

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.

Trainings under operation with the investment partnership of Province and Local units in the fiscal year 2077/78

Construction

Mason, scaffolding, carpentry, steel fixtures, plumbing, electrical connection, automechanics welding, mobile, TV, computer, inverter repair etc.

Agriculture

Animal health worker, agricultural worker, vegetable farming, cash farming, mushroom farming, bees, pigs, poultry farming, handicraft paper making, wool processing

Service

Beauty parlor, caregiver, montessori training



Art

Thanka, sculpture, bamboo, mithila painting, wood carving, stone carving, zari embroidery in clothes, garland, pouch, making purse, photo frame lamination, grandson, production of materials required for decoration

Tourism

Cook, waiter, waitress, housekeeping, house maid, bartender, sales person, front office management, secretary, tourist guide.

Hosiery and readymade garments

Sewing, dhaka weaving, garments, carpet weaving, embroidery, fashion design, button making, yarn weaving

Food processing

Cookies, bread, juice, pickles, juice making, barista, tea, ginger, cardamom, amla, turmeric, blackpepper, chilli, seed processing

Information Technology

Front end designing, website design, graphics design, database and software development, data processing

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2115>

Nepal Update



As the school has not reopened, the children are reading by themselves sitting on their guardian's rickshaw in Kavre

Photo: [Keshav Raj Poudel](#)

Tested

PCR Tested: 998,407

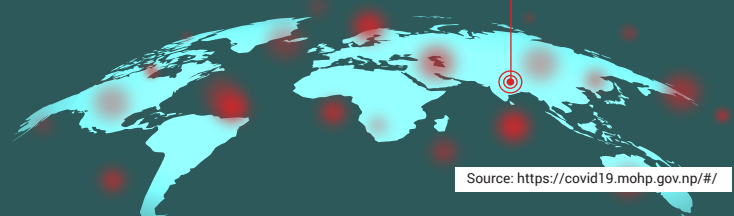
Positive: 74,745

Active: 19,624

Deaths: 481

Recovered: 54,640

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

Rumors & Facts



There were reports that the people who have arrived from a long-distance travel had to line up for PCR test in the rain. Is it mandatory for such people to do PCR tests?

It is not necessary to do a PCR test immediately after a long-distance travel. Only five days after coming in contact with an infected person, a PCR test can tell if you have a corona infection. The person who has returned from the travel should stay in his/her room for two weeks from the date of his/her arrival. If any symptoms of corona is observed during that period, then the nearest ward office should immediately be informed. After that, the ward will make necessary coordination and send the health worker to the place where the concerned person is staying for PCR test and other information.

Source: <https://www.dotm.gov.np/Files/NoticePDF/>



Many Nepalis living abroad have lost their jobs due to corona, but it is heard that the remittances have increased more than previous year.

In the first month of the current fiscal year, a total of Rs. 92 Arab 71 Crore remittance entered Nepal. Although the corona infection still exists in labor destinations, the inflow of remittances has increased by 23 percent. The inflow of remittances had increased by 2 percent in the same period during previous year. The growth is due to the effective implementation of government policies and programs introduced for remittances to enter from legal channels using the banking system. It has stopped the informal transaction done through channels like Hundi.

Source: <https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2020/09/>



Has the government said that passengers travelling on public transport should pay the fare only through online medium? But is this possible for everyone?

The Department of Transport Management has asked the concerned transport operators to take safe alternative measures considering the possible risk of COVID-19 while collecting fares even if other health criteria are met. According to which, they are encouraged to use a mobile based scan and pay system or contactless card. If not, they could also use an online payment system. If that is also not possible, they are suggested to arrange a separate box for the collection of fares and ask passengers to put the fares in a way they do not have to return the change. It would help them avoid direct cash use as much as possible in collecting the fares.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/2f1S4L5>



It is heard that the Government of Province 5 will close the Nepal-India border during the upcoming festivals. What is the reality?

The meeting of the Corona Crisis Management Center of Province 5 government has decided to stop cross-border movement targeting Nepalis who go to the Indian border market for shopping during festivals. Nepalis coming from India to their homes and Indians returning their homes from Nepal will not be stopped. Due to rapid transmission in India, it has been said that the Nepalis trying to go to Indian market for shopping will not be allowed to cross the border. The Government of Province 5 has decided to make arrangements for the safe movements from the designated border checkpoints following health safety procedures, maintain health desks, and keep records for secure movements in the border.


