

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.

Arrangement of Air Lifting for the Quick Treatment of the COVID-19 patients



1 Who is eligible for air lifting?

The COVID-19 patients of serious nature recommended by the doctors claiming that the treatment of the patient isn't possible in the hospital he/she is being treated.

2 Who does air lifting?

The aircraft listed for lifting patients of COVID-19. However, the aircraft operated by the Nepal Army under the Government of Nepal will be given first priority.

3 What should be the human resource arrangements required for lifting aircraft?

There should be at least 2 health workers including one medical officer.

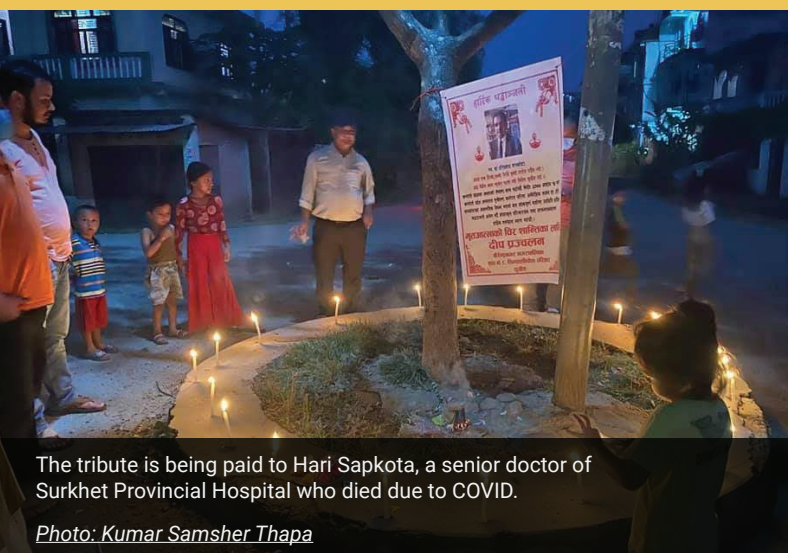
4 Who bears the lifting cost of the aircraft chartered for lifting?

The booking person or organization will be responsible for paying the fare of the aircraft chartered for lifting. The aircraft company will not be allowed to charge more than the predetermined fee.



Source: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13o2uP67Y05UfvTOuZUI9MT3A1h_yuXMo/view

Nepal Update



The tribute is being paid to Hari Sapkota, a senior doctor of Surkhet Provincial Hospital who died due to COVID.

Photo: Kumar Samsher Thapa

Tested

PCR Tested: 1,088,229

Positive: 89,263

Active: 23,507

Deaths: 554

Recovered: 65,202

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the passengers travelling on domestic flights should also fill out a form stating that they aren't infected with COVID-19. Is it mandatory to do PCR test?

Passengers travelling on domestic flights aren't required to do a PCR test before travelling. However, a self-declaration form claiming that he/she isn't infected with COVID-19 should be filled. Also, they have to provide their detailed information with contacts stating they haven't been in contact with anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and if proven false, are ready to bear the punishment.

Source: <https://ccmc.gov.np/drms/>



It is heard that the Foreign Employment Board office is closed. But all other government offices are open, aren't they?

The secretariat of the Foreign Employment Board has made a public notice that all the services related to financial assistance being provided by the secretariat will be closed until further notice as the employees working in the secretariat of the Foreign Employment Board have contracted COVID-19. However, if the person submits their application at the local unit along with the required documents and if the local unit verifies the documents and forwards it from its official email to the secretariat email info@febp.gov.np, then the secretariat will verify the documents and send the amount of financial assistance to the bank account of the concerned person. Along with this, the transportation of corpses under the emergency service from the secretariat of the board will be continued.

Source: <http://febp.gov.np/detail/98/suchana>



The private hospitals are charging more fees for PCR than prescribed by the government. Will there be no action taken against them?

