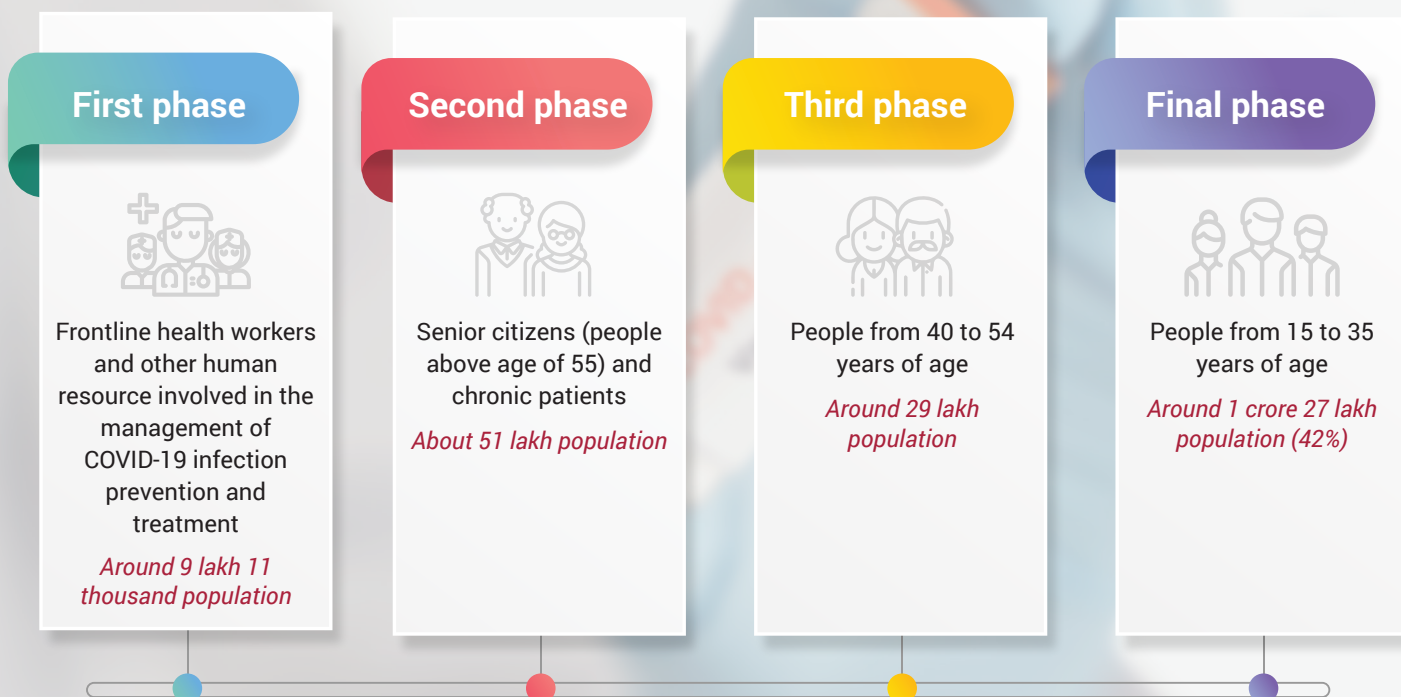


The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus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

Priority determined by the government for the vaccination against COVID-19 after the vaccine arrives

Total population to receive vaccine **(72% of total population)** NRs. 2 Crore 16 Lakh



Source: <https://cutt.ly/uh4MIqk>

Nepal Update



Tested

PCR Tested: 1,915,232
Positive: 258,840
Active: 6,427
Deaths: 1832
Recovered: 250,581

NEPAL

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the government won't reimburse the amount of all patients who have undergone corona tests and treatment from private hospitals?