Source: Baijnath Chaudhary, Spokesperson, Province Government, Province No. 5

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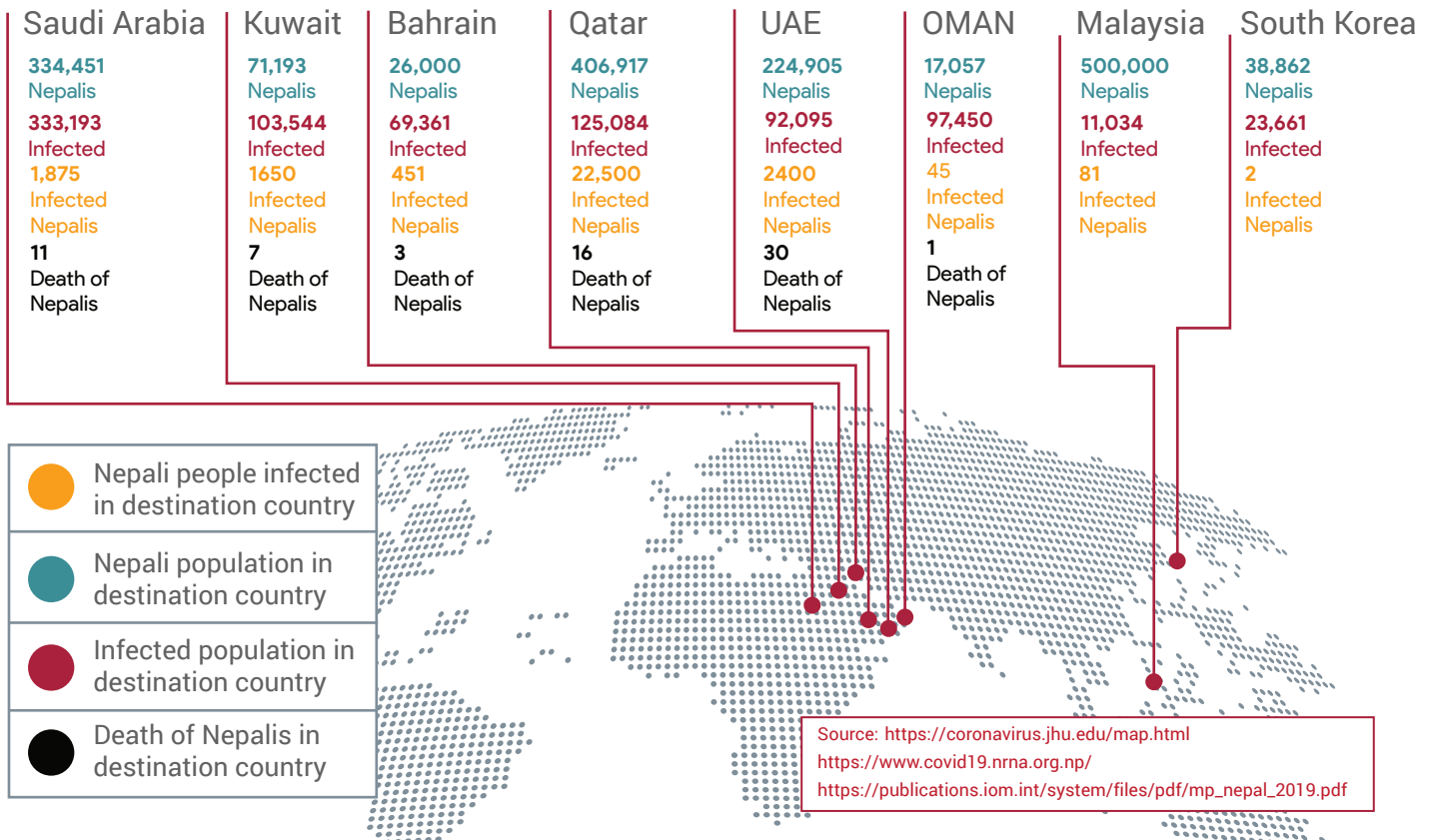
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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The regular flights between Doha and Kathmandu to start from 1 October

Airlines operating flights

Nepal Airlines
Himalayan Airlines
Qatar Airlines

Procedure:

- You don't have to wait for the name list of the Embassy anymore. You can purchase the tickets on your own from the airlines office or official travel agents.
- As per the provision of Nepal, you need a PCR negative report of less than 72 hours. Therefore, you could go for the PCR test only

after the ticket is confirmed. Since it usually takes 24 to 48 hours for a report to arrive, adjust your schedule accordingly. Also, keep in mind that the number of hours is counted after the report arrives.

