

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.

The laborer selection process for foreign employment:



Source: <https://moless.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Labour-Migration-Report-Nepali-2020.pdf>

Nepal Update



Tested

PCR Tested: 1,836,464
Positive: 249,244
Active: 10,955
Deaths: 1716
Recovered: 236,573

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

Rumors & Facts



There is news across world media that the corona vaccine has been successfully tested. But when will the corona vaccine arrive in Nepal?

The vaccine will come to Nepal only after it is certified by the COVAX of the World Health Organization (WHO). Following that, Nepal will bring vaccines that can be stored. Corona vaccine hasn't been developed for those under 14 years of age, which is about 28% of the total population of Nepal. The government is preparing to vaccinate the rest of the population. The vaccination will be available to 20 percent of the population under COVID COVAX Facility. Besides that, the Ministry of Health and Population is taking the process forward as per the advice of the Vaccine Advisory Committee to provide quality, low cost and infrastructure friendly vaccine as per the existing laws. But the vaccine might not come right now.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/shPXz3d>



Is the government planning to close visit visas after the number of Nepalis going abroad for work and getting stranded increased?

The government hasn't stopped visit visas. However, stating that the Nepalis going abroad on visit visas have been found misusing their visas and most of them have also been left stranded, the government has moved ahead with the task of tightening the rules by adding some new rules including the amendment of the immigration procedure. In case of the Nepalis going on a visit visa, homework is being done to amend the procedure to include the provision that insurance should be done by the individual for the duration of visit visa and to verify the purpose and ability of the individual to visit the concerned country.

Source: Ramesh Kumar K.C, DIG, Department of Immigration



Is it true that ICU and Ventilators are still not available in the hospital for COVID-19 patients?

According to the Ministry of Health and Population, there are about 2,800 ICU beds and 1,000 ventilators in the country. It is said that work is being done to add 490 ICU beds for the treatment of COVID-19. If any patient is in need of ICU or ventilator services, they can contact the Ministry's hotline number 1133.

Source: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FNJHQq7KUs9t-VPjYN4zv2maLp2Eu1/view>



Has the risk allowance of the security personnel mobilized at the frontline during the lockdown stopped after the implementation of austerity measures in public expenditure?

The risk allowance of the security personnel deployed for the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 infection hasn't been stopped. The Ministry of Finance has stated that there will be no difficulties in disbursing the amount on the basis of the availability of resources after the records including the risk classification of the deployed security personnel have been verified and received from the concerned security agencies as per the decision of 16 Chaitra 2076.


