

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.

Jurisdiction of the Chief District Officer regarding movement from one district to another.

Regulate, manage or control the movement of vehicles from other districts to the districts with more than 200 infected cases and also from such districts to other districts.



Prohibition of any service or work in the district or any part of the district where there are more than 500 active cases.

No obstruction in the movement to the destination district even if there is a ban on any regulation, management or service in the district(s) that falls on the way from one district to another.



If any arrangement is made to prohibit movement in any district, in such case, travel permission shall not be issued without the written permission of the Chief District Officer of the concerned district.

Source: <https://mocit.gov.np/categorydetail/39948392>

Nepal Update



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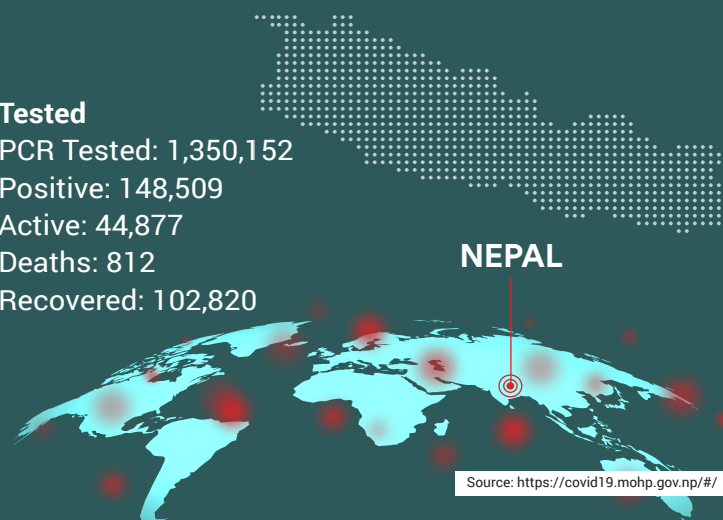
PCR Tested: 1,350,152

Positive: 148,509

Active: 44,877

Deaths: 812

Recovered: 102,820



Rumors & Facts



It is said that the examination of grade 12 will be conducted from 9 Mangsir. Can the student with corona infection be allowed to take the test?

The National Examination Board (NEB) has requested the students undergoing treatment from COVID-19 infection to not participate in the examinations of grade 12 to be conducted from 9 Mangsir. A separate examination will be arranged for such candidates afterward. However, the student has to submit a test report from a laboratory accredited by the Government of Nepal.

Source: <http://www.neb.gov.np/uploads/photos/5pb7iAHJJD201021083804.pdf>



Is the government turning all the schools currently used as quarantine into isolation centers?

Not at all. Only those quarantines in the highly affected districts such as Kathmandu Valley which aren't used and can be turned into isolation centers are said to be developed as isolation centers. These isolation centers should be constructed by the Ministry of Health and Population within 15 days with the coordination and support of the Ministry of Home Affairs. This arrangement has been made as the infection rate of COVID-19 is increasing rapidly and the number of infected people with symptoms is also increasing.

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The activities such as food adulteration, price hikes and artificial scarcity increased during the holiday season? Is COVID-19 causing poor monitoring?

According to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, the market monitoring has been intensified to discourage activities such as food adulteration, price rise and artificial scarcity during the festive season. The Ministry has also said that additional staff has been brought from the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration to monitor the situation as 15 staff of the Ministry and staff of the Commerce, Supply and Consumer Protection Department have been affected by COVID-19.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/YglA38I>



The government has said that it will build a hospital at the local level. Will the decision be limited to the paper only?

As per the policy of the government to establish basic hospitals with 5 to 15 beds at the local level, the funds have been provided to the concerned local units for the construction of their health infrastructure. The design of the hospitals to be constructed in this way will be prepared and made available by the Ministry of Health and Population. After that, the government has decided to lay the foundation stone on the hospital building of all the municipalities on 15 Mangsir 2077.


