

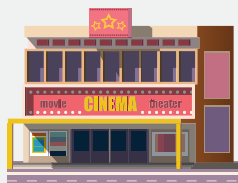
The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus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

New decisions made by Ministry of Health and Population regarding COVID-19

Those services and works that the government earlier decided to close will now be strictly closed for another 15 days. The decisions on the existing public health standards will be reviewed only after looking at the situation for the next 15 days.

Businesses that aren't open yet

- Cinema Halls
- Night businesses
- Institutions and businesses that attract large number of people and violate public health standards



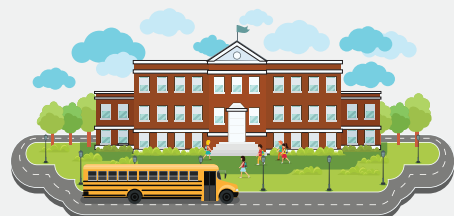
Activities that aren't allowed to be conducted

- Seminar and conferences
- Protests/rallies
- Sit-in
- Siege



What should be done at schools?

When schools are opened after the month of Mangsir, only those from the places where there are a small number of students will be opened by strictly adhering to the public health standards.



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Nepal Update



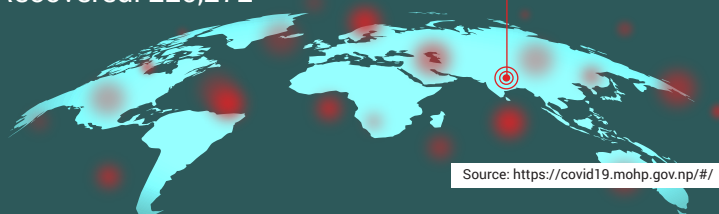
Founding stone being laid for 10-bed hospital in Bhumlu Rural Municipality, at the time when the founding stones for hospitals are being laid together in 396 local units

Photo : Keshav Raj Poudel

Tested

PCR Tested: 1,763,919
Positive: 237,689
Active: 15,766
Deaths: 1551
Recovered: 220,272

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

Rumors & Facts



It is said that those who have done corona insurance in Nepal, but are now living abroad can't claim corona insurance if confirmed positive for the infection?

Yes, the policy is applicable only if the corona insured lives within Nepal. The insurance policy becomes inactive if the insured is out of Nepal. In cases where the insured has returned to Nepal from abroad, the insurance policy is applied automatically only after he/she stays in quarantine for 15 days and stays with family for another 15 days. This means that even if Nepalis who have gone abroad with insurance confirm positive for corona infection, he/she will not be able to claim insurance.

Source: <http://nib.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Circular-6-2077.078.pdf>



Where should the Nepalis who go aboard for labor on a visit visa complaint if they are cheated abroad?

The Department of Foreign Employment is the official body to reach out to if any Nepali worker is cheated abroad. However, even the Foreign Employment Act 2064 also doesn't cover the services, conditions and facilities of the individuals who go abroad on visit visa illegally for labor. If the individual faces physical and mental violence or faces a legal complication in the destination country, then the individual oneself will be responsible. Therefore, the Department of Foreign Employment has requested everyone not to go for foreign employment through illegal procedure.

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



It is heard that the online form for the driver license exam has been opened.

As the risk of corona infection has not minimized yet, no decision has been taken regarding the driver's license test. As this is the responsibility of the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure Development of each province and the transport office under it, the Department of Transport management has issued a notice requesting the public to contact the concerned ministry for more information. Detailed information about the contact person and contact number are mentioned in the link below.

Source: https://www.dotm.gov.np/Files/NoticePDF/Onlinelicenseformnotice2020-12-02_02-27-29-672.jpg



The government has requested not to open the party palace because of the crowd, but hundreds of people are protesting and chanting slogans in the streets of Kathmandu. Won't the government do anything to them?

The District Administration Office, Kathmandu has said that it will take this matter seriously. The agency has said in a press release that such activities would be strictly monitored and if anybody is found conducting such activities, action will be taken against them as per the Administration Act and the Infectious Disease Act.


