

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 costs of COVID-19 testing and treatment should be borne by the person themselves

### People eligible to receive free test and treatment services

1. Financially deprived
2. Disabled and helpless citizens
3. Single woman
4. Citizens with severe disabilities
5. Senior citizen
6. Frontline health workers
7. Sanitation workers
8. Security guards
9. Employees working in rural areas



*However, if the concerned person has done corona insurance, the test and treatment expenses will be borne from the insurance amount.*

*Everyone else should undergo the testing and treatment at their own expense.*

This decision is in effect to everyone who is admitted or tested from **18th October 2020** in all forms of government and non-government hospitals as well as testing laboratories.



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/mohpnep/videos/355630519083619>

## Nepal Update



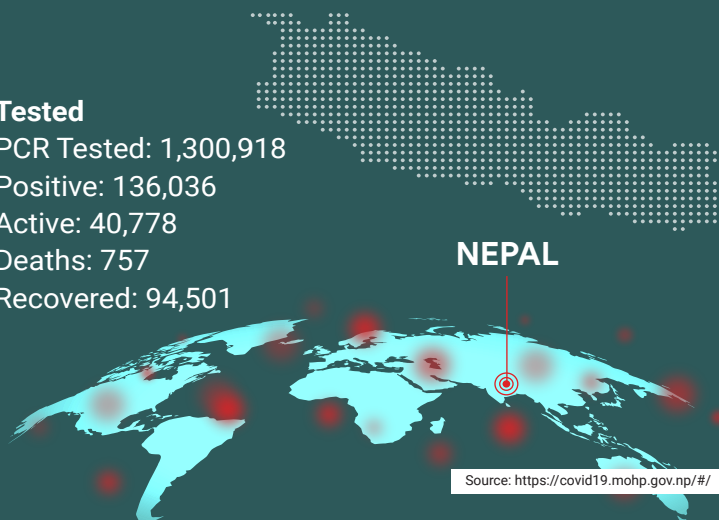
A nurse teacher of the one-school one-nurse program teaching students to properly wash their hands in a school in Koshihari, Kavre

Photo : Keshav Raj Paudel

### Tested

PCR Tested: 1,300,918  
Positive: 136,036  
Active: 40,778  
Deaths: 757  
Recovered: 94,501

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

# Rumors & Facts



It is said that the family should make arrangements if a patient of COVID-19 dies in home isolation. How should everything be managed?

If a patient of COVID-19 dies during home isolation, then the relatives should inform the local representative and the police and conclude the last rites with safety precautions. Such activities should not include children and senior citizens above 60 years of age as well as individuals in the risk group. The concerned relatives should use gloves, masks and wear full-sleeve gowns to wrap the dead body and put it in a body bag. In places where there is no vehicle available to carry the dead body, a wooden cart should be constructed in such a way that the individual carrying it won't touch the dead body.

Source: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kU\\_EZ3AYg0dWwODiCPE9iPw83duj4xST/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kU_EZ3AYg0dWwODiCPE9iPw83duj4xST/view)



Shouldn't the transport fares be reduced since the government has already said that passengers can be accommodated in all seats on public transport? The vehicles are still charging 50% more fare.

As per the decision taken by the Council of Ministers of the Government of Nepal on 26 Ashwin 2077, it has been said that public transport will be able to accommodate passengers at full capacity by following the health standards. At the same time, the fare has been fixed as it originally was before the pandemic. Thus, it has been said that the transport should be operated at the old fare. If anyone collects more than the prescribed fare from the passenger, the nearest traffic police can be informed for action.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/Bgjd7ok>



It is heard that only 23 corona infected patients can be treated in the Sudurpaschim Province now.

According to the data released by the Provincial Health Directorate, Doti on Friday evening, only 23 ICU beds and 15 ventilators are available in the Sudurpaschim Province. The data published by Provincial Health Directorate has mentioned that a total 23 ICU beds including the 15 ICU beds of Seti Hospital and 8 ICU beds of Mahakali Hospital is available. These figures show that it is possible to treat a maximum of 23 coronavirus patients in Sudur Paschim Province.

