

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.

Details of the expenditure incurred by Foreign Employment Board Secretariat for financial assistance up to Ashwin of the current fiscal year



Financial assistance to the families of 328 deceased workers :
NRs. 21,92,10,000



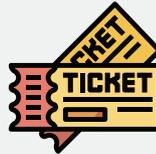
Financial assistance to the injured/sick workers :
NRs. 1,05,90,000



Amount sent to repatriate the stranded dead bodies of 7 Nepali workers :
NRs. 27,70,831



Cost of the bodies of the deceased workers transported to the home address :
NRs. 59,40,016

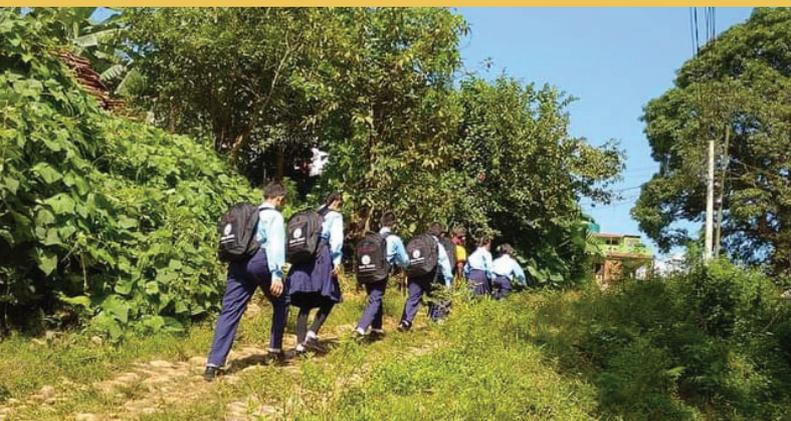


Amount sent to Malaysia for rescue/ticket of 86 stranded workers:
NRs. 30,00,000

**Total Amount:
NRs. 24,15, 10, 847**

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

Nepal Update



The students of children home run by Sewak Nepal in a queue going to their school in Ward No.8 of Mandan Deupur Municipality, Kavrepalanchok District

Photo : Keshav Raj Poudel

Tested

PCR Tested: 1,469,812
Positive: 176,500
Active: 37,524
Deaths: 984
Recovered: 137,992

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that we have to deposit a certain amount even in the government hospital now before undergoing the COVID-19 treatment.

There were news published that some of the government hospitals including Teku Hospital have issued notice claiming that the patients should pay a deposit along with daily fees beforehand as per the condition of the patients. The Ministry of Health and Population has asked for clarification from all those who have issued such notice. The Ministry of Health and Population has stated that the decision of the government to charge the capable ones and provide free treatments to those who cannot is still in place. Those who cannot pay need to fill a self-claim form and the government will provide the expenses related to the treatment.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/mohpnep/videos/685481642095524>



It is heard that the government is identifying the poor and giving them identity cards. Will the government treat corona for free on the basis of the identity cards?

No. It hasn't been said that the government will provide corona treatment for free on the basis of identity cards. Since the government is facing challenges in carrying out relief and subsidy based programs due to lack of data on the poor and deprived sections, the government has made a plan to complete the distribution of the identity cards within the current fiscal year 2077/2078 by identifying the poor households. It will be easier for the government to run relief, concession, employment, social security and other programs on the basis of identity cards in the days to come.

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



It is heard that all the updates related to COVID-19 of Sudurpaschim Province can now be obtained through mobile. What should be done for that?

All the updates of COVID-19 of Sudurpaschim Province are now available from mobile. For that, one should go to the Google Play Store of their mobile and download #SudurpaschimCovid19 Tracker app. This app can be easily downloaded by going to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details>

Source: Ministry of Social Development, Sudurpaschim Province



Do the students of the grade 12 have to be present in the schools where they are studying to appear in the examinations to be conducted from 9 Mangsir?

The candidates who are away from the district where they were studying and are unable to attend the examination in their schools due to COVID were earlier asked to submit the details of the school in the district where they are now based. The students will be able to participate in the exam on the basis of the same details. For this purpose, all three districts of Kathmandu Valley are considered as one district.