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

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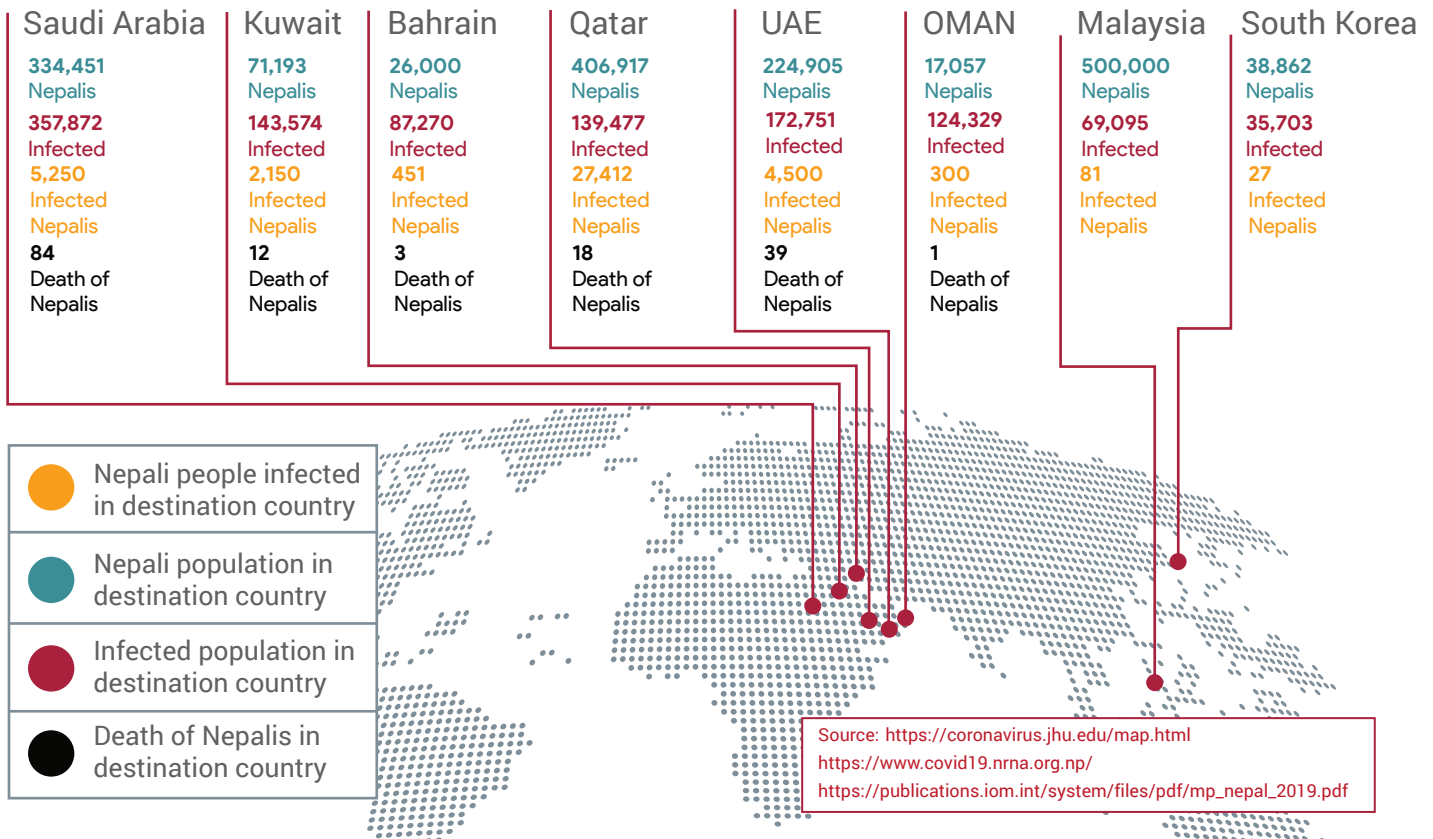
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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News related to UAE and Kuwait

