

Nepal Coronavirus CivActs Campaign

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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.

Overhead budget allocated for the operation of One Door Crisis Management Center for the Fiscal Year 2077/78

Counselling service NRs. 64,90,000

Regular meetings and reviews NRs. 22,60,000

Treatment expenses and purchase of materials NRs. 64,05,000

Essential services -Food, clothes and waiting person NRs. 12,50,000

Additional facility NRs. 13,00,000

Transportation cost NRs. 15,00,000

Referral expenses NRs. 9,10,000

Rescue and rehabilitation NRs. 50,30,000

Office expenses (telephone, mobile, recharge, stationery) NRs. 7,00,000

Establishment expenses (new OCMC)

NRs. 5,00,000

Promotional and resistant NRs. 8,05,000

Total NRS. 29,00,00,000

Source: https://cutt.ly/8gFuwXA

Nepal Update



Nepalis going to India in search of employment in queue

Photo : Lok Bahadur Gharti Magar



Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the government has directed the insurance companies to pay the corona insurance claim within seven days. Is there any further information on this matter?

The Ministry of Finance has directed the insurance companies to pay the insurance amount of the insured individual within a week as per the Corona Insurance Policy issued by the Insurance Committee. The Ministry has asked the insurance company to pay the amount within a week after the PCR test report of the insured individual confirms positive. The Insurance Committee has been asked to coordinate and monitor this work and submit a daily report of the claim payment to the Ministry of Finance.

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



It is said that the students can appear in the exams of Tribhuvan University from any place convenient to them. What should the students do for this? The students should go to the Examination Controller Office, Balkhu's website www.tuexam.edu.np and fill the form to appear in the exams from any place convenient to them. For this, as per the given instructions; an MRP photo of 300 to 400 KB, photo of citizenship and if the student wants to give exams from a district other than the one he/she have obtained citizenship from, then a photo of the recommendation of the local level of the district where he/she is currently residing should be submitted. After that, the student should keep the screenshot or print of the admission card. The Examination Controller Office after verifying the form will inform whether or not the center has been changed.

Source: https://tuexam.edu.np/search-triplicate-details



It is heard that the
Foreign Employment
Board is providing a
consolation amount to
the family members of
those migrants who
died abroad due to
corona. What kind of
documents are
required for it?

he Foreign Employment Board has promised to provide NRs. 50,000 as a consolation to the family members of those migrants who lost their lives abroad due to corona. For this, a copy of the deceased's labor permit, a copy of the passport, a copy of the deceased's citizenship, a letter of cremation from the concerned Embassy (NOC), a letter of identification from the local body, a letter of consent given by local body for cremation, and a proof of the concerned person's citizenship number and a proof of the bank account number of the right holder certified by an "A" grade bank or local unit should be collected and submitted in the email address of Foreign Employment Board Secretariat info@fepb.gov.np.

Source: http://fepb.gov.np/extra_upload/5f9fb50d2902e_santonarahat.pdf



It is heard that a reintegration procedure has been introduced to uplift the economic status of the youths returning to Nepal from foreign employment. What kind of programs are in it?

With the purpose of social and economic reintegration of the workers who have returned to Nepal from foreign employment due to problems including COVID-19, the draft of Reintegration Procedure (Operation and Management), 2077 has been presented in the meeting of the Board. The program will be implemented only after it is decided in the next meeting of the Board and is agreed upon at the policy level by the Ministry.

Source: https://cutt.ly/igDsG5f

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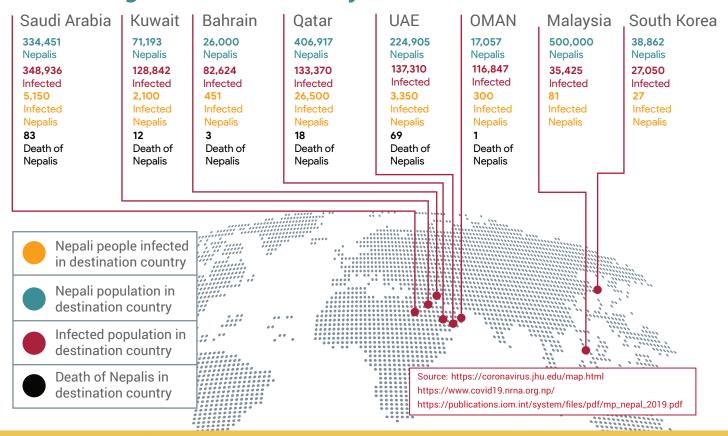
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



Shramik Sanjal

Saudi Arabia to introduce liberal policy to attract foreign workers



Saudi Arabia is liberalizing its policies to attract skilled workers and expand its employment sector. The country is said to have considered the policy to align with the 2030 development principles.