According to the Quality Measurement and Regulation Division, eight different laboratories - Hams Hospital, Decode Lab, Intrepid Lab, Nepal Mediciti Hospital, CDL, Star Hospital, BNB Hospital and Surya Health Care were found to be charging higher fees. The government has warned the laboratories, but if they are found to be charging more again and if they haven't fixed their price then the government has decided to revoke their testing approval. Similarly, the government has also decided to take action to shut down such laboratories that charge more than 2000 for PCR tests for black market offences.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/mohpnep/videos/247766323326407>



It is that those who do not follow the health standards will now have to pay a fine. How much should I pay?

The government is now urging everyone to adhere to the public health standards. However, those are merely being followed. Considering the increased risk of infection caused by this, the incident command system has decided to set a penalty rate for those who violate public health standards, and prepare and submit a proposal for approval. Even though it has been said that the fine will be imposed, no decision has been made on the amount of the fine.


Source: <https://www.facebook.com/mohpnep/videos/3709948319050146>

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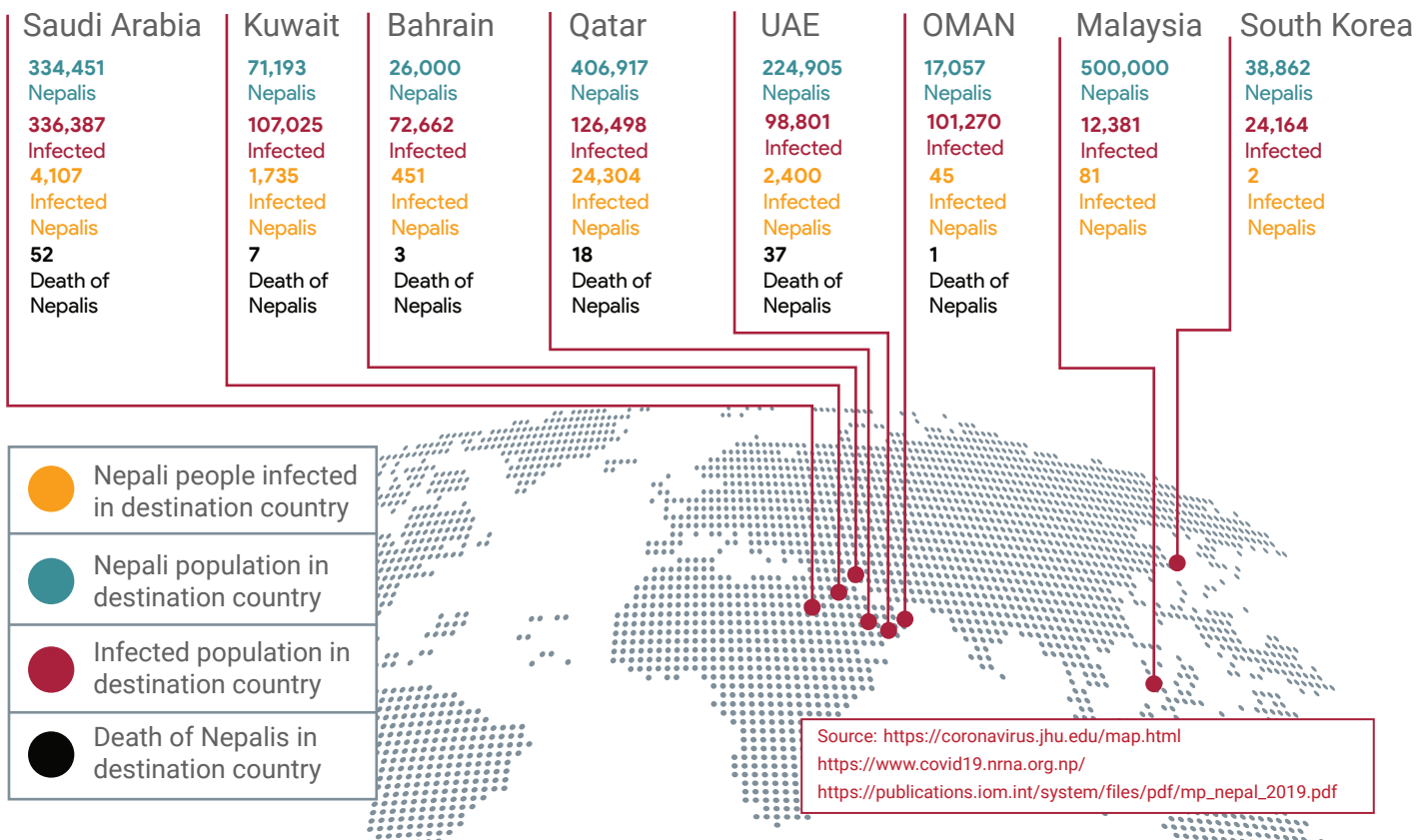
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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Changes in rules related to visas in UAE due to COVID-19