UAE

- 49th National Day was celebrated in UAE
- No, fine would be charged to those whose VISA have expired before March 2020, if they leave the country by December 31.
- If you are out of the UAE and want to know if you have a travel ban or not then you have to take help of a lawyer in UAE.
- A new camera has been fitted in Emirates road of Sharjah. The camera would capture your photo if you change the lane without the side light indication. You will be charged with 1,000 Dirham and 4 black points for this mistake.
- If you are going to any government offices in UAE, be careful about following things
 1. You should not wear any dress that is above your knee.
 2. You are not allowed to take a photo inside the office or on the office premise.
 3. Smoking is prohibited.
 4. You are not allowed to take any pets to the office.

Kuwait

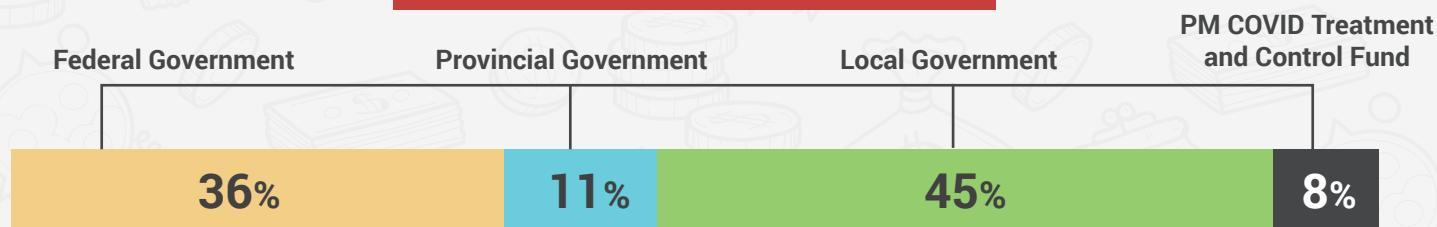
- Only a month is left for those who have stayed in Kuwait illegally to complete the procedure of being legal.
- Preparation to bring back the domestic worker who have been on leave will begin from December 7.

You can listen to our Facebook live at 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