Source: <http://www.neb.gov.np/uploads/photos/CRZhu-r-Jpk201029092513.pdf>

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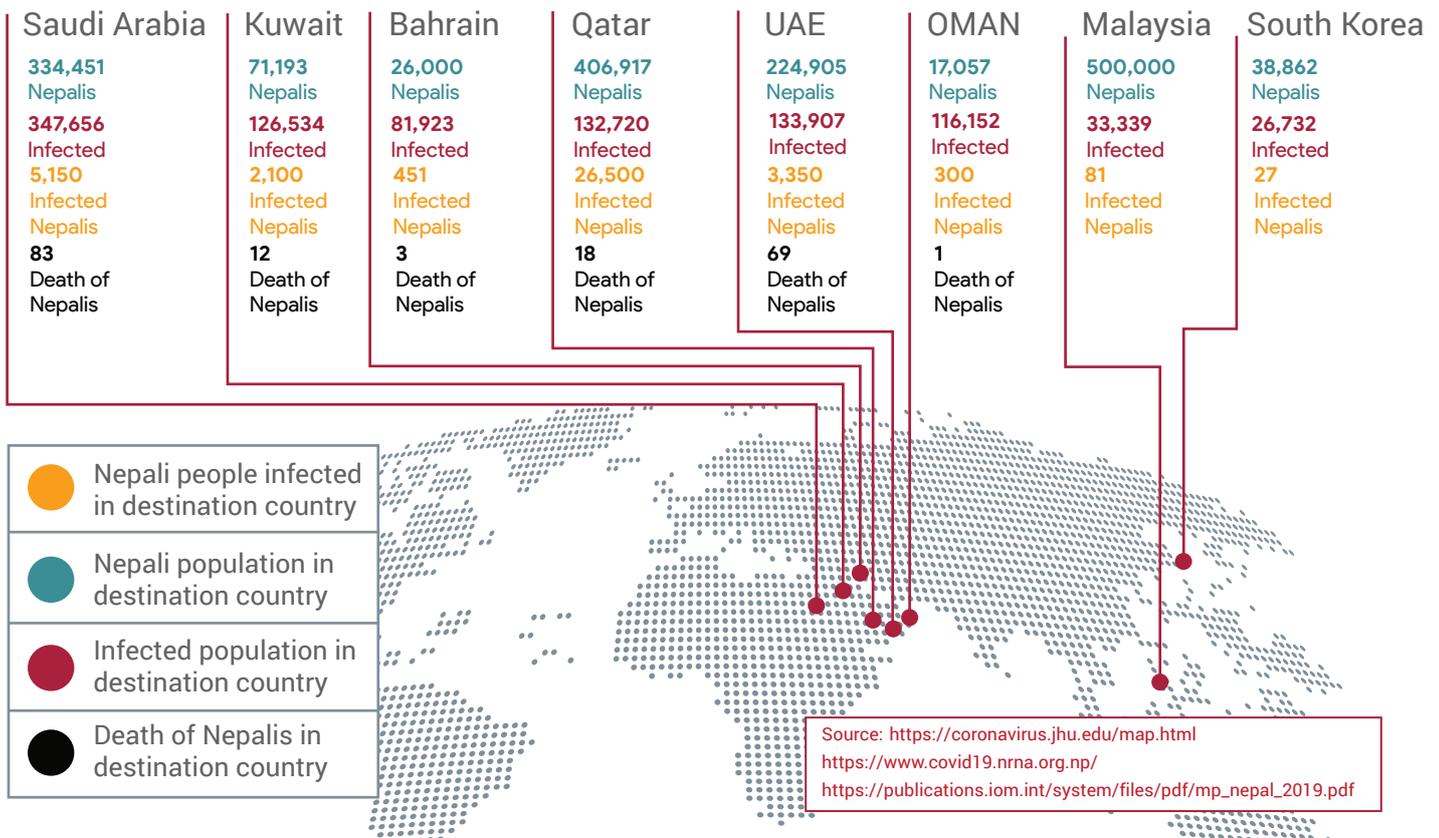
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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What should be done in the UAE if a company doesn't pay the salary?