All the private hospitals except the medical colleges that were licensed by the government earlier are removed from the list until further notice. The Ministry of Health and Population will only reimburse the amount of treatment of the infected people who are admitted to the hospital upto 12 Poush and would be treated for 10 days. As earlier the Ministry would send samples remaining in the government hospitals to private hospitals for testing under the condition of reimbursing the amount, the government has also directed to stop the testing of such samples in private hospitals from 12 Poush 2077 until further notice.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/uh4MIqk>



It is heard that the government is doing insurance for the workers. It is for what kind of workers, for how long and what is the amount of insurance that is being done?

The government is providing collective insurance for workers employed in the Prime Minister's Employment Program. The insurance will be upto NRs. 7 Lakhs and will also cover death accident insurance, insurance for disability due to accidental cause and medical treatment insurance. The insurance for a period of seven months from 1 Poush 2077 to the end of 2078 BS will be provided for 2 Lakh workers who have been employed out of those listed in the employment management information system.

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2257>



There are rumors that the corona vaccine will soon be available in Nepal.

The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), which is collaborating with Nepal in various vaccination programs, has informed the Government of Nepal to stay prepared as the corona vaccine may arrive in Nepal soon. As the stages of generating vaccines have begun in the world, GAVI has sent a message to Nepal to stay prepared. Keeping in view the news that COVAX may provide the vaccine by coming March based on current developments, the Government of Nepal has seriously considered the request of GAVI to stay in the prepared situation.

Source: Dr. Samir Kumar Adhikari, Deputy- spokesperson, Ministry of Health and Population



It is heard that the Nepalis residing abroad are affected by corona infection more than in Nepal?

The number of Nepalis infected with coronavirus abroad is very high. According to the statistics of the health committee under the Non-Resident Nepali Association, the corona infection has been confirmed in 52,872 Nepalis living abroad until 11 Poush 2077. Among them, 49,892 have been recovered from the infection. So far 1,819 people have lost their life due to coronavirus in Nepal whereas 21,312 Nepalis abroad have died of coronavirus.


