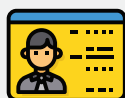


The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm.

## Some new rules and provisions regarding COVID-19

1. In case of those going abroad, the COVID-19 test will be conducted only by Nepal Government's Level "A" laboratory and biometric or other similar systems will be implemented to identify such individuals.



2. The individuals giving the samples for testing should mandatorily verify the identity cards issued by the Government of Nepal.

3. In case of all those who come to Nepal from abroad via land or air will be mandatorily kept in quarantine for 14 days and will be tested only if symptoms are seen during that period.



4. All the PCR testing laboratories for COVID-19 should store the samples confirmed negative during PCR testing for up to 1 month and for samples confirmed positive up to 3 months.

5. Until now only the positive or negative report of the COVID-19 test was being provided, but from now onwards, even if the inclusive report is received, it will also be considered as positive.



Source: <https://cutt.ly/chtGxG2>

## Nepal Update



Despite the coronavirus crisis, Dhara Marathon has been concluded in Nepalgunj

Photo : Lok Bahadur Gharti

### Tested

PCR Tested: 1,670,456

Positive: 222,288

Active: 18,884

Deaths: 1337

Recovered: 202,067

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

# Rumors & Facts



Will the government bear all the expenses of the individuals returning to Nepal after receiving amnesty abroad?

The government will bear hundred percent of the cost of the air ticket for the workers in the repatriation center who were imprisoned during the period of labor permit and have been granted amnesty now from the Foreign Employment Welfare Fund. Besides them, the other Nepalis who have been granted amnesty should arrange expenses for their return themselves.

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



The news are reporting that the government will provide business loans. Who will get these loans?

The government will provide loans at low-interest rates to the domestic, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and tourism businesses affected by COVID-19 to continue their business and to pay the wages of their workers and employees. For this, it has been decided that the information of the application for loan disbursement will be published from 10 Mangsir, 2077 BS.

Source: [https://mof.gov.np/uploads/news/file/Press%20Release\\_20201120113704.pdf](https://mof.gov.np/uploads/news/file/Press%20Release_20201120113704.pdf)



Is it because the government hasn't paid the required salary and allowance to the employees working for the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19, the number of employees seeking transfer elsewhere has increased?

The Ministry of Health and Population has issued circulars to all the Chief Ministers and Council of Ministers' Offices and all local levels to re-employ the staff assigned for prevention, control and treatment of Covid-19 and to pay their salaries and allowances.

Source: [https://mohp.gov.np/attachments/article/647/convert-jpg-to-pdf.net\\_2020-11-22\\_10-06-01.pdf](https://mohp.gov.np/attachments/article/647/convert-jpg-to-pdf.net_2020-11-22_10-06-01.pdf)



The party palaces in the capital seem to be running smoothly at the moment? Has the government really provided permission?

As per the decisions made by the Council of Ministers of the Nepal Government on different dates, the operation of crowded places like the party palace has been banned for time being. The administration office has requested all to refrain from carrying out such prohibited activities which are being seen taking place against the decisions. If such prohibited acts are found, action will be taken in accordance with the Infectious Diseases Act and the Local Administration Act.