According to the law, any company has to pay its workers as per WPS (Wages Protection System) through a bank or financial institution as per the rules. The salary should be paid within 10 days of the end of the month. If the companies do not do so, MOHRE (the institution overseeing the relations between company and worker) will take actions against the company.

Any problems related to workers including salary can be raised with MOHRE. However, a complaint filed by the worker is heard only if the company is at fault. Since many things depend on the agreement with the company, it is important to know what is in the agreement before filing a complaint.

How to file a complaint?

Via Phone: call 80060 (Any language among Hindi, Arabic and English can be spoken)

MOHRE website : www.mohre.gov.ae

Mobile application: MOHRE

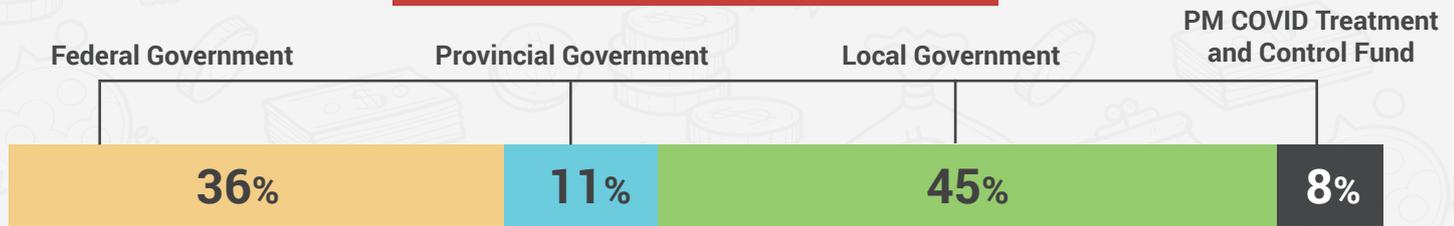
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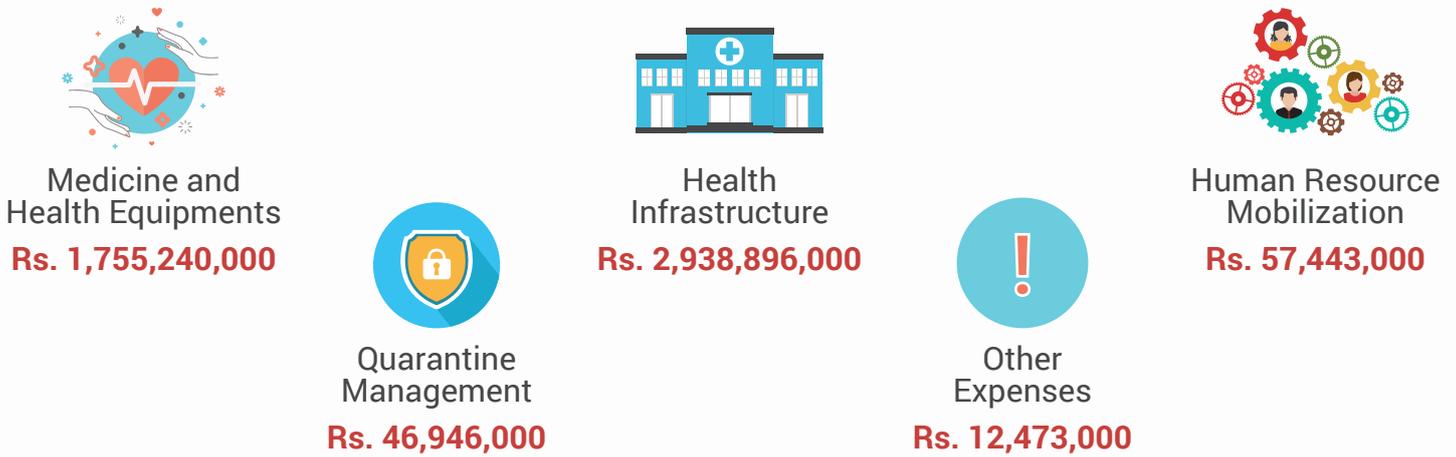
\$ Follow the Money