- 1 If an individual's visa has expired before March 1, 2020 and hasn't been renewed then no penalty will be charged to them as long as they leave UAE by November 17, 2020 as they have received amnesty.
- 2 Those individuals whose visa expired between March 1 to July 12 must renew their visas or obtain new visas by October 10, 2020, or they would have to leave the country before that time. If their visa expired after July 12, then the regular procedure of UAE should be followed. For cancelled visas, an individual would be penalised if they exceed their grade period of one month.
- 3 For visa holders who have lived outside UAE for over six months, it now requires the approval of the GDRFA for Dubai and ICA for other emirates. ICA approval isn't required for Sharjah though.

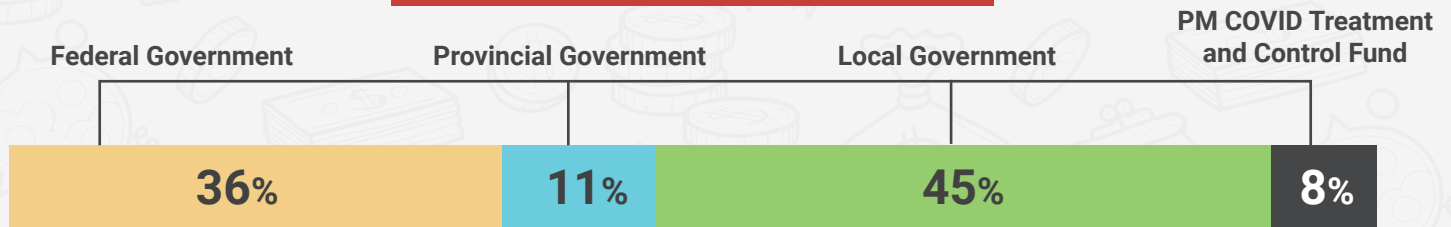
If you have a visa to Dubai and it shows a visa block or any other errors while filling the approval form then you can directly contact Amer Center on their telephone at 0097143139999 or email them at amer@dndr.ae.

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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