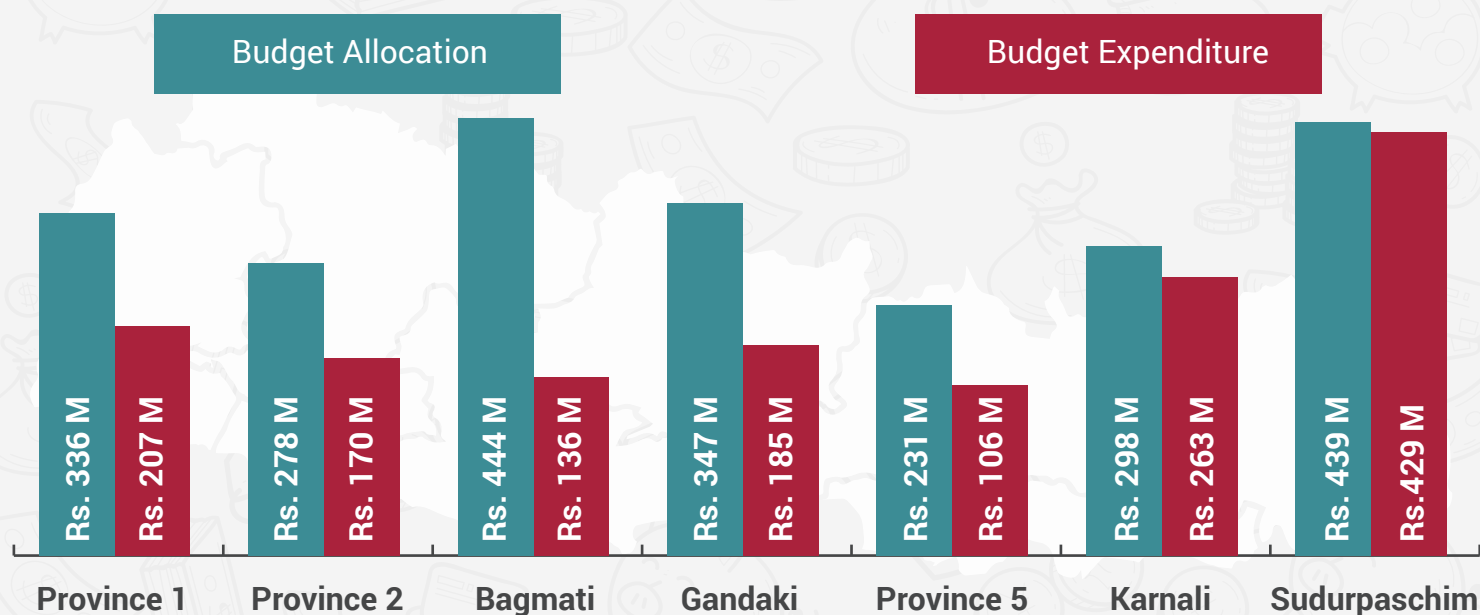


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



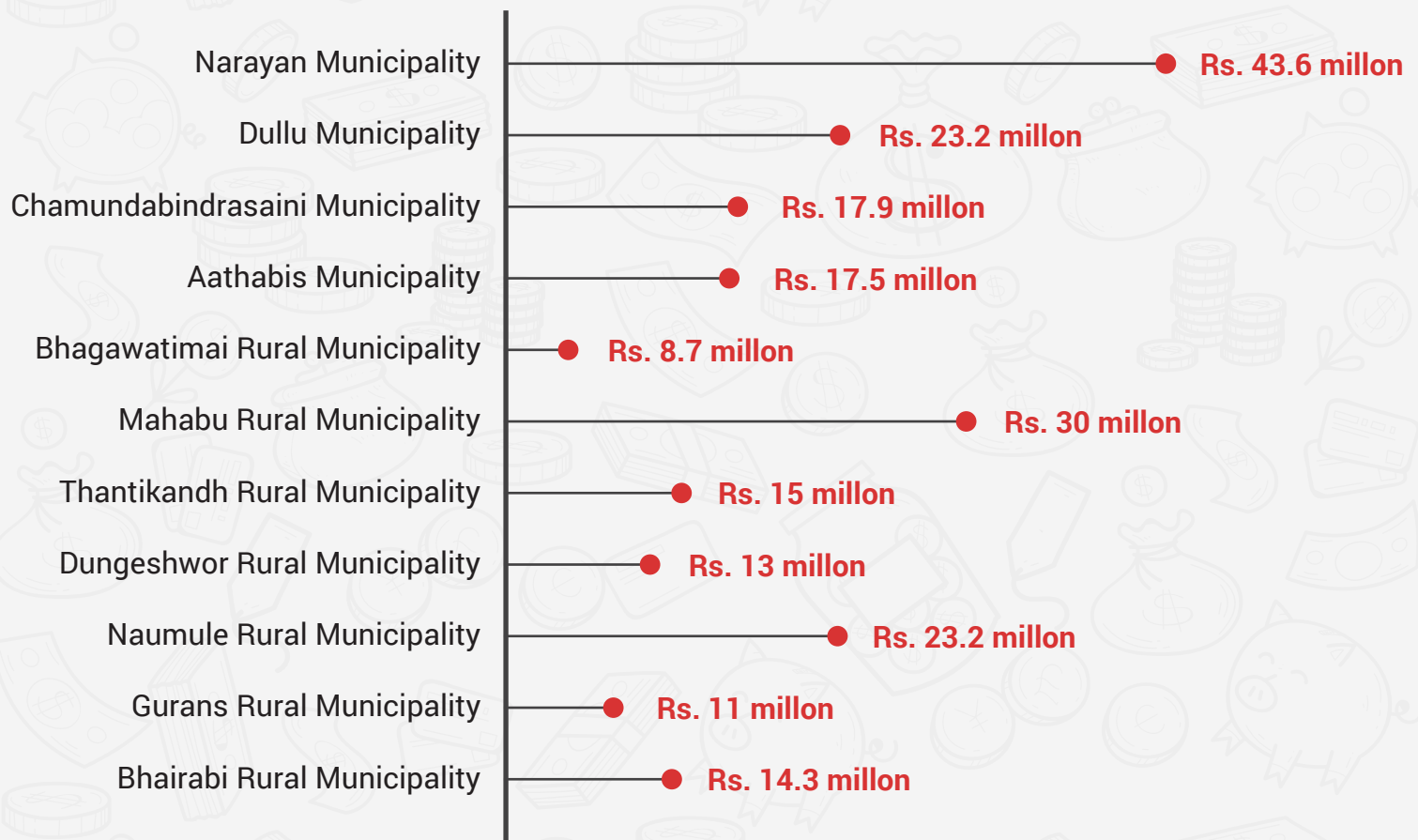
Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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Expenses made by local units in Dailekh District for corona prevention, control and response till Ashoj 2077