Source: <https://cutt.ly/Ph4L9oF>

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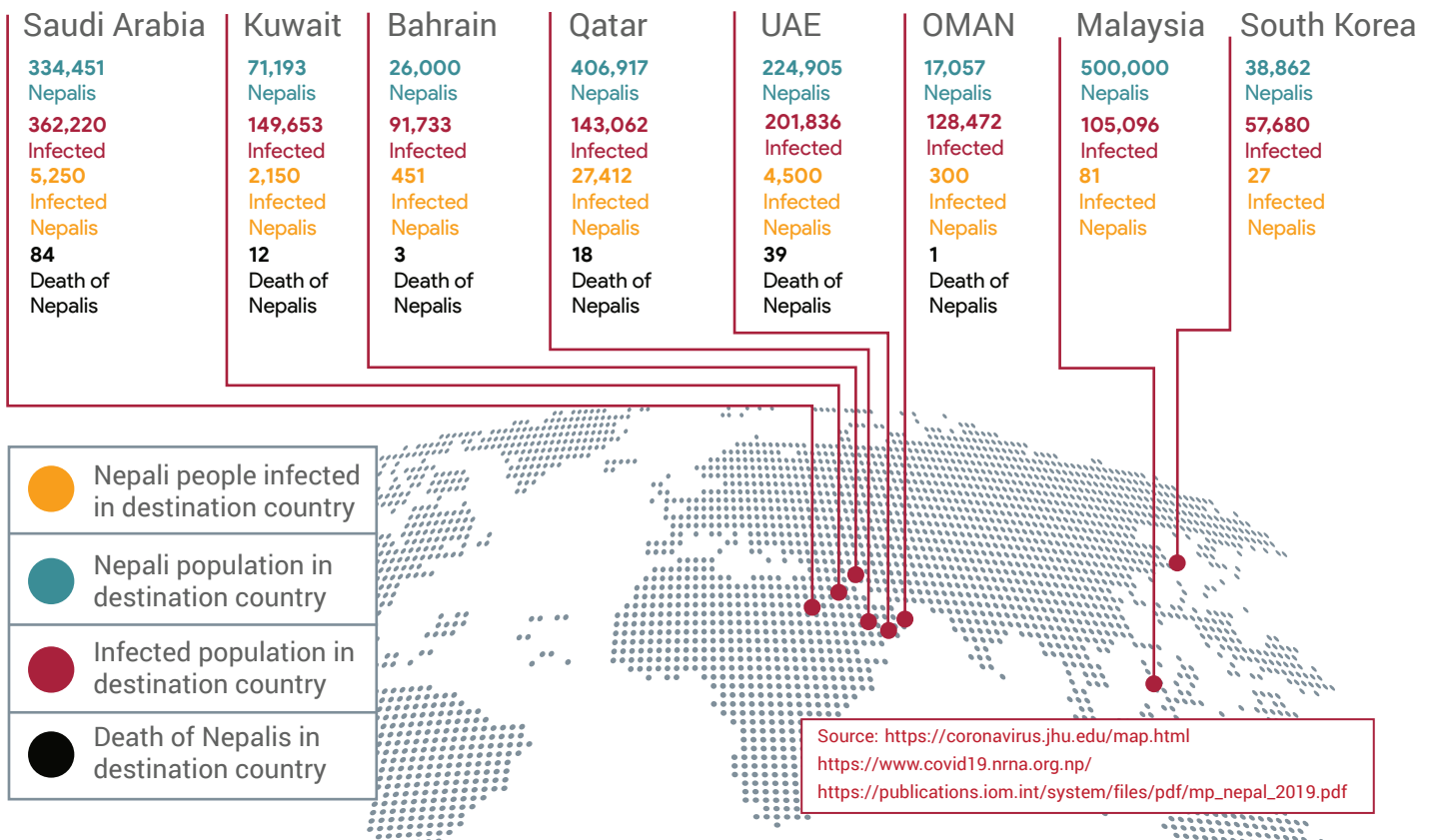
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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Some important information from the UAE

1. 18 COVID-19 testing centers have been placed at the Abu Dhabi entry border, which will make it quick and easy for people to enter Abu Dhabi from the Emirates now onwards.



2. According to the new rules, if more than 30 people gather and party, then both the organizer of the party and participants will be punished. A fine of 50 thousand dirhams has been finalized for those who organize such parties whereas a fine of 15 thousand dirhams has been finalized for those participating in such parties.

3. A fine of 3 thousand dirhams has been finalized for those failing to maintain social distance while using the bus service in Abu Dhabi. Therefore, when using the bus service, only use the specified seat.



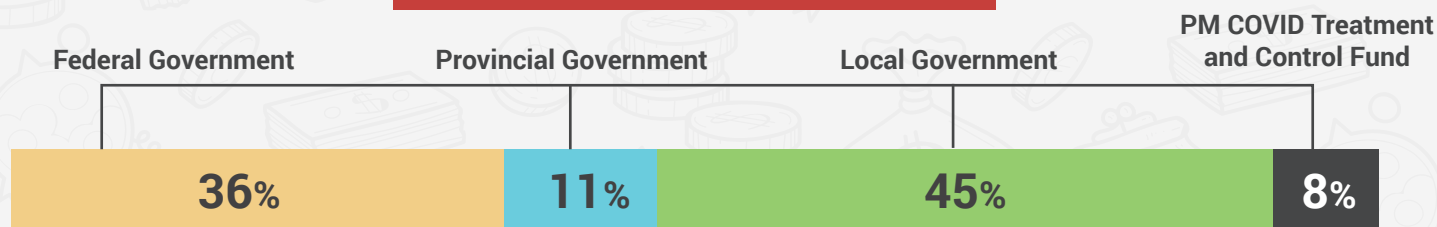
4. On the occasion of New Year 2021, Ras Al Khaimah has extended its deadline for those who have been fined by the traffic. The seven-day deadline which had been extended to December 23, has now been extended upto January 3.