Source: <https://daokathmandu.moha.gov.np/public/upload/>

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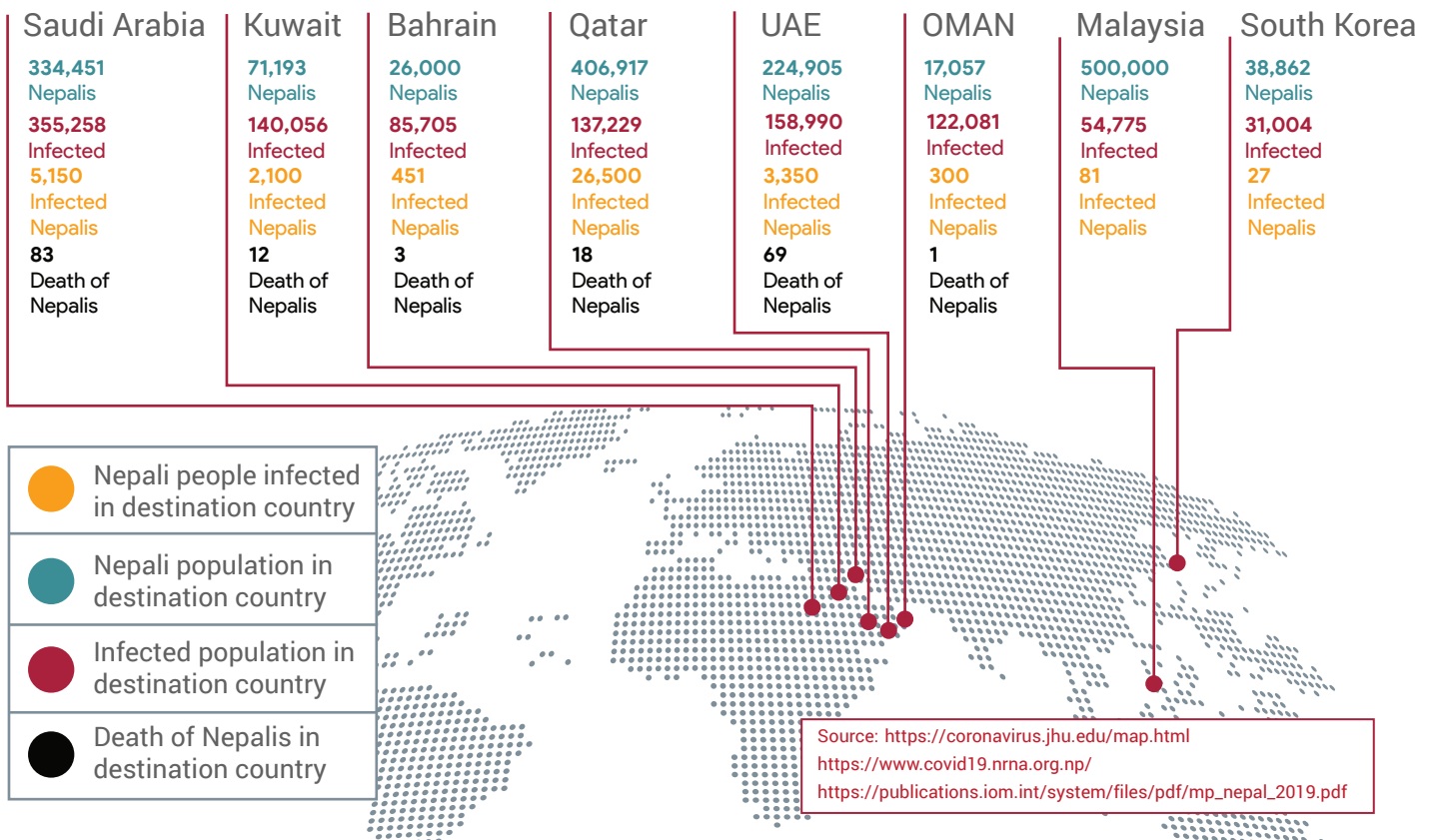
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# Open Migration

## Migrant workers in major destination countries



**ShramikSanjal**

**A temporary office to be established in Saudi Arabia to renew passports**

For the workers living in Saudi Arabia with need to renew their passports, it has been said that an office will be set up in places far from Riyadh for convenience as the Nepal Embassy in Riyadh is far in terms of distance.

### Cities where the temporary office will be set up and their date of operation

1. Dammam - 4 December 2020, Friday
2. Jubel - 11 December 2020, Friday



*The information about the place and date for the set up of the temporary office will be announced later.*

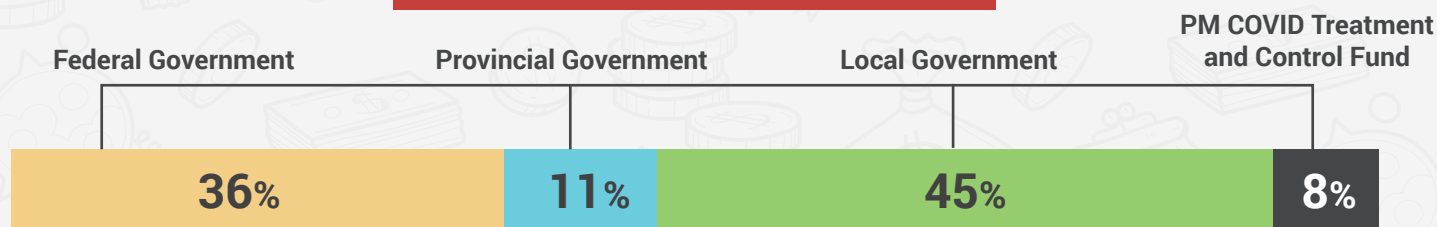
- Photographs, fingerprints, signatures, etc will be collected at these places
- Those who are yet to fill up the online form for passport renewal can fill up the online form at <https://forms.gle/pryfMdChxs2QHCPi6> by themselves or with the help of their friends as soon as possible.
- The fees for passport renewal is 200 riyals and for lost or damaged passports is 400 riyals. In case the passport has been lost, the person should be present with the police report, company letter, photocopy of the old passport and other documents.