Source: https://mof.gov.np/uploads/news/file/press-release-20201019_20201019111833.pdf

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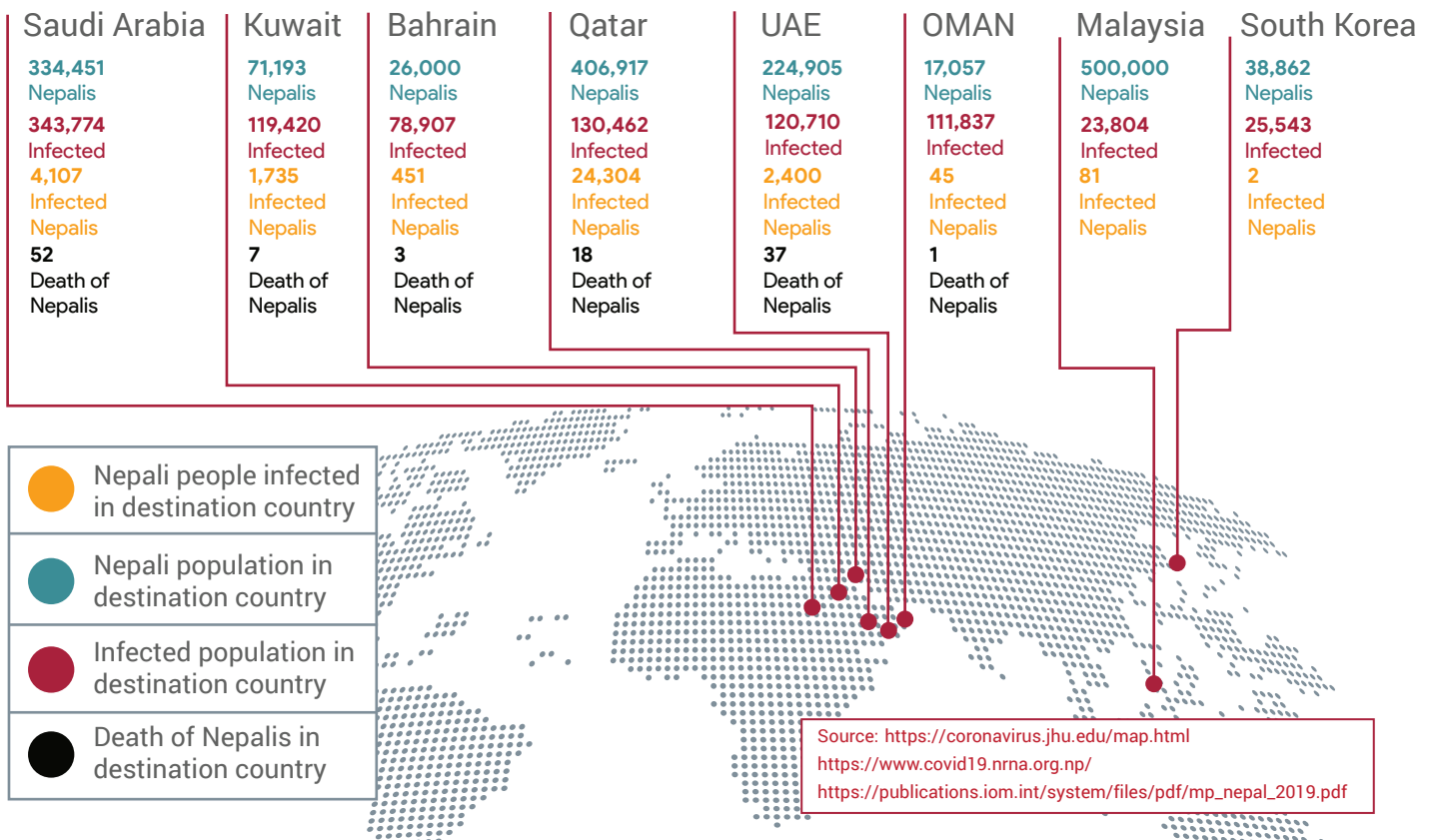
Toll-free **HOTLINE** on
COVID-19

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DIAL 32100
from your NTC simcard for accessing
all COVID-19 information for FREE

Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



ShramikSanjal

Global Village to start in the UAE

Like every year in the UAE, this time the Global Village will start from 25 October 2020 to 18 April 2021. Even though it is not as convenient as before, it will be conducted by adopting all health security measures.