Local units all over Nepal have started to track and manage their expense on corona prevention, control and response and the Accountability Lab is collecting these data to publish them in supporting government for financial transparency.

The 11 local units within Dailekh District have collectively spent 217.4 million NRS in corona prevention, control and response. The municipalities understandably have higher expenses than rural municipalities, except Mahabu Rural Municipality and Naumule Rural Municipality. We will be publishing the details of expenditure from these local units in the forthcoming issues to analyze the expenses made by the local units.

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.



If I get help I will start a business using my skill, here in Nepal.



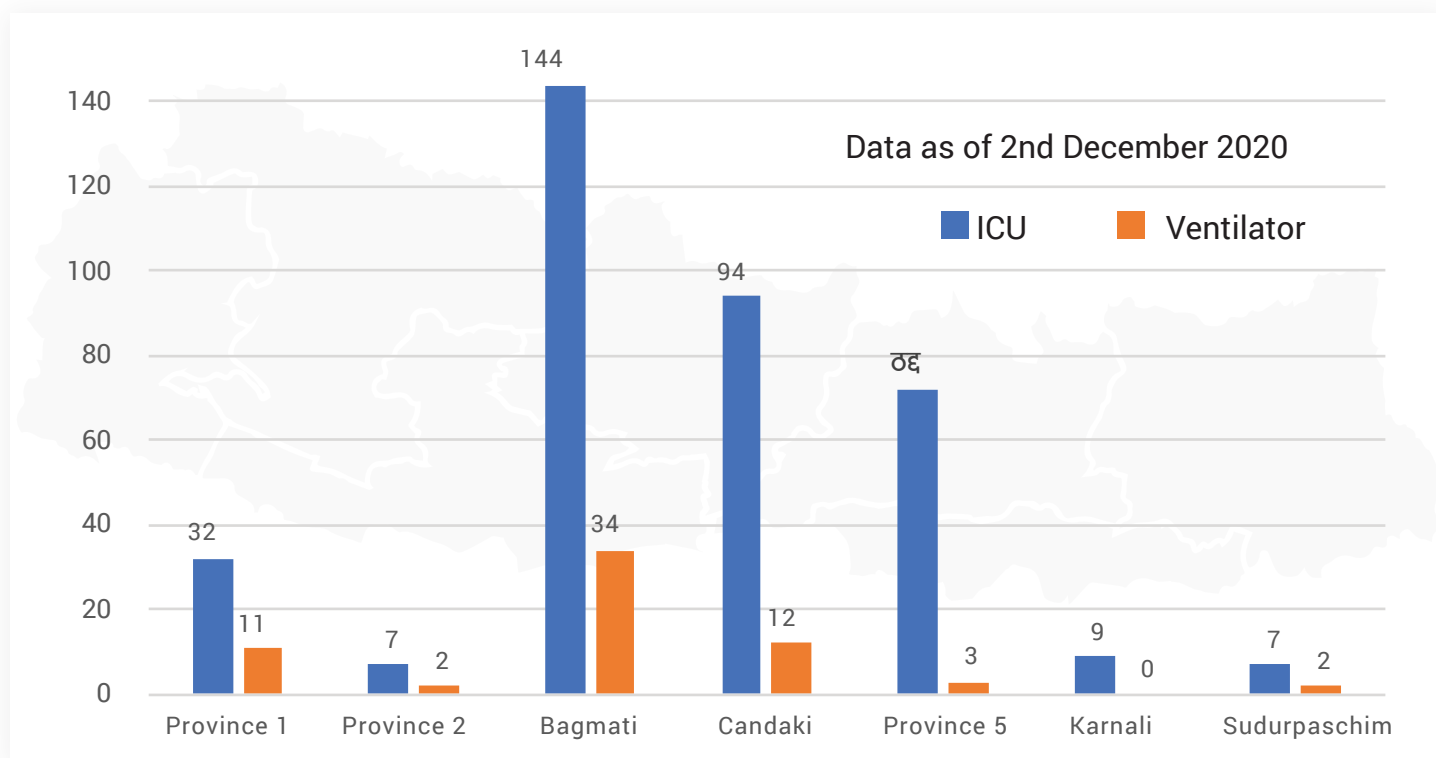
Kusmakhar Pandey who is the inhabitant of Devdaha municipality, ward 3, Rupandehi went to Saudi Arabia in 2014 after completing SLC. As the financial status of his house was weak, he was more interested in earning money than studying. He started working in the AC Company and showroom in Saudi Arabia. He earned around one thousand -12 hundred Riyal per month. After working for 2 years he returned to Nepal in 2016.