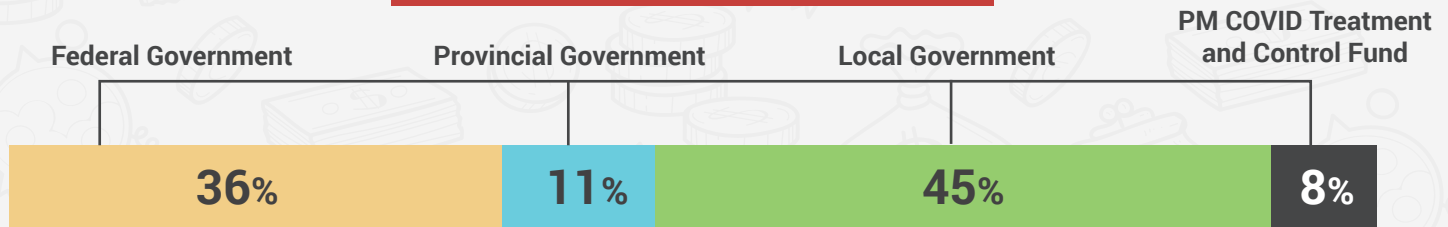
- Everyone returning to Nepal should fill the form of CCMC. Since the form can be filled online, you could go to www.ccmc.gov.np and print its barcode or keep its screenshot in the mobile. You should show the barcode in the airport.

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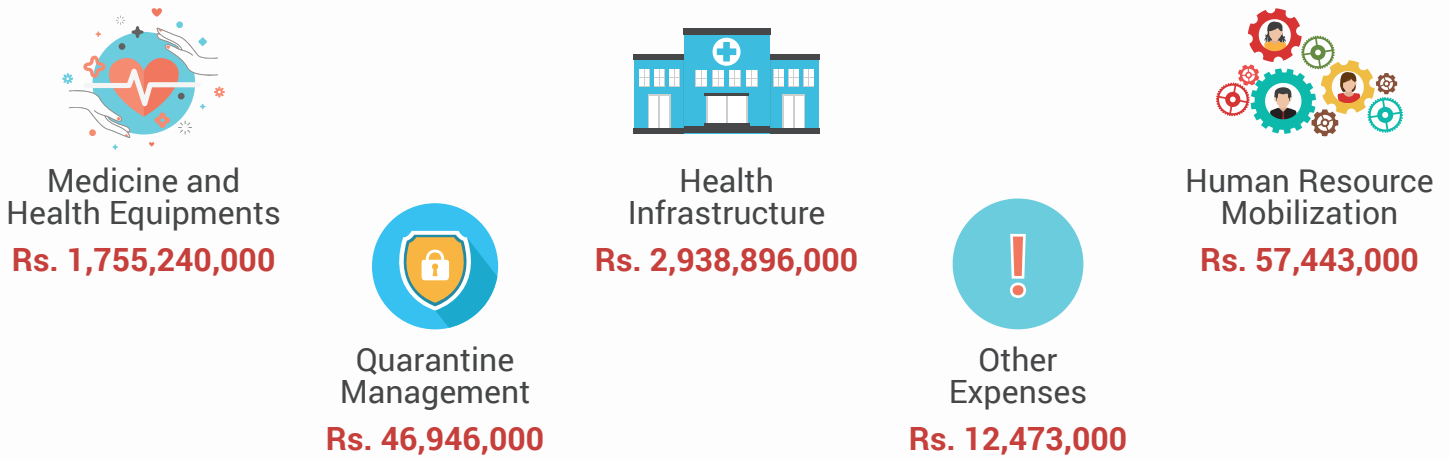
\$ Follow the Money