Source: Narendra Karki, Information Office, Ministry of Social Development, Sudur Paschim Province



It is heard that the bank provides soft loans to the youths returning from foreign employment.

The individuals who have returned to Nepal after working for at least six months in any country with or without a work permit, but have not obtained a permanent residency of any country will be able to take the youth project loan. For this, the concerned person should submit a brief proposal regarding the operation of enterprise and the use of loan. Thus, the concerned banks and financial institutions should maintain the interest rate on the loan provided by the government at their base rate not exceeding two percentage points.


Source: <https://cutt.ly/lgjw1ev>

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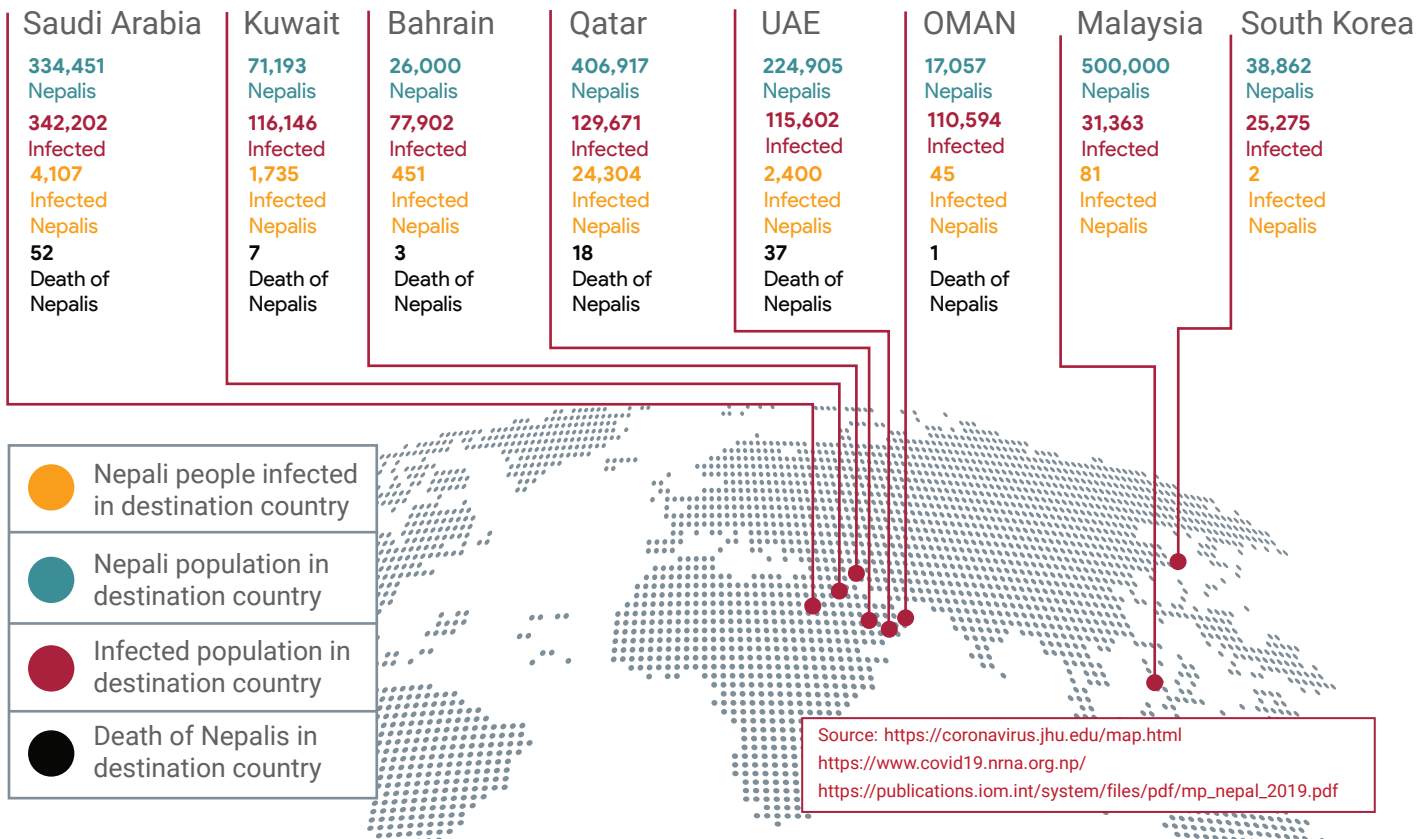
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# Open Migration