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

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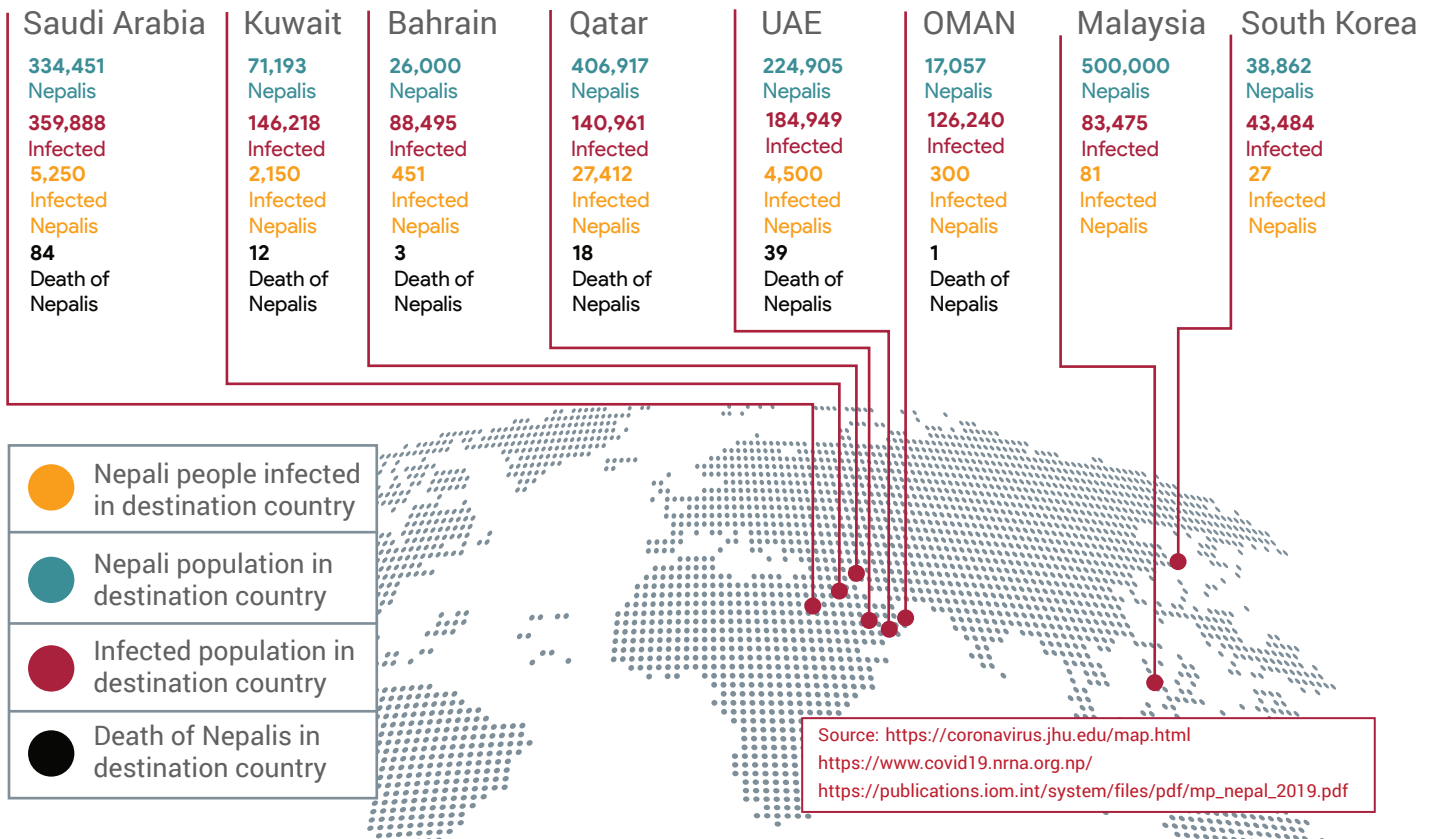
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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UAE started providing covid-19 vaccine to public

UAE has started providing vaccines to the general public. This vaccine which is provided through various hospitals and health care centres should be taken twice. The second dose of the vaccine should be taken after 21 days of the first vaccine.

- For now, vaccines can be taken in hospitals related to VPS healthcare and NMC hospital.
- Vaccine is available at Dubai Parks and Resort Field Hospital in Dubai and in Wasit Medical Centre at Sharjah from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Vaccine is available at Al Humaidiya Centre from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Ajman.
- In Umm Al Quwain and Fujairah vaccine is available at Al Bait Metwahid Centre and Murashied Medical Centre respectively.

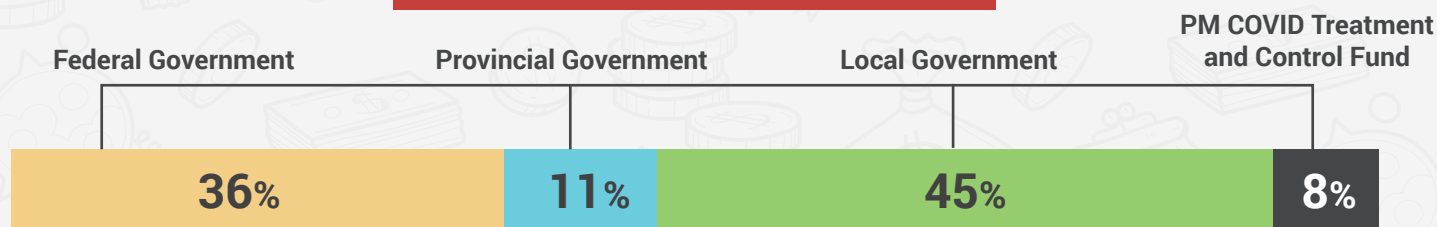
You have to pre book time for this service. For booking you can contact at 8005546, WhatsApp 0565380055, and even contact the Ministry of health and prevention in 80050.