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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

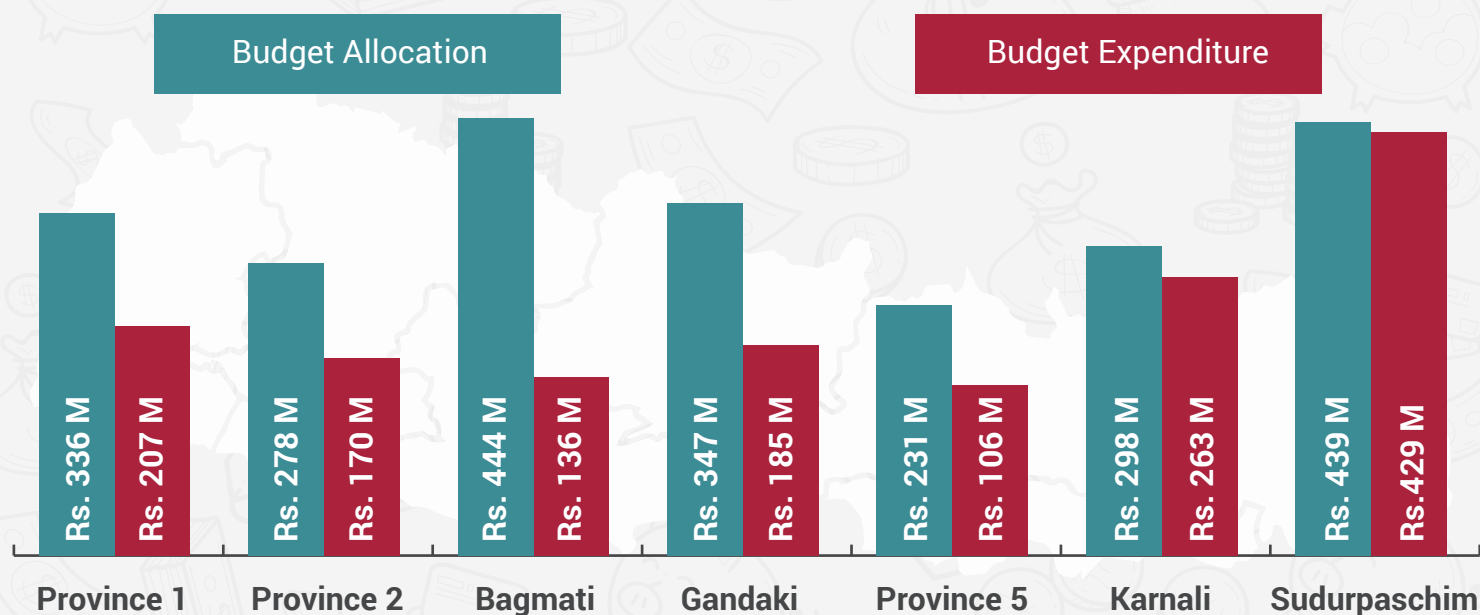

Quarantine Management
Rs. 46,946,000