## Migrant workers in major destination countries



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### 3 information from Saudi Arabia and the UAE

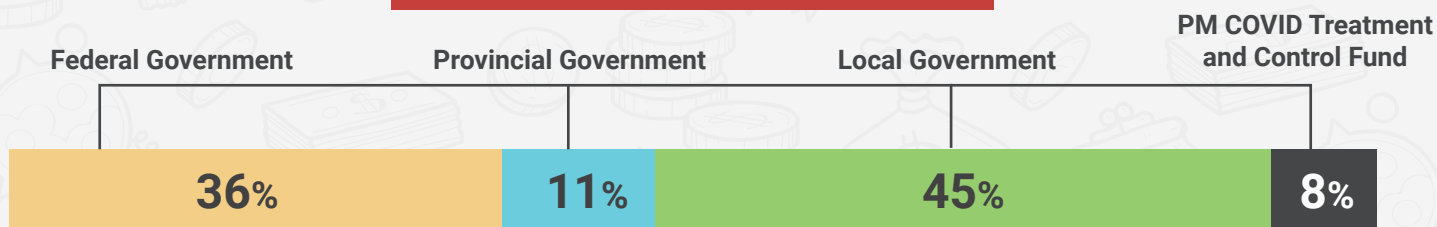
1. The visas of the individuals who are living in Saudi Arabia with exit visas and those with expired visas will get extension without penalty until 31 October 2020.
2. Social events that accommodate up to 200 people will be allowed in UAE now. This means that social gatherings will begin in the UAE after the pandemic.
3. In the UAE, the RTA has launched a bus service for global villages, and now a low-cost ferry connecting the Dubai and Deira will also be reopened.

You can listen to our Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal](https://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**