Time Table:

Sunday to Wednesday from 4 PM to 12 AM

Thursday and Friday from 4 PM to 1 AM

Saturday from 2 PM to 11 PM

Since **Monday** is a family day, only families and women will be allowed to enter if there's no public holiday.

Ticket rate: 15 Dirham (it is free of cost for children below the age of 3 and those above 65)

Vacant parking isn't available this time but the vehicle no. of the personal vehicle can be registered through online for VIP Parking.

If you want to go on a Global Village journey by bus:

Bus no. 102 : Rashidiya Metro Station

Bus no. 103 : Union Metro Station

Bus no. 104 : Ghubaiba Metro Station (Bur Dubai)

Bus no. 106 : Mall of the Emirates



It has been said that it can be closed at any time if it is very crowded, so you can get information from social media and websites.

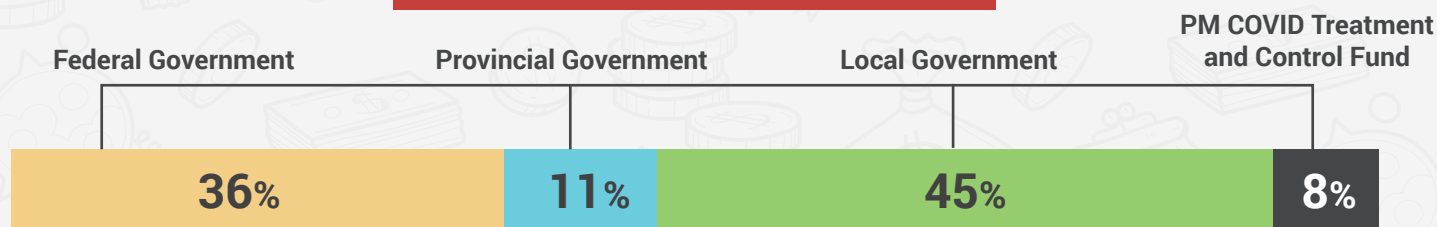
The PCR test for 150 Dirhams is also available within the Global Village.