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

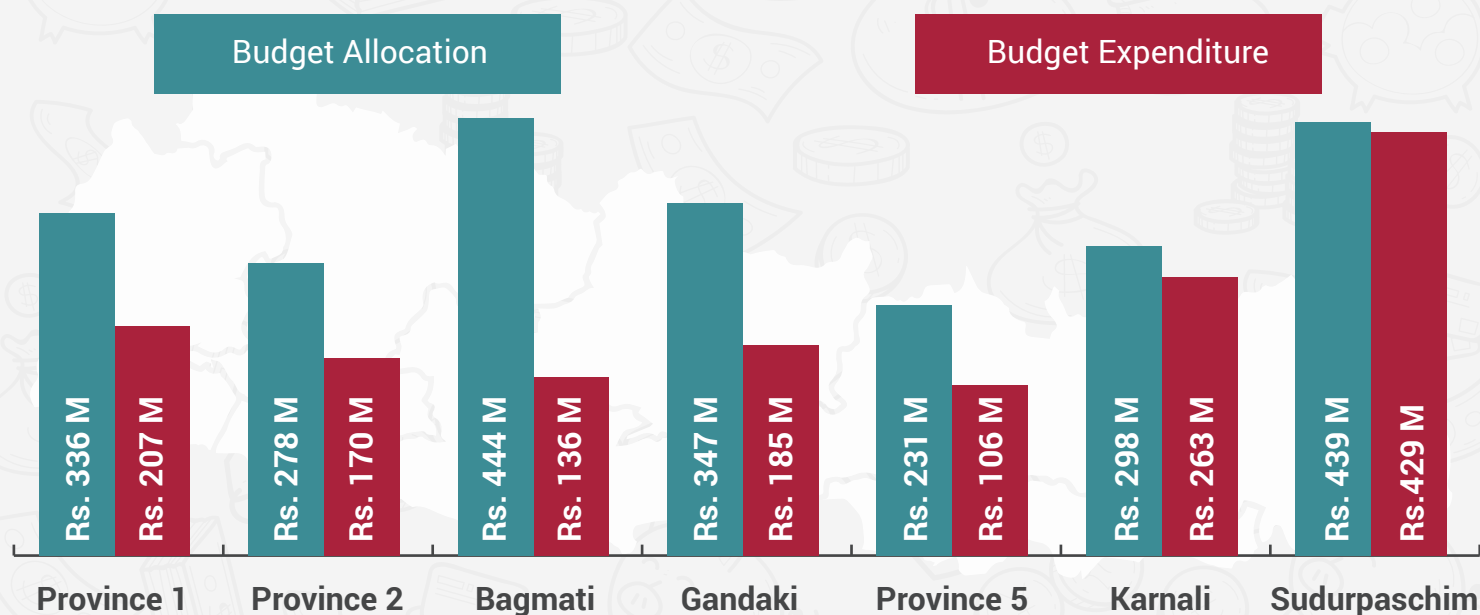


Other Expenses  
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization  
Rs. 57,443,000

## Expense made by Provincial Government







## Frontliners Voices



### Gagan Si. Sunar

Chairperson, Lekbesi Municipality Surkhet

"Many citizens have returned to our municipality from India and other nations. If we become able to utilize skilled manpower among those who have returned within the local level, we will be able to fulfill the needs of the municipality. Along with that we already have economical challenges. We are not in a situation where we can provide employment to a large number of returnee migrants and hold them here. But a total of 2 crores i.e., 1 crore from the central level and 1 crore from municipality have been allocated for goat

rearing as a business. The Prime Minister's and the Chief Minister's Employment program too prioritizes returnee migrant workers. However, the sad thing is that even in this situation, those who have returned from India still plead with us to create a favourable environment for working in India."

### Shanti Chhantyal

Deputy Chairperson, Lekbesi Municipality Surkhet

"Many youths who have returned from foreign employment because of COVID-19 have now embraced agriculture. They are providing evidence that one does not have to go abroad and can do many things through agriculture. Many youths who have returned from foreign employment come to us to seek suggestions regarding "What to do?", "How to do?", etc. We reply to them saying that the local level is suitable for agriculture and animal husbandry. We have differentiated different pocket areas in agriculture to work for those who have returned from foreign countries. We work prioritizing youth who have returned from foreign countries and their family."