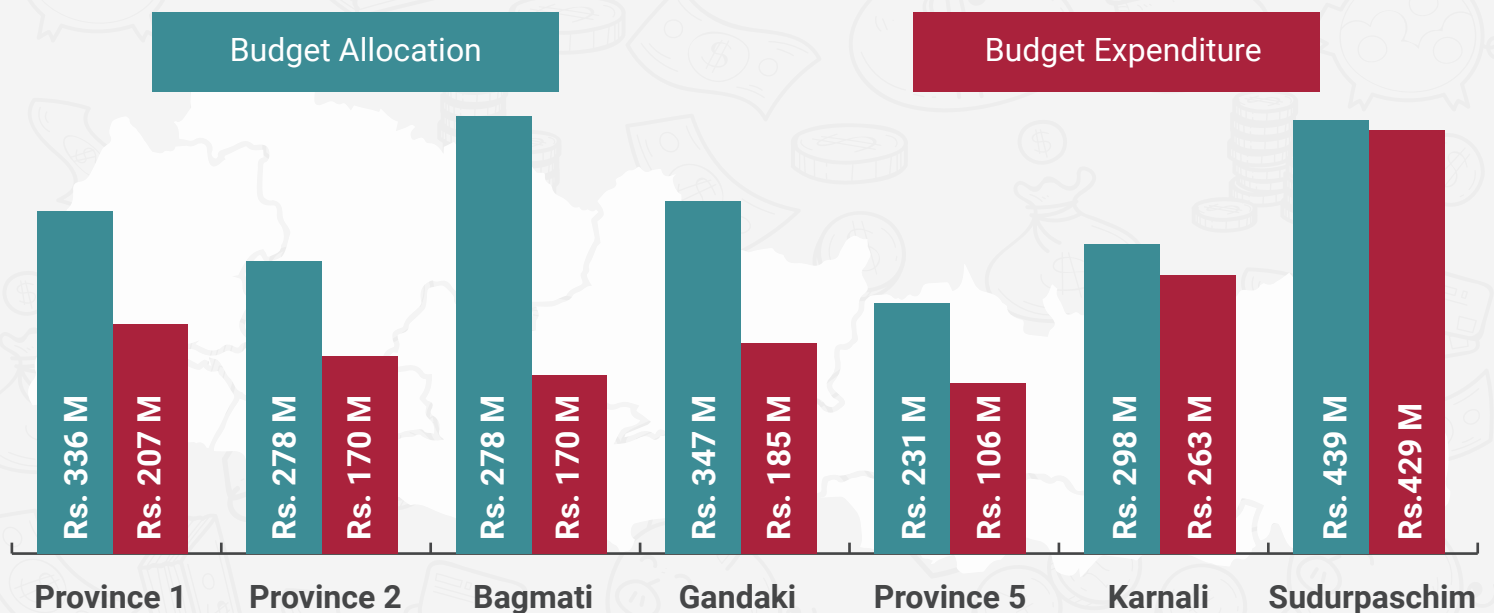


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government





Now Hom Bahadur will not go for foreign employment



Hom Bahadur Pulami Magar of Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality Ward No. 3 from Dhading was in Dubai for the past three years for foreign employment. Pulami's job as a security guard continued even during the coronavirus pandemic. When the company he was working for got sold, he lost his job. After that, he stayed jobless for about a month and a half. However, he had already made up his mind 8 months ago about what he would do after going to Nepal. He had already asked his wife to prepare for vegetable farming. Accordingly, his wife also prepared to cultivate tomatoes on 2 ropanis of land. During the month and a half when Hom Bahadur was jobless, he learned the method of making tunnels through Youtube videos. From the same platform, he

searched the agricultural experts and took counselling. From abroad, he taught his wife the technicalities of building farming tunnels. He also found contacts and consulted with agriculture experts from the same medium. He then taught his wife to build tunnels and other technical things from abroad. It has now only been 20/25 days since he returned to Nepal, and yet, 4,000 tomato plants cultivated in the 2 ropani land were fully grown.