Health Infrastructure
Rs. 2,938,896,000


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000

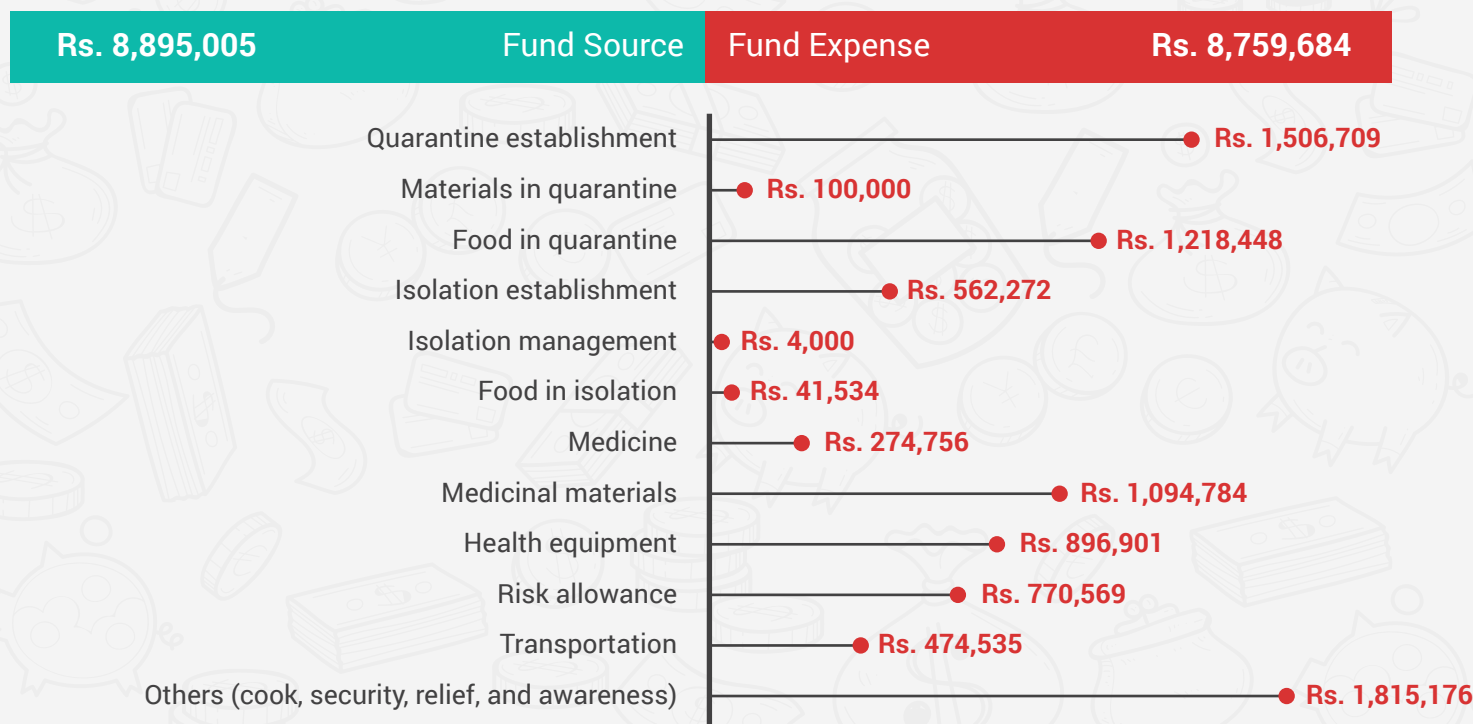
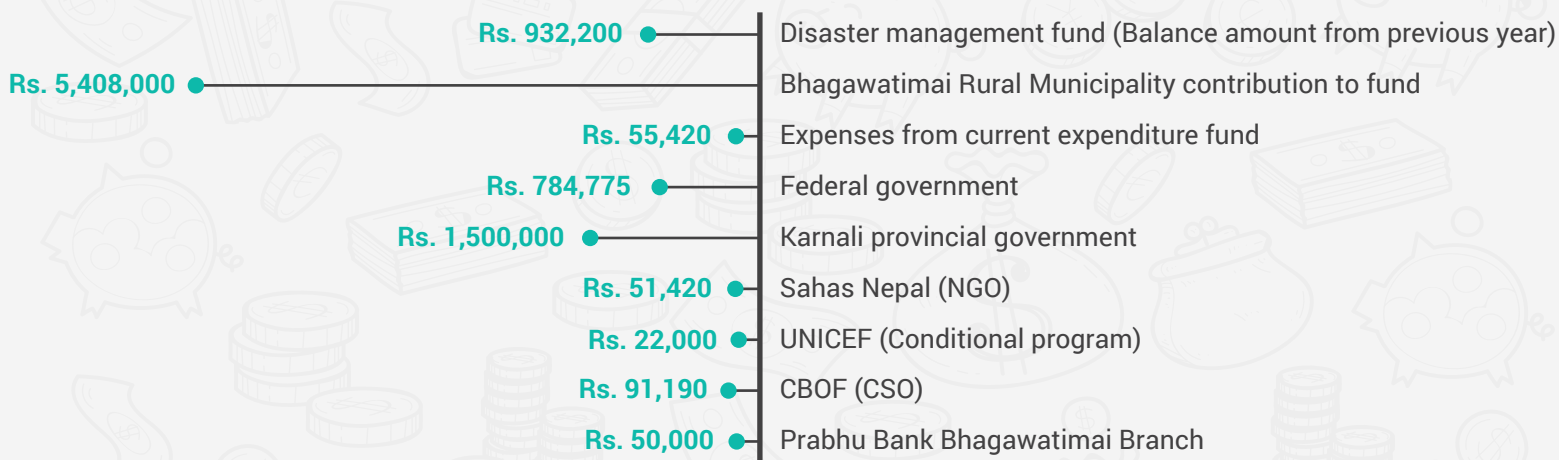

Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government



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Income source and expenses in Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality in Surkhet related to COVID-19 till Ashar 2077



Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality in Surkhet has shared their overall income sources and expense sources in the last fiscal year related to COVID-19. From the above graphs, we can see that the local unit had spent almost all generated funds in the year. It is a positive sight to see that even local organizations and Prabhu bank pitched in to help the local government. The expense headings are very well categorized and none of the expenses made raise serious questions. The highest expenses are related to quarantine establishment, management and operation while the second highest expense headings are related to health and medicine. Although the expense under Others heading can be seen as high, the amount has also been well categorized into meaningful expenses. The budget income and expense shared by Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality can be seen as a model format for other local units to follow.

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.



Frontliners Voices



Nirmala Bhattarai

Deputy Chairperson, Mathagadi Rural Municipality, Palpa

"In the beginning, we were very scared of COVID. I became more careful in personal health protection in order to keep my family safe (family of 3 daughters, a son and husband). Along with personal safety, I requested inhabitants of the municipality to adopt preventative measures. 60 people were infected in this municipality and among them, 2 died. We built quarantines in 8 wards

but we don't have them now. We had continuously worked to provide relief materials to 1000 families. Now isolation centers with the doctors have been kept in readiness. As the risk is still the same we are adopting different measures for awareness and working through different mediums."

Surendra Shree

Spokesperson, Tilottama Municipality, Rupandehi

"Till now 1,517 have been tested as positive for COVID-19 in the municipality. Among the infected 28 have died. 86 people are still in home isolation. I am working to motivate them, distribute Ayurvedic medicine, make them aware of healthy food, etc. As I am a representative, along with fulfilling my duty I have to make sure that my father who is 72 years and son who is 3 years and my wife do not contract COVID. I have been adopting personal health safety measures. The fear about the COVID might have decreased than in the beginning but the chance of infection is still the same."