### Sharmila Chhatkuli

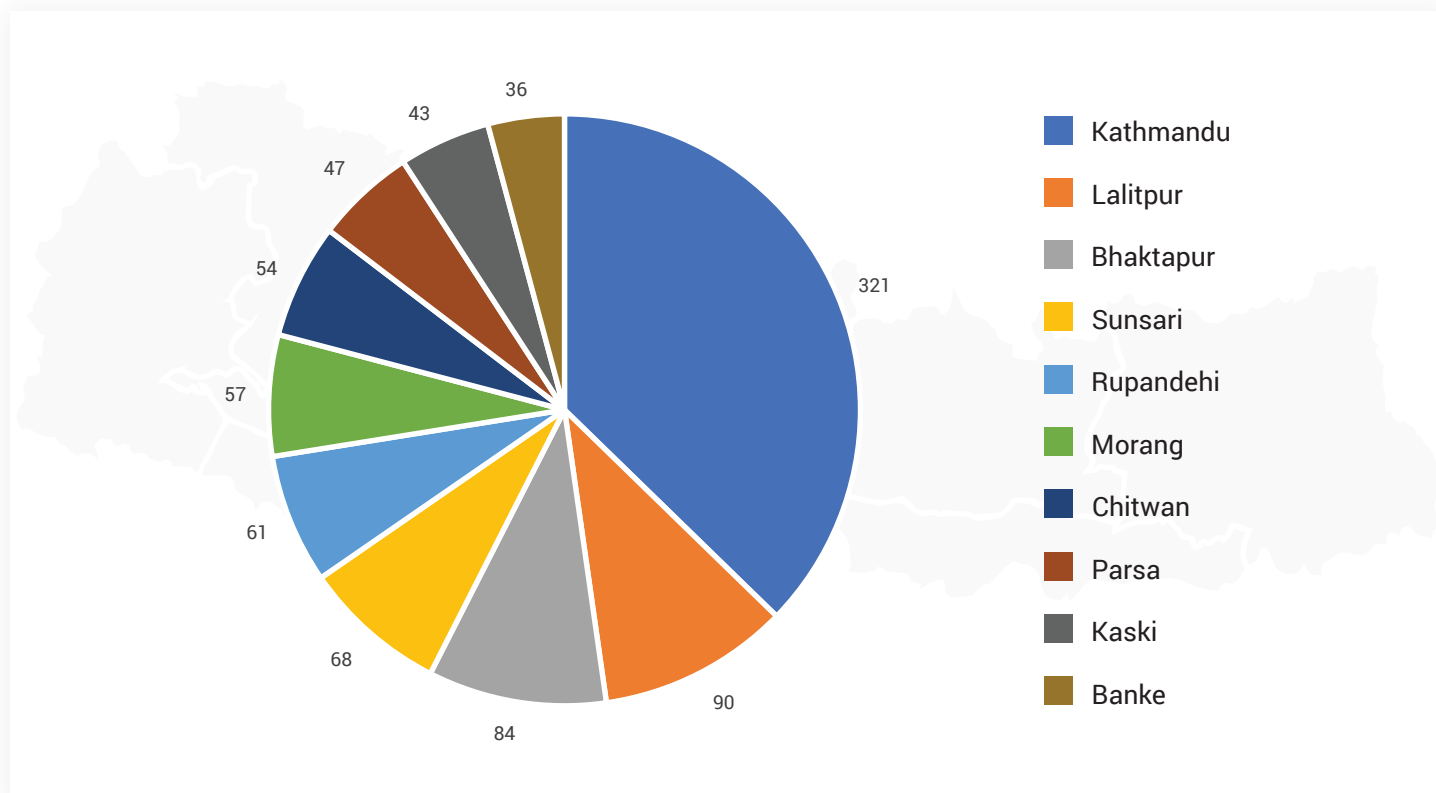
ANM, Salbas Health Post, Jwalamukhi-6, Dhading

"After I had fever, headache, throat and body pain I stayed in quarantine. When my condition did not improve, I was referred to Kathmandu. Bir Hospital doubted me of having COVID-19 and did not admit me in the hospital. Then I was admitted to the emergency ward of the Teaching Hospital. There was no I.C.U at the teaching hospital, so I went to Man Mohan Hospital. I returned to teaching again. After 1 day, the COVID-19 result came to be negative and I was discharged. After I had reached home, COVID-19 test report of my

father and my husband who had taken me to hospital was positive. My test report showed positive too. Now I am fine. But I feel very sad because any patients do not get quick treatment because of COVID-19 and the way COVID-19 patients are viewed differently. If this is the condition of a health worker, what will be the condition of the public?"

# Increasing Death-rates in Nepal

## Ten Districts with Highest Deaths due to COVID-19 in Nepal



The above graph shows the districts with the highest number of deaths because of COVID-19 in Nepal. These districts combined contribute to 65 percent of total deaths in Nepal while the districts within Kathmandu valley (Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur) alone contribute to more than one-third of all deaths. Kathmandu valley and the districts in this ranking are relatively well-facilitated and yet, the spread of COVID-19 seems more severe and widespread in these districts with more number of deaths. What are the government's plans to control this scenario?

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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