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

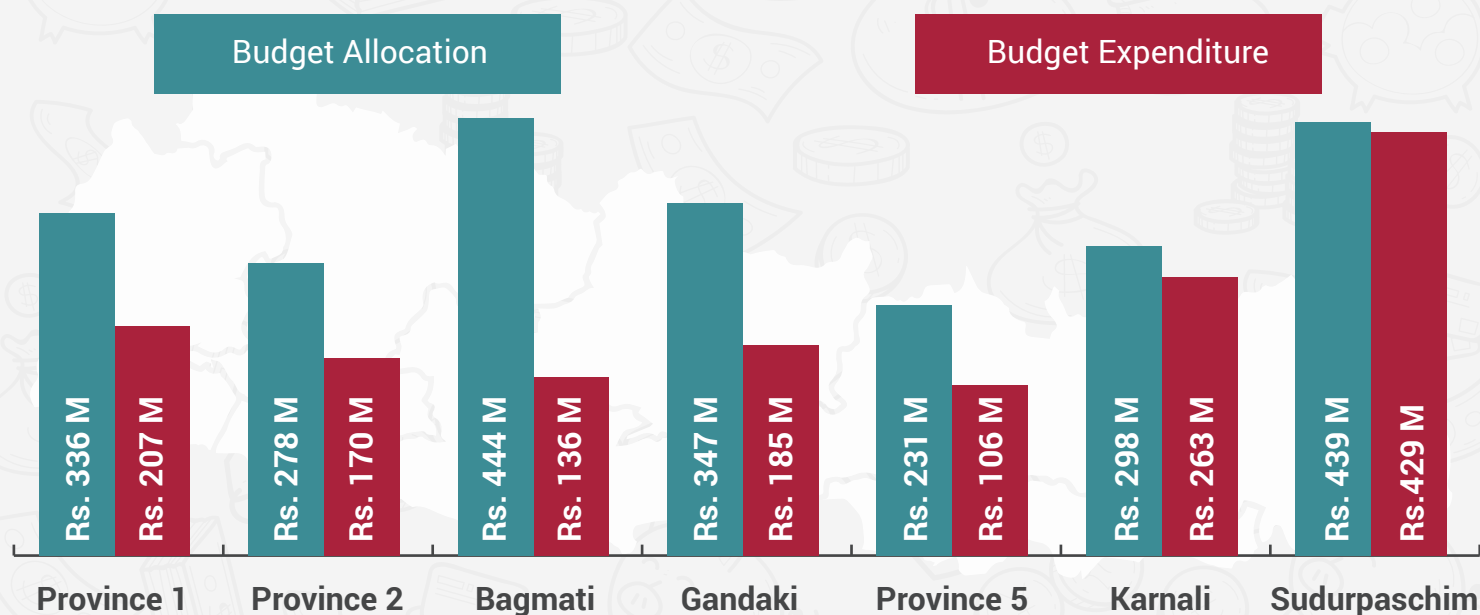


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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



Budget Allocation



Number of Beds

Gandaki Province

10 districts | 30 local government units

Rs. 237,500,000

260

Lumbini Province

12 districts | 39 local government units

Rs. 357,000,000

480

Karnali Province

10 districts | 34 local government units

Rs. 325,000,000

460

Sudurpaschim Province

9 districts | 42 local government units

Rs. 385,000,000

495

The Government of Nepal has released 13.04 Billion NRS to increase the bed capacity of health centers in Gandaki, Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces. With this effort, a total of 1695 beds will be added in 145 local governments in 41 districts of these four provinces. The investment per unit of bed constructed is the highest in Gandaki province (Rs. 913,460 per bed) as compared with other provinces (around Rs. 750,000 per bed). As capacity issues have risen more in Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces, the total number of local government units that will receive a budget to increase bed capacity is also higher in these provinces (Karnali: 43% and Sudurpaschim: 48%) than others (around 35%).

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.



Frontliners Voices



Geeta Banjara

Deputy Mayor

Panauti Municipality, Kavrepalanchowk

"Initially, as the risk of COVID-19 increased, we started a one-door process to operate a food bank. For the operation of the ambulance service which would be essential, we kept all the ambulances on alert. We conducted awareness programs at the community level about the importance of hygiene to reduce COVID-19 by discussing with the health workers. We are conducting mass testing in

communities where corona infections have been reported. At the same time, we have been timely publishing the details of the amount we have spent on COVID prevention. This has made it easier to prevent corona infection at the community level."

Deepak Ghimire

COVID focal person

Mandan Deupur Municipality, Kavrepalanchowk

"There are currently 58 active infected cases in the municipality. Many infected people in Kathmandu are living and roaming around in the villages without any information. Some of the people only inform the people's representatives, and then we get to know. They could have been kept in the isolation center of the municipality, but lack of information has created a problem. Corona infection will not go away unless the idea that prevention is the sole responsibility of health workers, security personnel and public representatives isn't erased. The local government and the federal government should create an environment in which staff working in educational institutions and government employees who do not have to go to the office regularly should at least play a role in liaising with the health department."