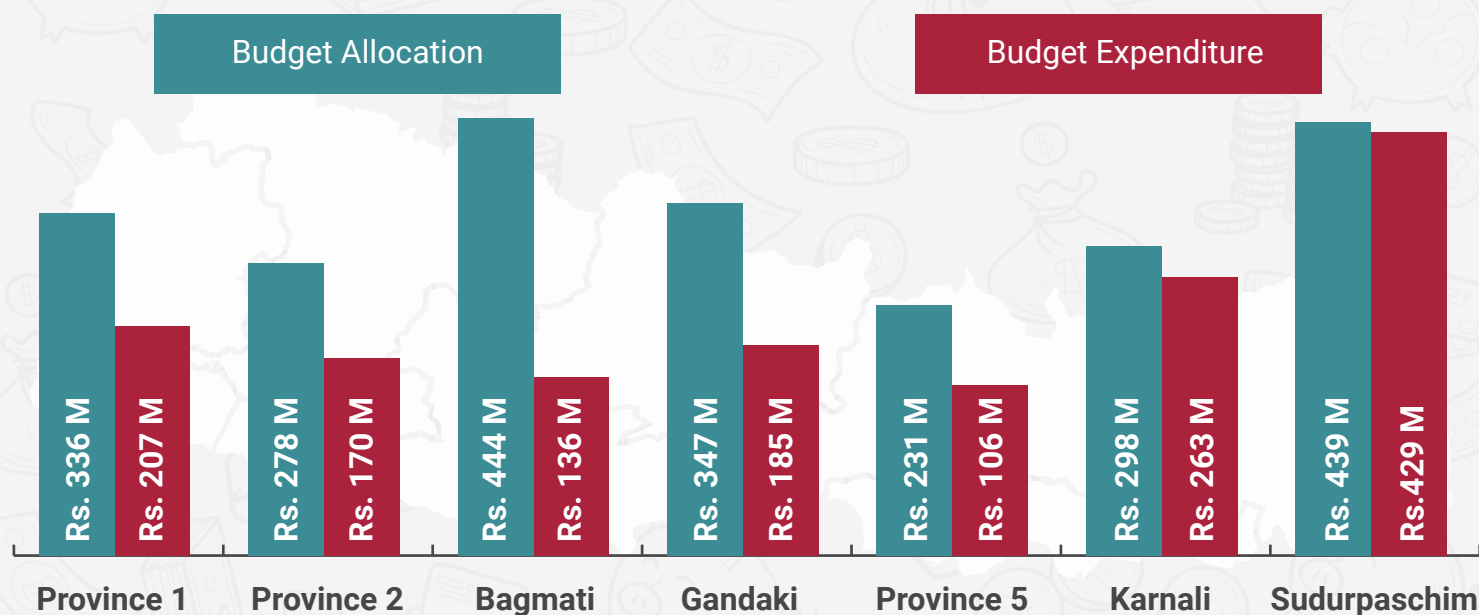


Other Expenses  
**Rs. 12,473,000**



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

## Expense made by Provincial Government





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The government's approach towards improving health services by increasing capacity of health centers



Budget Allocation



Number of Beds

## Province 1

14 districts | 55 local government units

Rs. 457,000,000

500

## Province 2

6 districts | 25 local government units

Rs. 232,000,000

315

## Bagmati Province

13 districts | 38 local government units

Rs. 327,500,000

395

With the rise in COVID-19 cases, the capacity of hospitals is given higher attention. The Government of Nepal has released 10.1 Billion NRS to increase the bed capacity of health centers in Province 1, Province 2 and Bagmati Province. With this effort, a total of 1210 beds will be added in 118 local governments in 33 districts. Bagmati Province has the highest number of overall cases (active and total) while Province 2 has the second highest number of total cases and Province 1 has the second highest number of active cases. This allocation, when put to good use, would help improve the quality and quantity of health services a lot. With proper financial management, this could also be done in other provinces to help fight the present coronavirus pandemic.

*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.*





## Arrived home after walking for 12 days, hope I will not have to leave the village again



About a dozen friends from the village went to Lohaghat, Uttarakhand in Mangsir 2076 to earn money. However, due to the coronavirus that spread as a pandemic and the issued lockdown, we had to stay unemployed since Chaitra. It was difficult to arrange food and accommodation there and the virus had spread all over India. Finally, on 16 Baishak 2077, we decided to return to Nepal on foot. Our group who started the journey on 16th at 8 PM got lost and reached the starting point again on the morning of the 17th.

We started walking down the street again on the morning of 17th. After reaching the forest, we saw that a monkey had just delivered a baby. So, the monkey chased us and also bit some of us. After fleeing, we met someone and went to his house and ate some food. Let's not say we eat but we tasted a little. How would we get to eat enough? We also walked all night on the 17th. I was really scared while walking through the rugged terrain. Some of my friends had to be pulled by ropes while travelling on the terrain.

It felt like we were experiencing the biggest thunderstorm of our lives. On the night of 18th April, we sat in the forest without shelter, as we were very tired. I don't know where we were. We stayed there because there was water nearby. We ate some of the food we had with water. We finally arrived near Gadda Chowk on the Nepal-India border on 19 Baishak at noon. The market is located at a distance of 3 kilometers from Tanakpur. However, the police stopped us there. We spent the night in the open field. Mosquitoes bit us. They gave us very little food. It felt like they gave us food to make us hungry. It was as if we ate only to survive. The next day, police took us to a room near Tanakpur for security. They gave us some food and we drank the available water in proportion. We stayed there for 5 days. Then we walked from there. We came to Dailekh from the border paying 3 to 4 thousand rupees. We reached the village in 12 days after leaving India.

There is no work in the village. Most of the villagers go to India to look for work. I came home from India after walking for 12 days, I hope I will not have to leave the village now. However, there are no signs of job creation in the village. I have to take care of my family. I am waiting for the situation to get normal and I will return to India for employment. When will the government think of us?