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

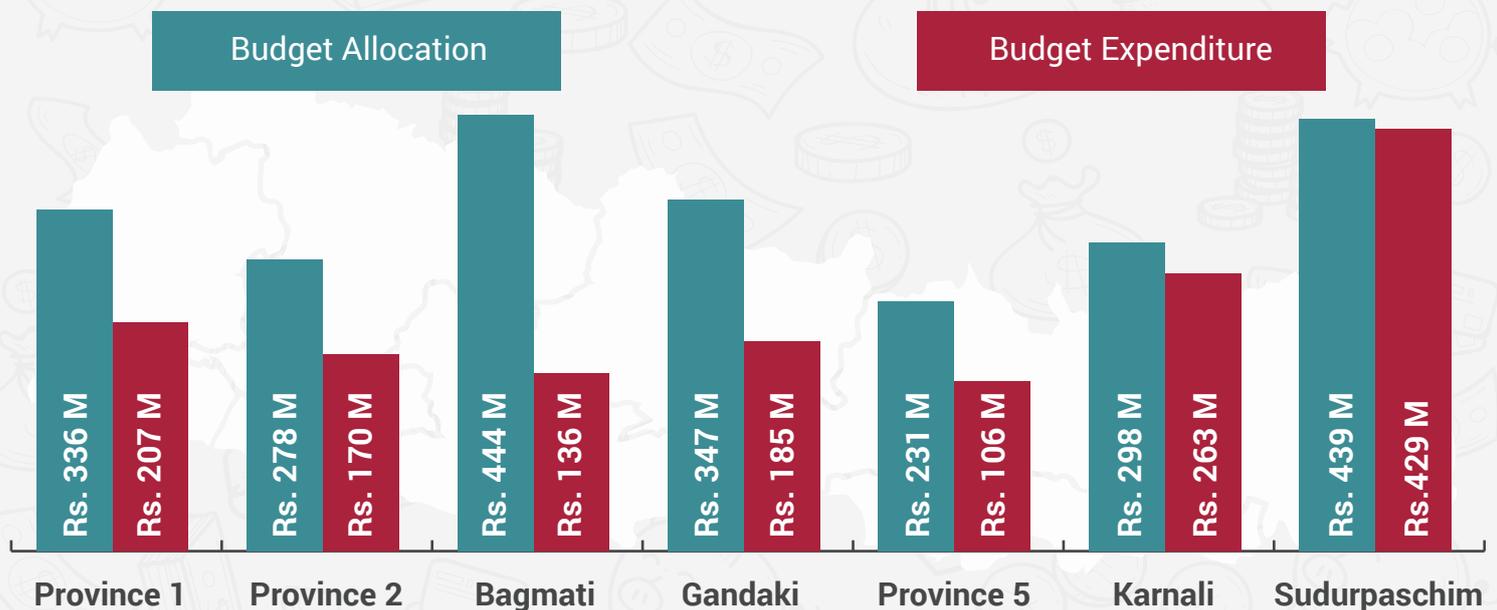
13.37 Billion NRS



Expense Headings at the Federal Government



Expense made by Provincial Government





Cost of three lakhs just to return home



I went to Dubai a few years ago for employment. My visa was valid only upto 12 Chaitra 2076. After the visa expired, I bought a ticket to return to Nepal on the 12th itself. The money for the ticket was wasted as lockdown started in Nepal. It was said the money would be returned, but it hasn't been returned yet. I stayed there for 4 months from Chaitra to 10 Shrawan 2077 at my own expense. I spent about 1 lakh 50 thousand during my stay. Hundreds of thousands earned by months of hard work there was spent just by sitting idle there.