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

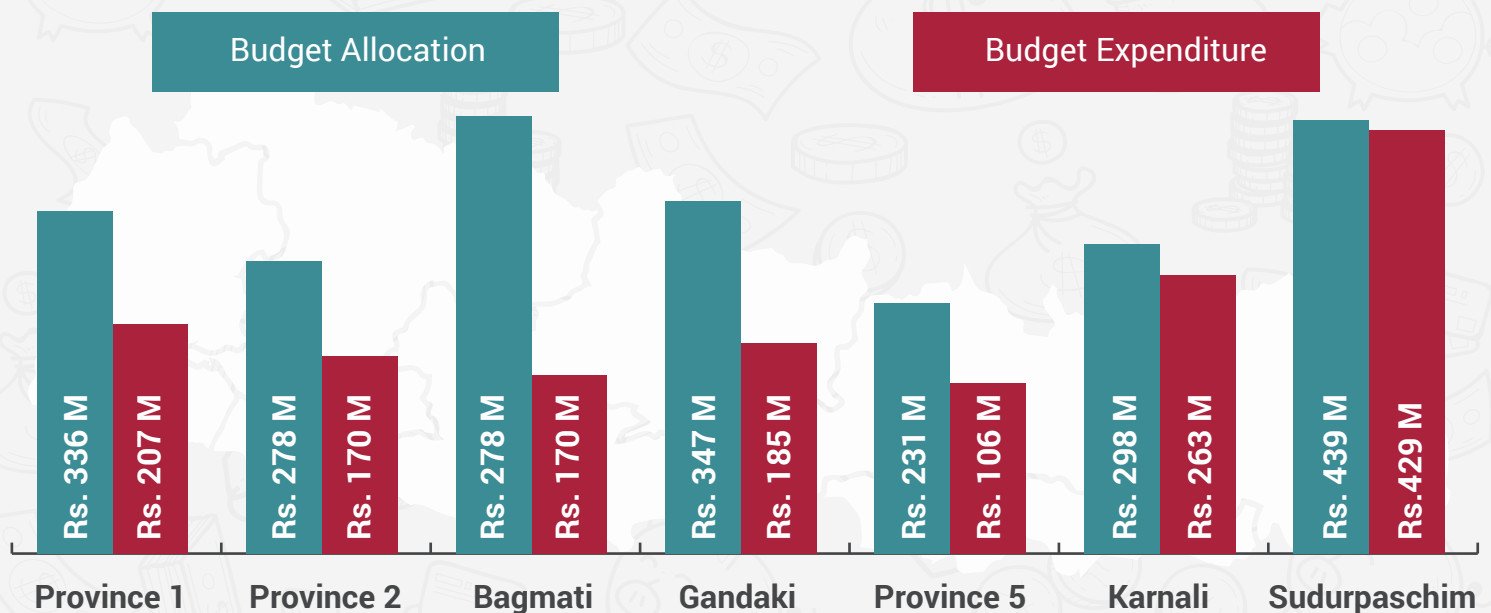
13.37 Billion NRS



Expense Headings at the Federal Government



Expense made by Provincial Government





Programs and policies of local unit hasn't still been able to accomodate migrant returnees

Tens of thousands of men and women from Kavrepalanchowk district go for foreign employment every year. From the district, around five thousand men and more than thousand women annually go for foreign employment in the Gulf countries. Similarly, about four thousand go to India and other countries for foreign employment every year.