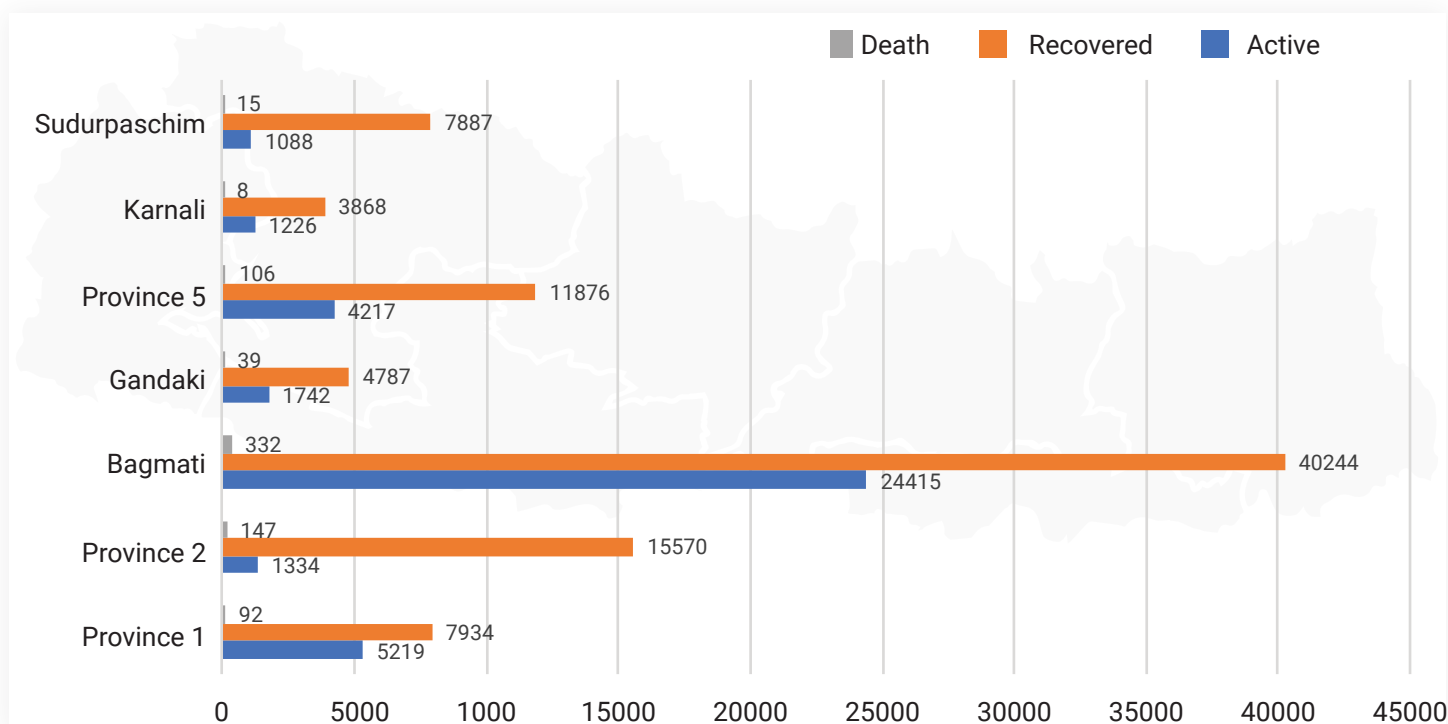
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## Province-wise Distribution of Active, Recovered and Death Cases of COVID-19

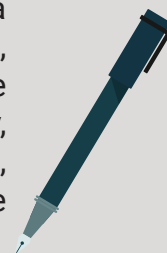


The above graph shows the province-wise distribution of active, recovered and death cases of COVID-19 in Nepal. Data is alarming for Bagmati province. Bagmati province has 62 percent of total active cases in Nepal, majority of these being in Kathmandu valley. However, among recovered cases Bagmati province contributes only 42 percent. Nearly half of all COVID-19 cases till date are discovered in Bagmati province and 45 percent of COVID-19 related deaths occurred in Bagmati. The comparison ratio of active, recovered and deaths cases suggest that infection is likely to soar in days to come in Bagmati province.

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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