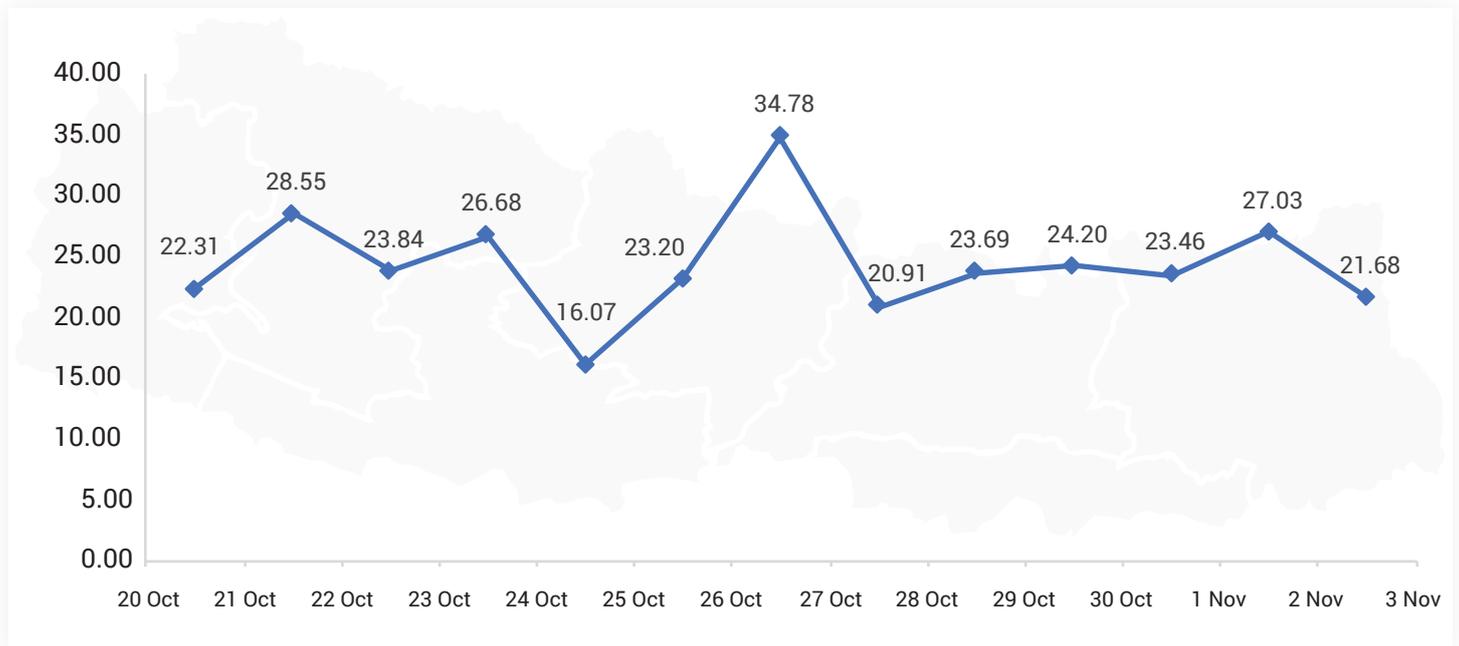
I came to Nepal on 10 Shrawan after buying a ticket worth NRs. 70,000, while the ticket worth NRs. 70,000, while the ticket would cost only NRs. 17,000 prior to that. I had to stay in Kathmandu for four days. There was no proper food and accommodation during that period. After spending about NRs. 12,000, I reached Surkhet. I stayed in a place called Subbakuna in Surkhet for one day. Then, I stayed in the quarantine at the ghantaghar in Birendranagar and went home from there. What would cost NRs. 50,000 to reach home at other times cost me 3 lakhs to reach home this time.

I am living in the village now as the situation hasn't returned to normal. There is no earning environment here. I have plans to go abroad again after the situation returns to normal. I have a compulsion to earn more this time as returning home cost me more than any other time. The local level here hasn't created a working environment for us. There are some employment-generating jobs in the municipality, but those programs are very short term. Wages aren't good either. In this case, we can't afford to stay here. I have been waiting for the situation to return to normal and apply for a visa. When will this situation compelling us to go abroad end ?

Prem Kandel

Dailekh

Percentage of Positive Cases out of Daily PCR Tests in Nepal (20 Oct - 1 Nov 2020)



The above graph shows the ratio of positive cases out of all PCR tests performed in Nepal between 20 October to 1st November 2020. Besides a couple of high and low dips, the ratio is static over this period with an average of 24 percent of cases being positive each day. This is an alarming scenario which indicates the massive transmission going on in crowded cities like Kathmandu. If the volume of tests are increased, data shows the positive ratio increases accordingly. This has two implications: first, COVID-19 shows no sign of slowdown in Nepal and second, increasing the volume of tests is the only way forward to understand the true extent of the infection.

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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