Benefits to the workers after the rule is implemented:

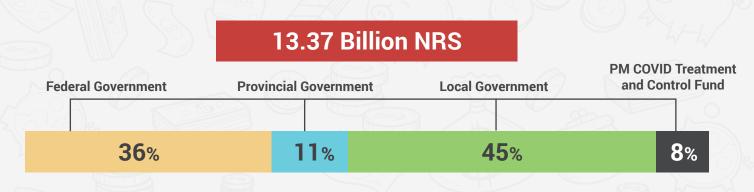
- You don't need to get an Exit Visa to go outside the country. It will be approved beforehand.
- The company can be changed, but other rules have to be followed for this.
- The Saudi government will use mobile applications and websites for all these processes.



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\$ Follow the Money

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



Expense Headings at the Federal Government







Health Infrastructure Rs. 2,938,896,000

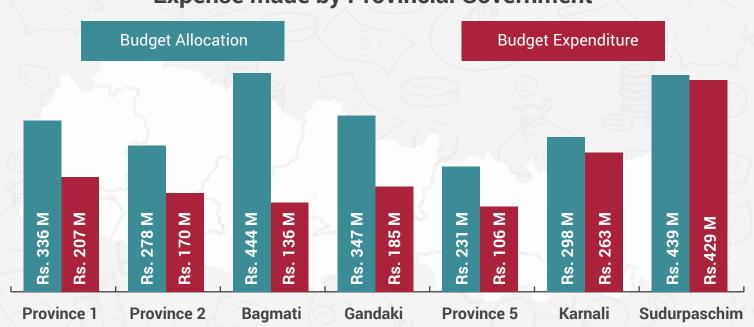


Other Expenses Human Resource Mobilization

Rs. 57,443,000

Rs. 12,473,000

Expense made by Provincial Government





Ghanshyam Bhandari

Chairperson Dullu Municipality, Dailekh

"The first person to die of corona in the entire Karnali Province was in our municipality. Meanwhile, 3,500 citizens from India and other countries entered the municipality at once which caused a huge challenge in the management. Now the situation has eased. The municipality has made a recovery plan. The development works are being carried out in 4 wards by forming a group of 60-60 individuals

who have returned from abroad. We have already made arrangements to send the money directly to the account of 180 youths for their work. We are giving high priority to the people returning from foreign employment in every opportunity we get from the municipality."

Tara Shahi Khatri

Deputy- Chairperson Chamunda brindasaini Municipality, Dailekh

"We have allocated funds to work through various partnership funds for the employment of youths who have returned to the municipality from abroad due to the threat of coronavirus. We have received the amount with instructions to create 90 entrepreneurs through small and cottage industries. We will include those who have returned from foreign employment in this program as well. We have made arrangements in the policies, programs and budgets to



create opportunities for the foreign employment returnees and we are also planning to create direct employment by mobilizing them in the development works."



Mukti Adhikari

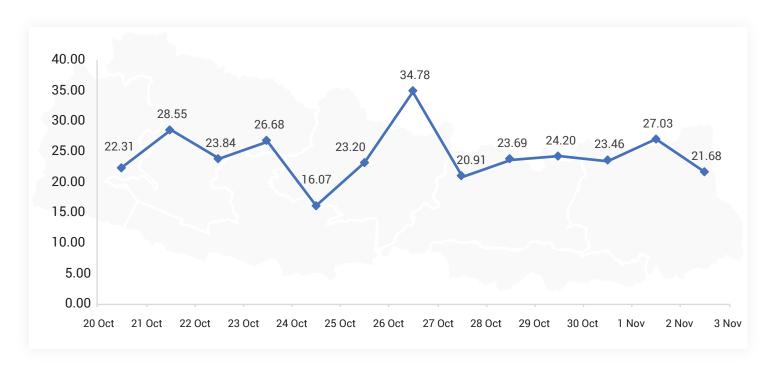
Chairperson Patkhauli Health Post, Rupandehi

"As a health worker, I have been working continuously since the beginning of the lockdown. We initially experienced a lot of fear and hassle while trying to find and collect data of those who secretly returned from the border points and hid in their house. We conducted regular health checkups of the ones kept in quarantine and operated regular fever clinics. There are 7 employees in the health post.

No one has been infected yet. We have also given continuity to the regular vaccination program. We advise the service seekers who come to the health post without wearing masks to wear masks and maintain distance. The locals who used to initially run after seeing the health workers now come to us with their problems."

How bad is the COVID-19 infection rate in Nepal?

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

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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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