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.

Total income of the country in Fiscal Year 2076/77

The amount received by deducting the budget of three levels of government and the amount that appeared double in the budget.

Total budget
NRs. 18 Kharab 90 Arab 1 Crore

Internal debt
NRs. 1 Kharab 94 Arab 90 Lakh

Revenue received
NRs. 10 Kharab 49 Arab 23 Crore

Foreign aid
NRs. 18 Arab 88 Crore 57 Lakh

Foreign debt
NRs. 1 Kharab 16 Arab 48 Crore

Total cost
NRs. 11 Kharab 91 Arab 5 Crore


Nepal Update

The government is insisting to follow the health standards, however, this event at Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality of Dhading showcases that people do not fear Corona anymore.

Photo: Guna Bahadur Aryal

Tested
PCR Tested: 2,016,758
Positive: 267,644
Active: 3861
Deaths: 1965
Recovered: 261,818


Photo: Guna Bahadur Aryal
The government has repeatedly decided to make the payment of corona insurance as soon as possible, but the claim amount hasn’t been received even after 1 month of submitting the documents citing that the verification will take time. What is the reason behind it?

The verification is being delayed due to incomplete details received in the documents for insurance claims such as name, surname, age, address, PCR result report and date and also because details of some individuals couldn’t be found while comparing the received details with the data in the Ministry. Therefore, the Ministry of Health and Population has requested all the insured individuals to get information from the concerned insurance company about the status of verification.

Source: https://cutt.ly/SjEG3BN

There are rumors that there might be a delay in bringing vaccines in Nepal due to the lack of other preparations along with the infrastructure to store the vaccine. How is the government preparing for this?

According to the Ministry of Health and Population, infrastructure has been developed to store up to 70 crore vaccine vials at one to eight degree celsius. Similarly, the government is preparing to leverage 16,000 vaccination centers in Nepal. The government has also made final preparations to mobilize 5,000 employees and 52,000 health volunteers to make the vaccination program effective.

Source: Dr. Jhalak Sharma Gautam, Vaccine Division Head, Ministry of Health and Population

The government is honoring and giving awards to the entrepreneurs who have returned from foreign employment and started enterprise in Nepal. What are the criteria for participating in the award?

The government rewards the entrepreneurs who have contributed to the national production and employment by returning from foreign employment and starting enterprise in Nepal. For this, the labor migrant must have gone abroad on a visa and returned after working for at least one year, and hasn’t received such awards from the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security in the last five years. The entrepreneurs applying for the award should submit their citizenship, work permit, passport with visa, business registration certificate, tax registration certificate, a copy of tax payment certificate of FY 2076/77 along with the application form.


It is heard that Nepal also gave permission for the corona vaccine?

Currently, the Department of Medicine Management has provided approval for the emergency use of COVISHIELD of Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. The necessary procedure is being carried out to purchase vaccines by identifying the amount needed for emergency use.

Source: https://cutt.ly/rp4Ml7

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The locations where PCR test can be done:

### Dubai
- **City Walk**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.2055625, 55.2614375
- **Mina Rashid**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.2519375, 55.2800625
- **Al Khawaneej**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.2434375, 55.4695625

### Sharjah
- **Golf and Shooting Club**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.3543125, 55.4889375

### Ajman
- **Al Jerf 2**
  - Time: Sunday to Thursday, 10am to 6pm; Friday and Saturday closed
  - Location: 25.4038125, 55.4821875

### Ras Al Khaimah
- **Dafan Al Khor centre, near the corniche**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.7728125, 55.9343125

### Umm Al Quwain
- **Defence Camp, Sheikh Khalifa Hall**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.5073125, 55.5965625

### Fujairah
- **National testing centre, near Fujairah Hospital**
  - Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm
  - Location: 25.1315625, 56.3204375

### Abu Dhabi
- **Zayed Sports City**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday 12noon to 8pm
  - Location: 24.4149375, 54.4506875
- **Al Wathba Screening Centre**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 24.24.2194375, 54.6838125
- **Al Bahia Screening Centre**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 24.55340625, 54.6745625
- **Al Shamkha Screening Centre**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 24.3829375, 54.7081875
- **Abu Dhabi Corniche**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 24.4654375, 54.3306875
- **Al Ain – Al Hili Screening Centre**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 24.3030625, 55.7900625
- **Al Ain – Asharej Screening Centre**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday 12noon to 8pm
  - Location: 24.1828125, 55.6608125
- **Al Dhafra – Madinat Zayed**
  - Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday closed
  - Location: 23.6363125, 53.7086875
- **Al Dhafra – Ghayathi**
  - Time: Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday and Saturday closed
  - Location: 23.8388125, 52.8096875
- **Al Dhafra – Al Mirfa**
  - Time: Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday and Saturday closed
  - Location: 24.0855625, 53.4983125
- **Al Dhafra – Al Silla**
  - Location: 24.0435625, 51.7588125
- **Al Dhafra – Liwa**
  - Location: 23.1479375, 53.8073125
- **Al Dhafra – Delma**
  - Location: 24.4879375, 52.3335625

