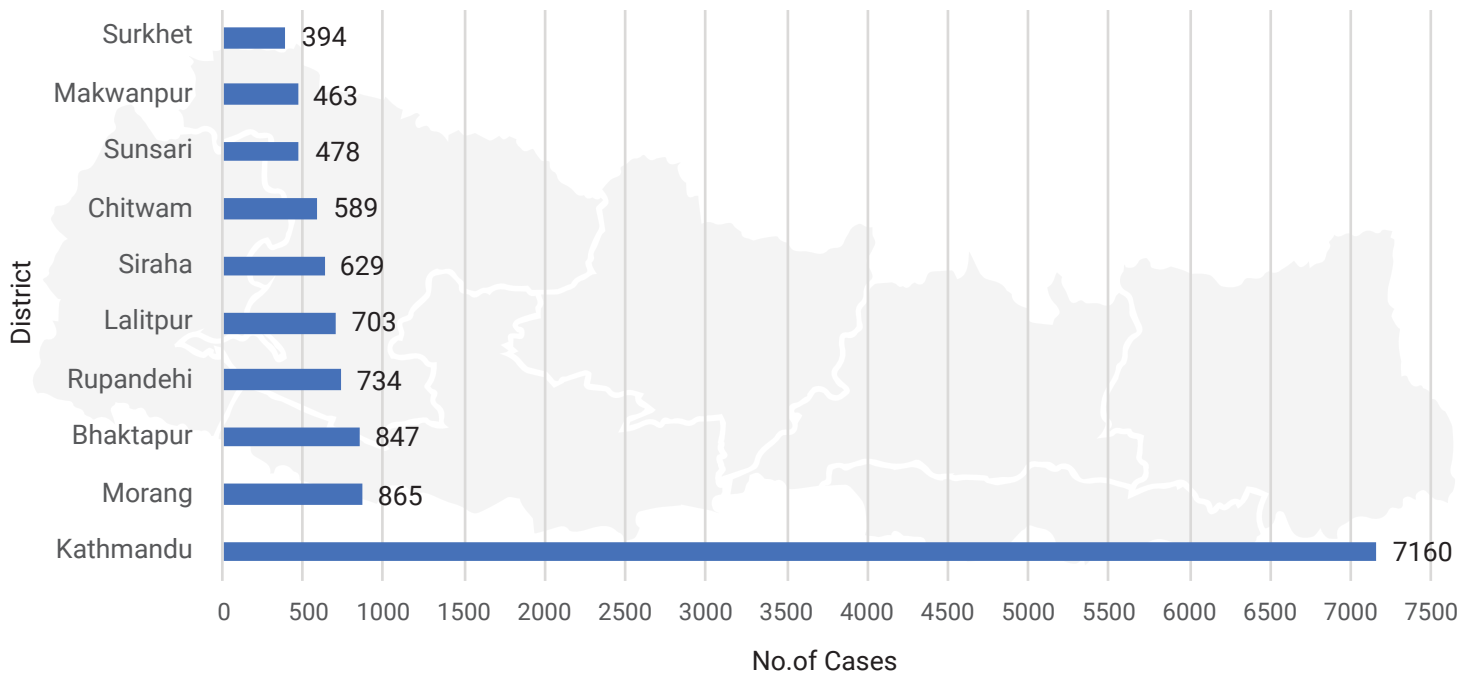


### Aditi Sharma

Lab Technician, Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Rupandehi

"With the increase in infection these days, the number of daily test samples has also increased. As the positive cases are increasing, more tests need to be done. However, the challenges such as insufficient number of kits required for testing, lack of human resource, having to wear 3-4 PPE and gloves in a hot location like Rupandehi, work using sanitizer over and over again and work extra to compensate the work of the colleagues who have tested positive are among us. As I have moved forward with the objective of working in the medical field, I am committed to not back out from difficulties."

## Ten Districts of Nepal with Highest Active Covid-19 Cases

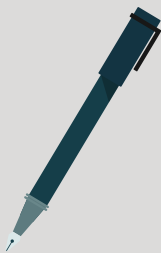


The above graph shows the top ten districts that have the highest number of active COVID-19 cases in Nepal. These districts comprise three-fourth of the total active cases in Nepal while half of the cases are in the three districts of Kathmandu valley. Kathmandu district continues to be the biggest hotspot of COVID-19 currently and the cases are consistently on the rise. There is a need for thoughtful and proactive actions from the Nepal government and local bodies in Kathmandu valley and other hotspots of COVID-19 to contain the spread even further.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

## DISCLAIMER

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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