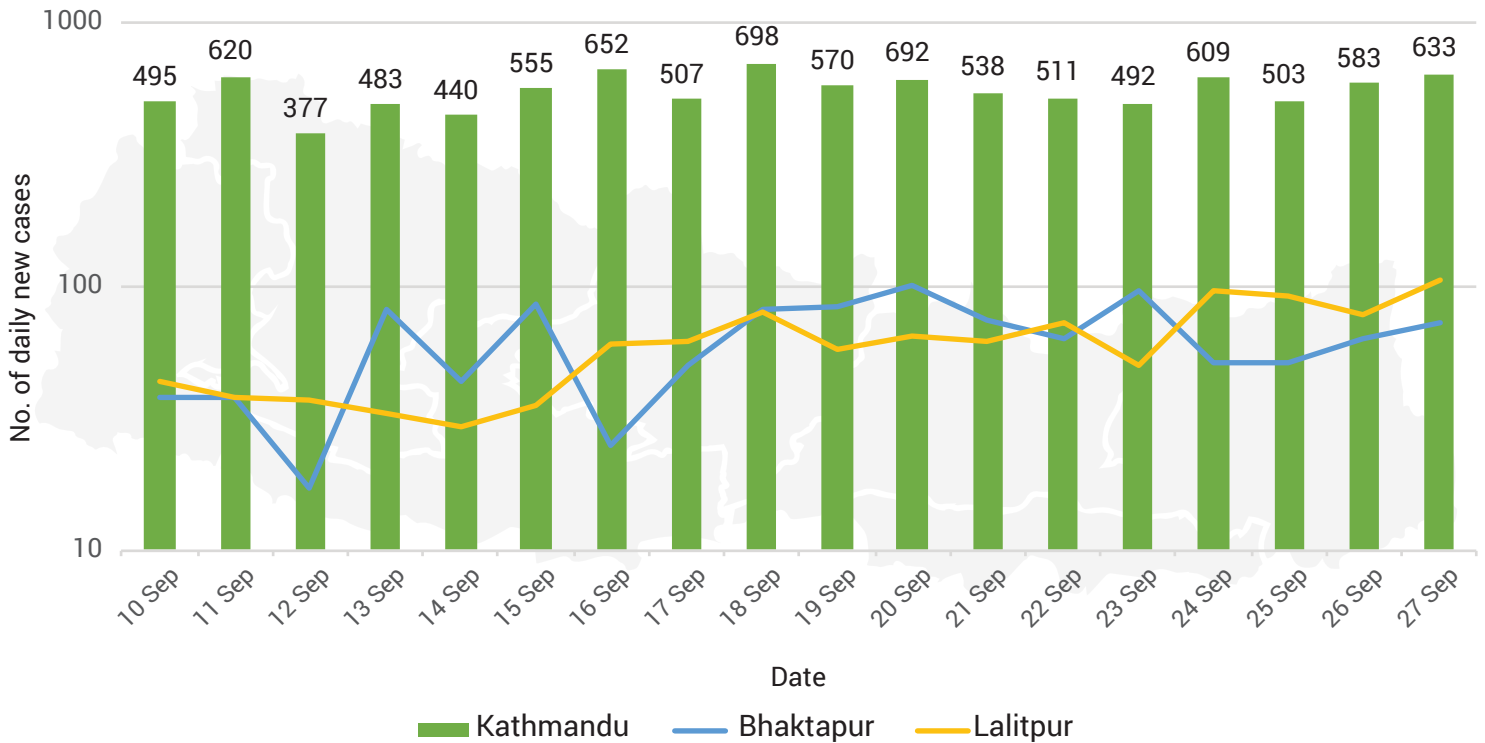


In the Kavrepalanchowk district which consist of 13 local levels more than five thousand youths have returned from foreign employment between Chaitra 2076 to Bhadra 2077. Similarly, about five thousand have returned from India. According to the District Health Office, Kavre, the district has the record of 426 individuals returning Kavrepalanchowk district during this period. However, there are no recent records in the district as the individuals from the holding center in Kathmandu started coming directly to the villages. At least five hundred young people have returned from foreign employment in each local unit in Kavrepalanchowk.

The highest number of labor migrants from Kavre are between the age group 18 to 35 years. However, the workers in the age group of 25 to 34 are highest in number to return home from the destination countries. According to the statistics of the Labor Ministry, most of the Nepalis who have returned from the destination countries in the last five years are unemployed. The report states that 55.8% of the migrant returnees are unemployed. The report also shows that only 44.2% of the returnees from destination countries are involved in employment and 51% of Nepalis who have returned from India are not involved in any work. Similarly, 34.3% from Malaysia, 39.6% from Gulf Countries and 45.9% from other countries aren't involved in any work. Moreover, the report shows that 14.9% of returnees from Malaysia, 11.9% from India, 15.7% from the Gulf and 11.2% from other countries are fully unemployed. Among the workers returning from abroad, those who have learned the skills of agriculture, forestry and fisheries during foreign employment are found to be involved in the same work after returning home.

No local level in Kavre district has been able to make clear policies and programs public on how to use skills of migrant returnees. In the policy and program formulated in Ashad, Panauti Municipality has allocated budget for collective farming and animal husbandry to create employment for the youths who have returned from foreign employment. Some other local levels have also decided to collectively provide loans to those who have returned from foreign employment by keeping systematic records. If the youths who have returned learning some skills aren't provided employment or training that connect their skills to employment, then the process of skilled manpower going for foreign employment will continue.

Daily New Cases of COVID-19 In Kathmandu Valley (10-27 Sept 2020)

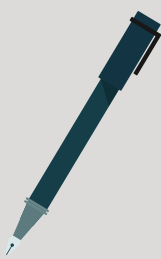


The above graph shows daily new cases of COVID-19 in three districts of Kathmandu valley. It is visible that there is no sign of the infection slowing down or being controlled in the valley. Kathmandu valley is the biggest hotspot of COVID-19 in Nepal with more than half of total active cases and half of daily new cases being identified here. Immediate actions are needed to control the infection in Kathmandu valley given its high density and mobility of the people. It should also be noted that half of all PCR tests are performed in Kathmandu valley. This could also be contributing towards less number of cases being identified outside the valley.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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