Kusmakhar who was born in 2049 B.S (1992/93) has a mother and wife at home. As it became difficult for his family to even manage two meals he again planned to go abroad. This time he had a different plan. He decided to go Dubai on a visit visa for 3 month and search for a job there, as earning is less when one goes through a manpower. As per the plan he went to Dubai in 2075 (2018/19). There he got a job in a 5 star hotel. He started earning twelve hundred Dirham which sums up to Nepali rupee thirty six thousand. In addition to that the charge of lodging and food was borne by the hotel itself. Kusmakhar worked for 14 months and returned to Nepal on holiday.

After staying a month here he went back to Dubai in February. Within one month of his return, the COVID-19 pandemic started creating panic there. Lockdown in Dubai started from March. After the lockdown the hotel business slowed down. During this time the hotel did not ask him to return to Nepal but only gave him 2 hundred 50 Dirham (who once used to earn twelve hundred.). This continued for 8 months. Kusmakhar decided to return to Nepal when the hotel (in last October) decided that they now cannot provide the job and are ready to transfer VISA. He returned home after the company managed for the ticket. At present, he has to search for a loan for his 3 member family to survive. He is afraid that all that he has might go to drain if he cannot pay the high interest of the sum. But he has no other option left. He has started a process for a loan in the bank. He doesn't want to go abroad for employment if he finds a job here as per his skills. He says that if he gets help or aid he would start a business here based on his skills.

Severity of COVID-19 Cases in Nepal

COVID-19 Cases in ICU and Ventilators in Different Provinces

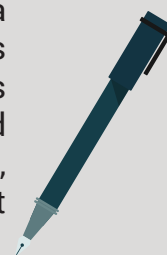


The above graph shows the active cases of COVID-19 in ICU and ventilators in different provinces of Nepal. About 2.6 percent of total active cases in Nepal are now in ICU and ventilators. Global rate of high intensity care for COVID-19 is more than 3 percent ([Source: https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0235653](https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0235653)). In comparison to documented cases, Nepal has slightly less percentage requiring ICU and ventilators. This could have two implications. Either the cases in Nepal are less serious and require less intensive care in hospitals, or the health facilities are not equipped enough to give the high intensity care to patients in very serious conditions. Having a high number of deaths in Nepal favors the second implication more.

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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