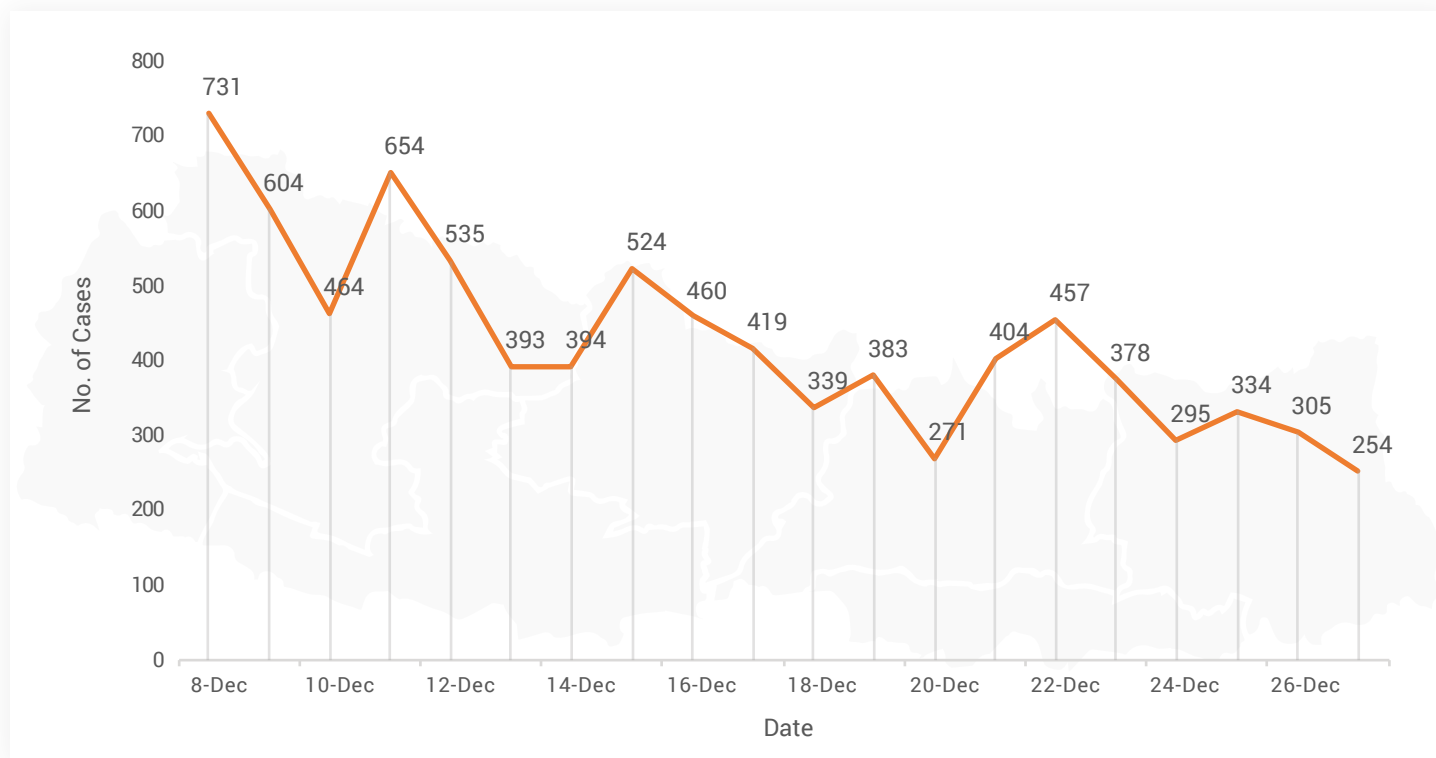
Dharmaraj Bhandari

Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Police Office, Kapilvastu

"It has been difficult to control those who have been entering Nepal from India in Kapilvastu as more than 90km of the area is an open border. People are not wearing masks, not caring about the physical distance. People in the southern part of the district are less aware. So we are conducting a people-oriented health awareness campaign there. While I was active in making others

aware, I myself got infected and showed symptoms. As many people had recovered from the COVID, I was sure that I would recover as well but was afraid. I recovered after 14 days."

Daily New Cases of COVID-19 in Bagmati Province (8-27 Dec 2020)



The above graph shows the daily new cases of COVID-19 identified in Bagmati province between 8th – 27th December 2020. It shows that daily new infections have dropped more than half in this period from 731 cases on 8th to 254 cases on 27th December. Bagmati province in general and Kathmandu valley in specific is the hotspot of infection in recent months. Things have returned back to normal with very few restrictions from the government. In this context, it is a positive indication that COVID-19 is getting less transmitted. However, the government needs to ensure the validity of shared data and that the rumor of under-reporting identified cases are falsified

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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