**Source:** Gulf News
$ Follow the Money

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

13.37 Billion NRS

Federal Government: 36%
Provincial Government: 11%
Local Government: 45%
PM COVID Treatment and Control Fund: 8%

Expense Headings at the Federal Government

- Medicine and Health Equipments: Rs. 1,755,240,000
- Health Infrastructure: Rs. 2,938,896,000
- Human Resource Mobilization: Rs. 57,443,000
- Quarantine Management: Rs. 46,946,000
- Other Expenses: Rs. 12,473,000

Expense made by Provincial Government

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COVID snatched the employment in Malaysia, now engaged in farming in the village

It has been eight years since I started going to Malaysia. This time too, it had been three years since I had gone to Malaysia. However, due to COVID, the company we had been working in Malaysia closed down. While living there after the closure of the company, neither we could afford to eat nor we could roam anywhere. It became almost impossible to live in the country without any income. There was no option but to return home. The situation of about 50 Nepali friends working in the same company was similar to mine. We then returned to Nepal in June 2020.

I had to suffer a lot to return back. We had to bear a lot of difficulties to reach Salyan even after reaching Kathmandu. I had to walk for 24 hours without eating food. I stayed in quarantine for 28 days. When I reached home after losing my job after 3 years, my family was closed, but I stayed without seeing my family for a month. Although the 8 years of foreign employment wasn’t very satisfactory, I didn’t have to be disappointed. If I have stayed in the home country, I wouldn’t have to starve even if I had lost my job. Before this, I only knew that money can be earned from foreign employment, but this time I also went through the experience of losing the foreign employment. Having gone through those difficulties, I have decided to never go abroad again.

Now I am trying to run my own business in the village. I have already started buffalo rearing. I feel that the local units should provide financial assistance to those who have lost their job abroad due to COVID-19 and want to work in the village. Many friends like me who are in foreign employment wouldn’t go abroad for work if given the opportunity in Nepal. The government has come up with several schemes. However, the friends who have returned from foreign employment themselves aren’t aware of it. Shouldn’t the government bring awareness programs along with relevant schemes?

Binay Bohara
Baghchaur Municipality, Salyan
Renu Acharya Dhakal
Deputy Mayor, Bheriganga municipality, Surkhet

“Babai checkpoint of this municipality was seriously affected at the time of covid. There was conflict about allowing the people to enter the province or not. We set up a health desk at the Babai as well. After the locals showed their disapproval about making a quarantine of the whole province in Bheriganga Municipality, a quarantine was set up in each municipality. I myself got infected while working against covid. During the time of the lockdown many people have returned from the foreign country at the Bheriganga municipality. As there is no source of income here they are again trying to return to foreign country. However we are still prioritizing to bring in the program that would provide them a job here.”

Mohan Budha Kshetri
Chief Administrative Officer, Panchapuri Municipality Surkhet

“When I found out about covid through the media, I thought I would not survive. One had to stay away from the contact of people. When all three level governments had to play a role in preventing and controlling covid, then I was more scared. However, good coordination between the representatives and the staff made it easier for us to prevent and control the corona. It has taught us that we can overcome any situation if we work together in a group. At present, the focus of the municipality is to create employment in the municipality and not to force people who have returned from India and other countries during the time of covid to go abroad again.”

Bhupendra Dev Giri
Public Health inspector, Public Health Department, Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet

“During the peak period of covid infection, we provided services from all 15 health facilities in Birendranagar Municipality from 8 am to 6 pm. We built a fever clinic. We also set up a health desk. We faced many challenges while working, but we continued to do our job. I myself became infected with corona. We are currently testing PCR every Thursday. Initially, there were problems with health supplies, medicines, kits, etc., and then there were problems with quarantine management. In the later stages, it was a challenge to keep many people in isolation. Now people are not sensitive about this, and this is creating problems.”
The above graph shows the number of daily new cases of COVID-19 since January 1, 2021. The daily number of cases has remained below 300 except for 11th January. The daily sample tests during this period remained roughly between 3000 to 5000 per day. This shows that COVID-19 is finally starting to be under control as the infection is not increasing compared to previous months and does not change significantly on increasing the volume of tests.

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.