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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


Medicine and Health Equipments
Rs. 1,755,240,000

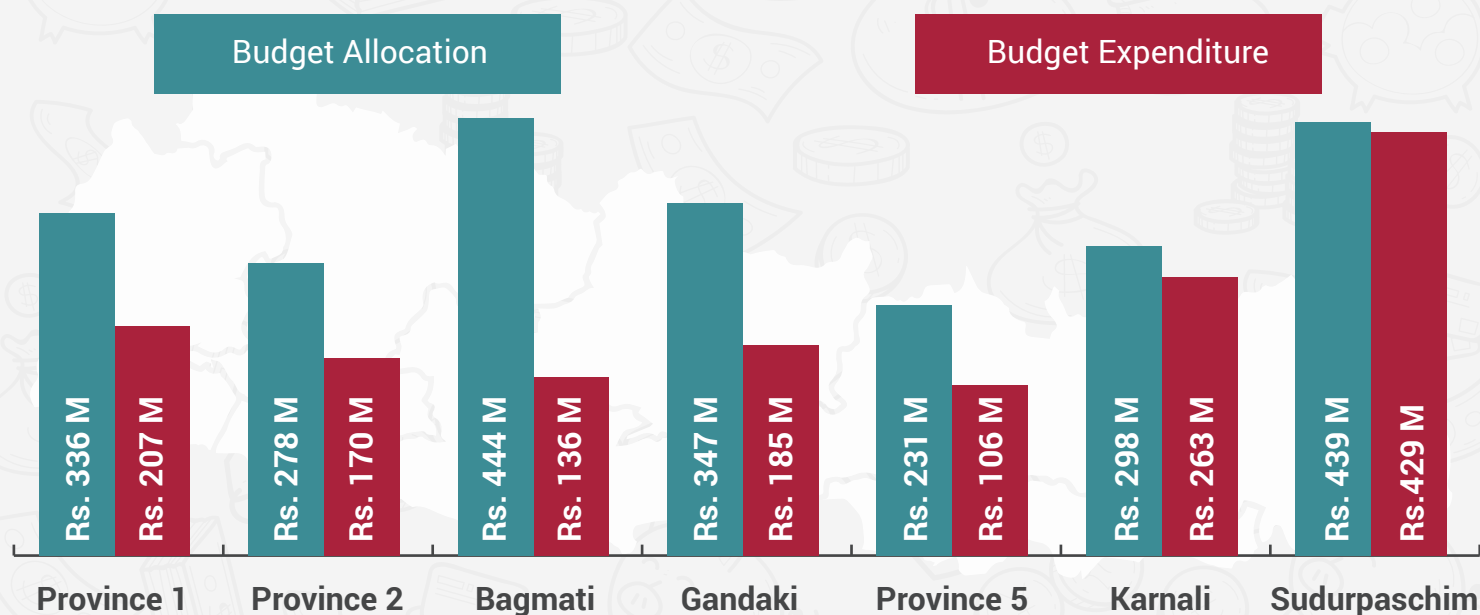

Quarantine Management
Rs. 46,946,000


Health Infrastructure
Rs. 2,938,896,000


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000

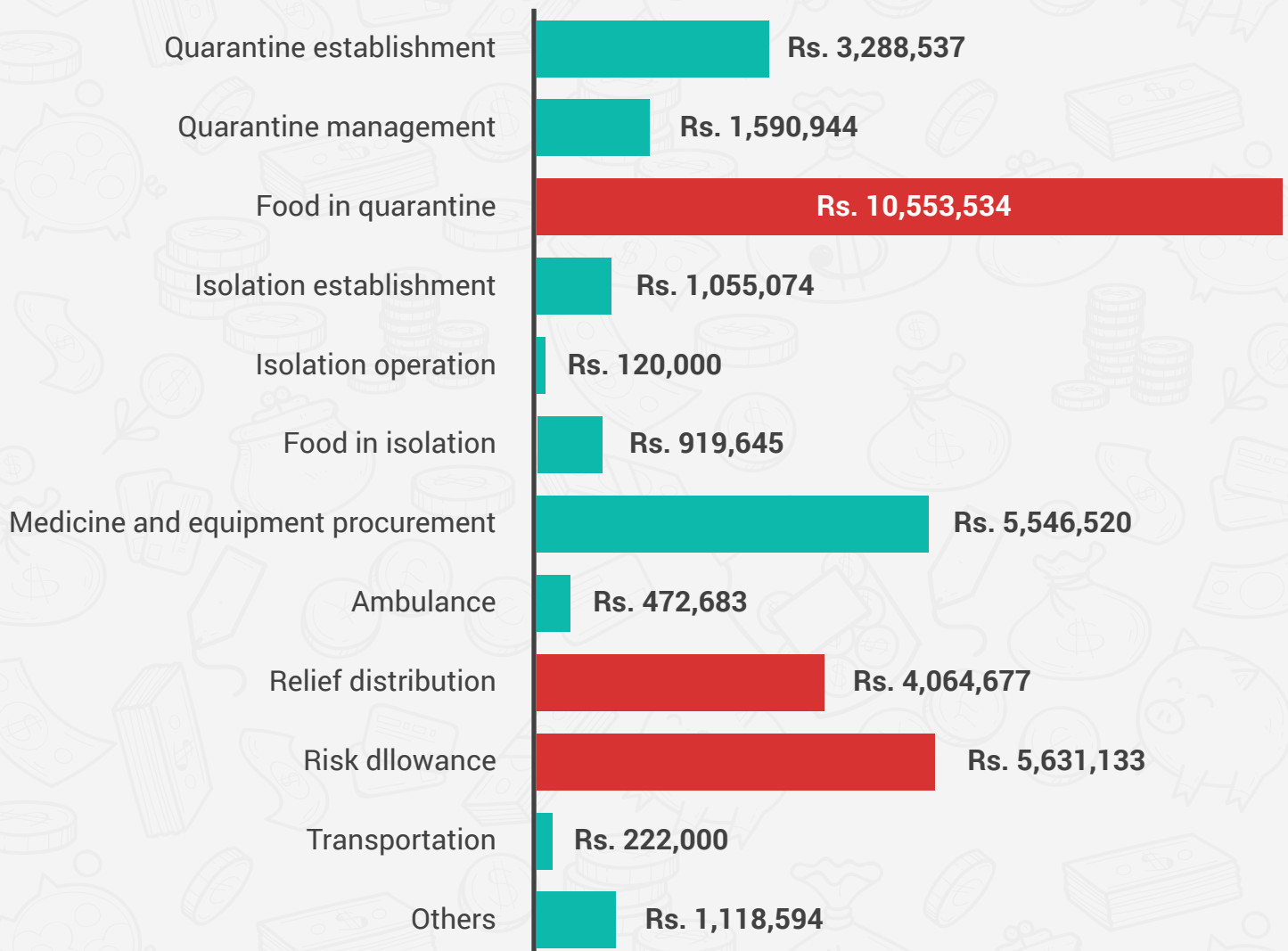

Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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Expenses made by Gurbhakot Municipality for corona prevention, control and response till Ashar 2077



Gurbhakot Municipality in Surkhet has shared their expenses regarding corona prevention, control and response till Ashar of 2077. A glance at the graph above shows that a good amount of expense (5.5 million NRS) have been made in medicine and equipment procurement, which is the primary need during this pandemic. A big chunk of expenses have also been made on quarantine and isolation operation and management, which shows good use of the allocated budget. As the frontliner workers are constantly putting their lives at risk to help prevent and control the virus, high expenses in risk allowance (5.6 million NRS) is also explicable. The only red flag in the shared data is having high expenses in relief distribution (4 million NRS), which is a common pattern seen in almost all other local units. A detailed use of relief distribution and the total number of individuals benefited with the expense need to be made transparent for better monitoring of finances at the

*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.*



Nirmala Blon,

Manahari Rural Municipality, Health Department

"I have been infected by covid. I am still facing some of the problems. Many people do not take covid seriously and are careless about it. Even though I was healthy, I got infected by covid. I am still facing its effects. It should not be taken as something severe and get panicked, nor should it be taken lightly. Covid had made me so weak that I felt there was no energy left in me."

Sabitri Dhakal

AHW, Hetauda Hospital

"In the beginning, I was scared when I first heard of covid. As I work in the hospital, I was worried about how we will work further. We had adopted a lot of precautions but I was still scared. Gradually, the fear has decreased. I have been adopting all the health guidelines while working all day at the hospital and after returning home. Maybe because I had followed all the health guidelines, I have not got infected by covid, even when my colleagues had covid."