Yogendra Timilsina

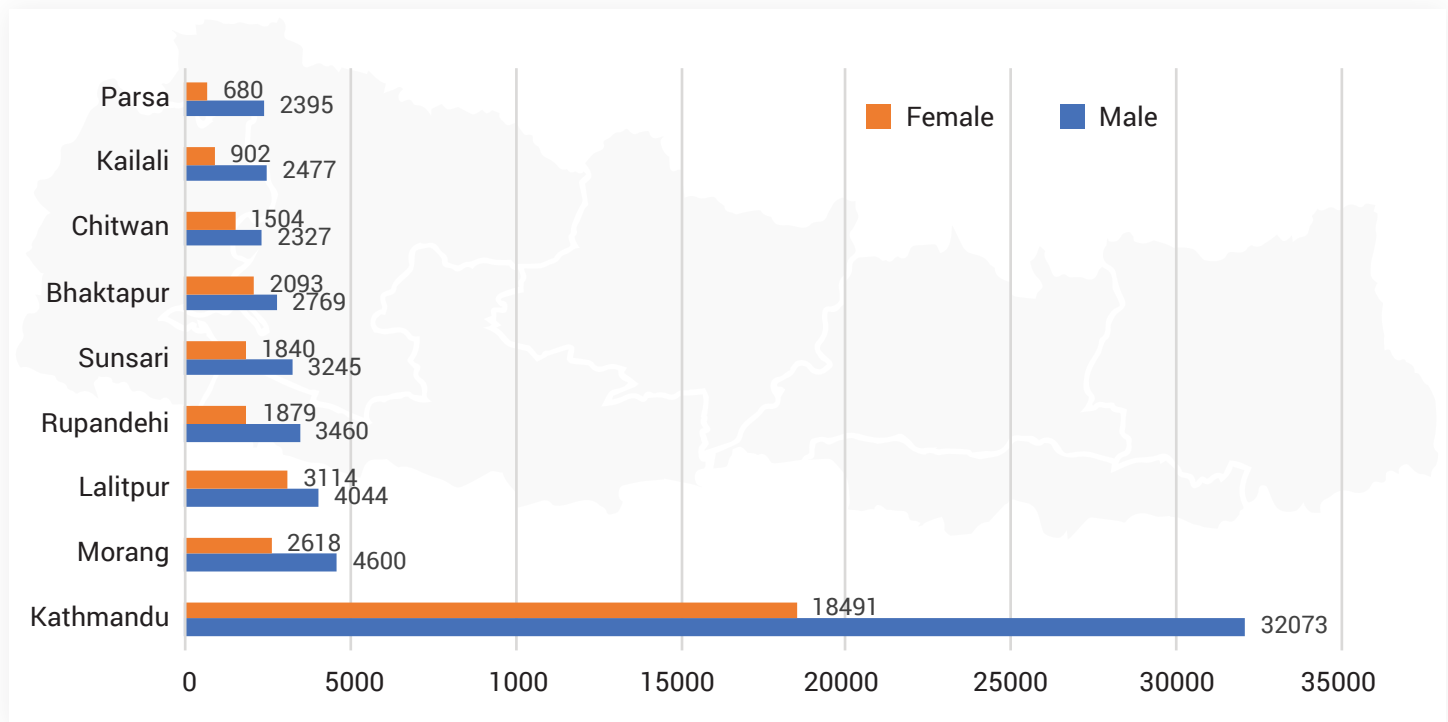
Chief and Inspector of Police Area Police Office, Banepa

"The biggest thing in COVID control is self-discipline. Banepa which is the largest city in Kavrepalanchok district is always overcrowded. We have been counselling people who do not wear masks and walk on the streets unnecessarily since the early days. In the same way, we are paying special attention to provide security at the isolation center and management of the dead body of the person who died of

COVID-19. Since the police have many other responsibilities including maintaining peace and security, road safety, etc. so in this difficult time of COVID-19, I am fulfilling my responsibility by even keeping my family aside. "

What is the government's plan to limit the infection of COVID-19 in densely populated cities?

Ten Districts With Highest Number Of Covid-19 Cases In Nepal

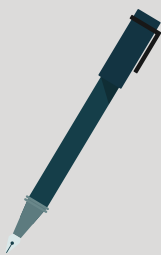


The above graph shows the districts with the highest number of COVID-19 cases in Nepal. These districts combined hold about 62 percent of total cases in Nepal. Three districts in Kathmandu valley hold about 43 percent of total cases of COVID-19. Cases in Kathmandu valley are twofold of total cases in other remaining seven districts. This shows that the risk of COVID-19 is highest in Kathmandu valley while other districts continue to have new cases. The government needs a strategic plan to limit the infection in densely populated cities like Kathmandu.

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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