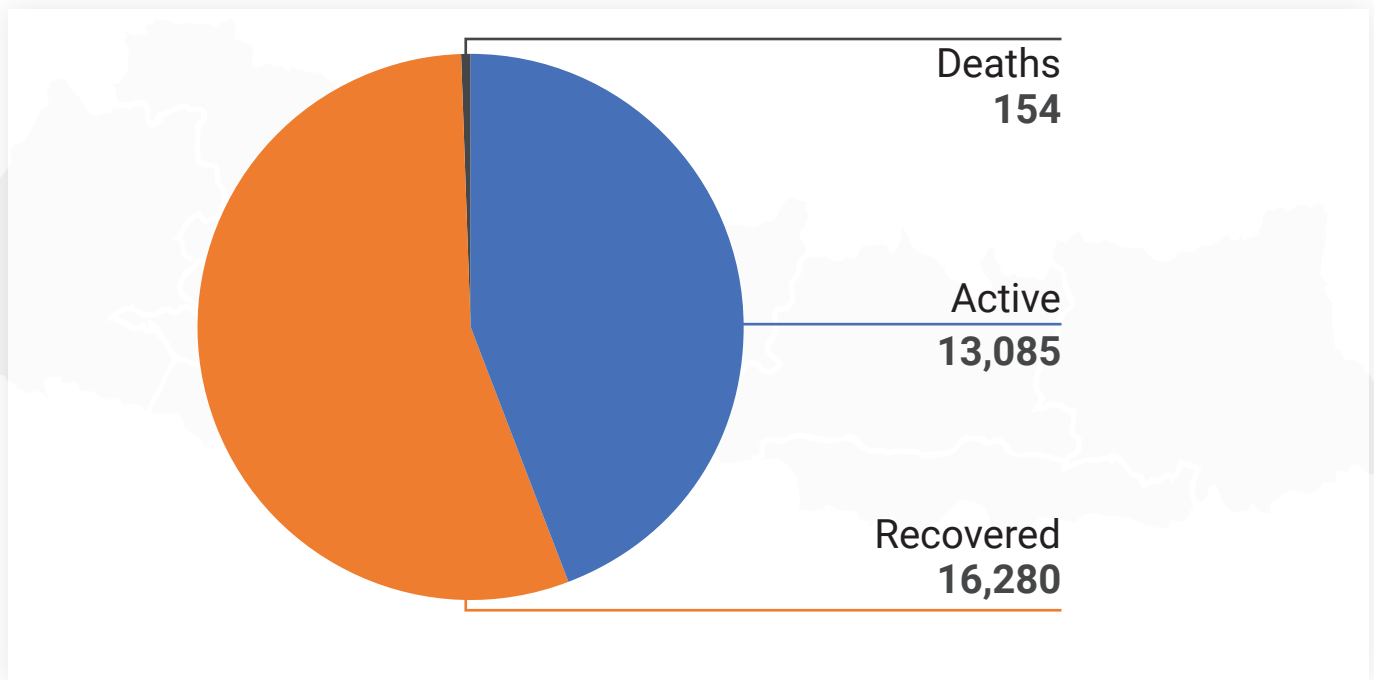
The Ward office had supported plastic while building the tunnel for the tomato farming which Hom Bahadur started with the investment of 5 Lakh. The product has been consumed in the local market itself. He doesn't have to be worried about what to do now that he's returned home. Hom Bahadur's business has continued despite the slowdown in most other businesses during the pandemic. Many people who have returned from abroad are still complaining that the government has done nothing. Many have not seen the alternatives to going abroad again. Although the government has announced youth targeted programs, it has not been able to come up with concrete plans for youths like them. However, he hasn't been affected by any of these things. He assessed the situation and made a plan while he was in foreign employment. He made preparations accordingly.

Hom Bahadur says, "The government creates an environment. But if you sit waiting for the government to do everything, then you will always remain unemployed." Hardworking Hom Bahadur is earning enough money in his own village amidst the pandemic. Hom Bahadur will no longer go for foreign employment for high work and low reward.



Cases Continue to Rise in Kathmandu Valley

Current State of Covid-19 Cases in the Largest Hotspot (Districts of Kathmandu Valley)



Kathmandu valley is the biggest hotspot of COVID-19 infection in Nepal with a rising number of confirmed cases each day. The above graph shows the status of COVID-19 cases till 4th Oct 2020 in three districts of Kathmandu valley. Kathmandu valley holds one-third of the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Nepal and yet, it currently holds 59 percent of active cases in Nepal. This indicates that Kathmandu has seen the rapid surge of cases in recent time, and is heading towards critical situations as more active cases continue to concentrate in the valley.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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