Dr. Sagar Kafle

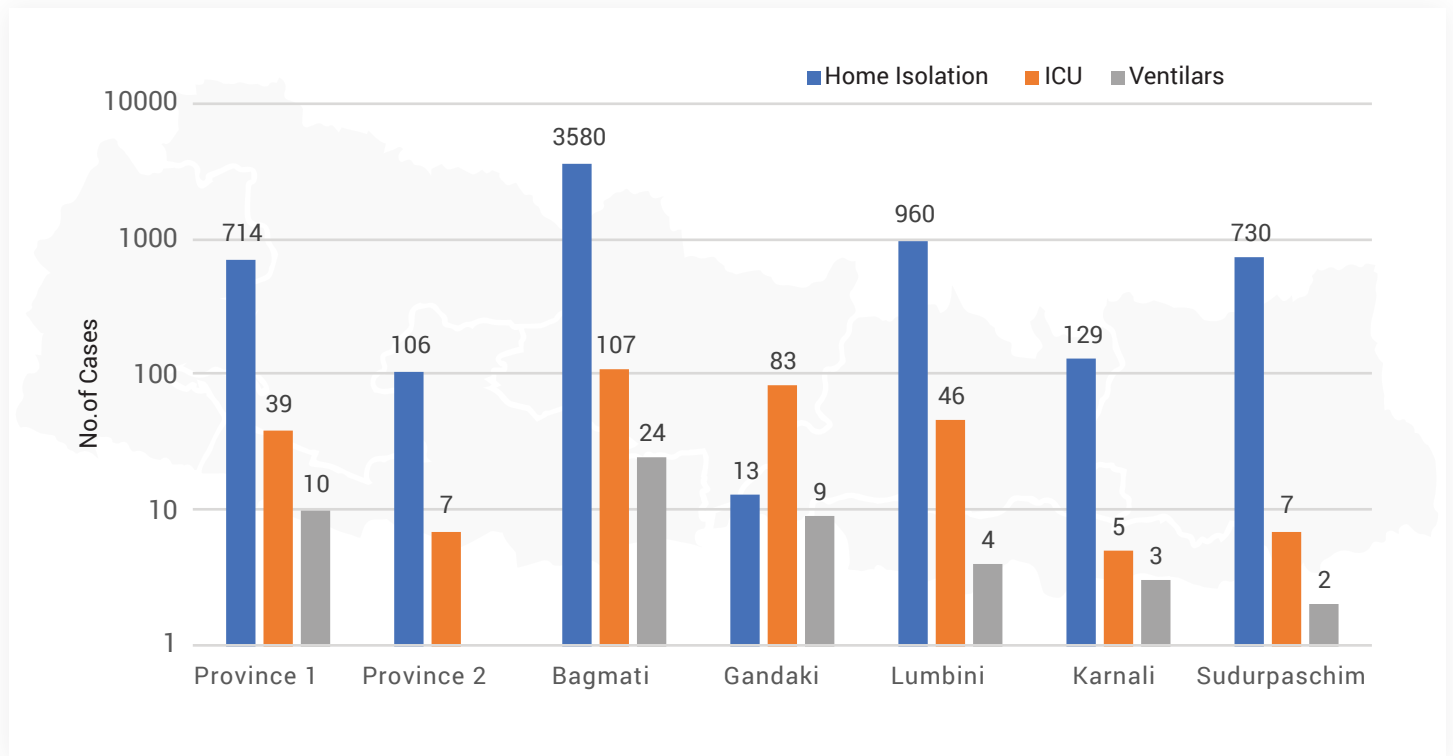
In-charge, Covid-19 Treatment and Management Centre, Hetauda

"It's not just me, but the general public has also accepted coronavirus. Many people have become aware. At the beginning everyone who was infected by corona was admitted in the hospital while now only those who have shown symptoms and have critical conditions are admitted in the hospital. There is news about the death of people because of covid but that does not necessarily

mean that one who gets infected by covid dies immediately. If contacted to the hospital or a health worker in time for treatment, one will not die."

Majority of active COVID-19 cases are in Home Isolation.

Active COVID-19 Cases in Home Isolation, ICU And Ventilators in Different Provinces of Nepal



The above graph shows the active COVID-19 cases in home isolation, ICU and ventilators in different provinces Nepal. Nearly 57 percentage of total active cases are in home isolation while 40 percentage of cases are in hospital or institutional care and about three percentage of cases are in ICU and Ventilators. A large number of active cases live in the community. Making sure that isolation standards are met, health care services are available and making patients feel safe at home should be an immediate government priority.

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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