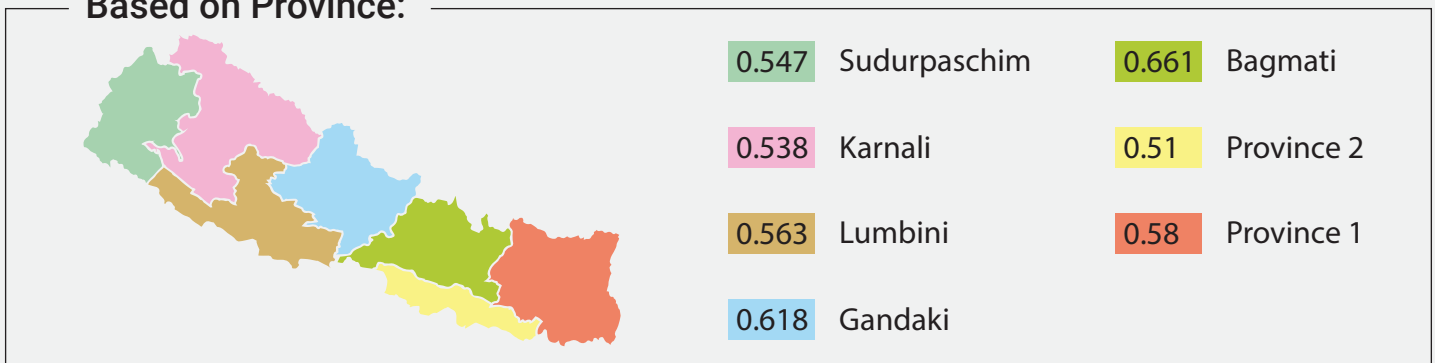


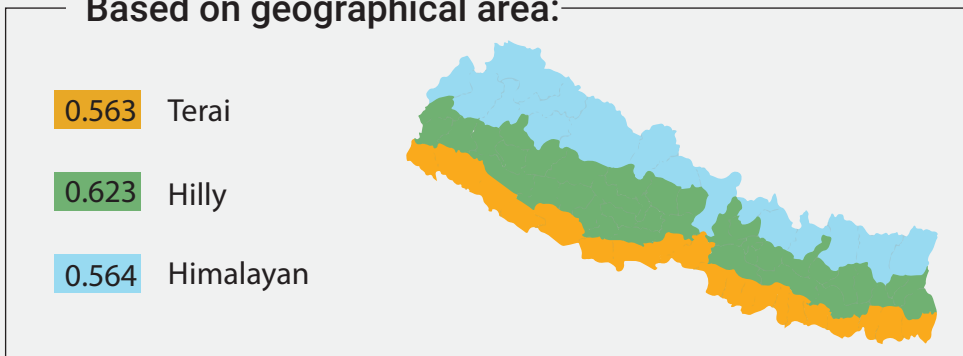
The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus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

Nepal in Human Development Index

Based on Province:

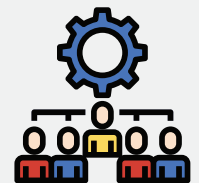


Based on geographical area:



The overall Human Development Index

0.587



Source: https://www.fcgo.gov.np/uploads/tabnoticelist/2021-01-12/PRESS_NOTE.pdf

Nepal Update



The service seekers protesting with slogans at the Land Revenue Office, Surkhet.

Photo: Dinesh Gautam

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,048,113

Positive: 269,789

Active: 3240

Deaths: 2011

Recovered: 264,538



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

Rumors & Facts



The government has said that the first phase of vaccination will start from 14 Magh. But only the ones with connection will have access to the vaccine, isn't it?

There is a provision that the concerned organization should make public the list of persons who have received the vaccine to ascertain that the vaccine has been used only for the target group. The Head of both the Vaccination Center and Health Office should ensure this. This will be monitored by the District COVID-19 Vaccine Coordination and Monitoring Committee. This will prevent vaccines from being misused.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/6jMcEhi>



It is heard that all the government services now be availed through "Nagarik App". What are the services available in the app?

The citizens will be able to get their PAN number by filling the details for the PAN card from "Nagarik App". Citizenship, passport, educational certificate and voter identity card details can also be obtained through this app. Similarly, information about the amount and loan deposited in the account of Citizen Investment Fund, Provident Fund and Social Security Fund can also be obtained. At the same time, the system of making complaints to Hello Sarkar has also been arranged in this app. For this, the app can be used through the mobile number registered in one's own name; it could be either from SIM of Nepal Telecom or Ncell.

Source: <https://mocit.gov.np/categorydetail/20771002a>



It is said that Nepali workers will also get the same services as Israeli citizens in Israel.

In Israel, now the Nepali workers will also get the same services and facilities as local workers. Signing the "Implementation Protocol" of the labour agreement concluded between Nepal and Israel, the Israeli Ambassador to Nepal Khanan Goder said that there will be no discrimination against Nepali workers going to Israel and Nepali workers will hereafter be provided services as Israeli citizens. A labor agreement was signed between Nepal and Israel on 14 Ashwin to take Nepali workers. The implementation protocol has been signed under the same agreement.

Source: <http://moless.gov.np/?p=3846>



The Election Commission has said that the election awareness campaign will be conducted through social media. But does even half of Nepal's population have access to the Internet?

Yes, keeping in mind the use and access of the internet in Nepal, the Election Commission has brought the policy on the use of social media in elections, 2077. As of early 2020, the world's internet users make up about 59% of the world's population. According to the Nepal Telecommunication Authority's report 2076, the number of internet users in Nepal is 67.23% of the total population. In the current scenario, the Election Commission has brought forward this concept as social media is preferred by many people and also because social media has been proven an effective and reliable medium in election activities and information flow.


Source: https://www.election.gov.np/uploads/content/1606669081_np.doc

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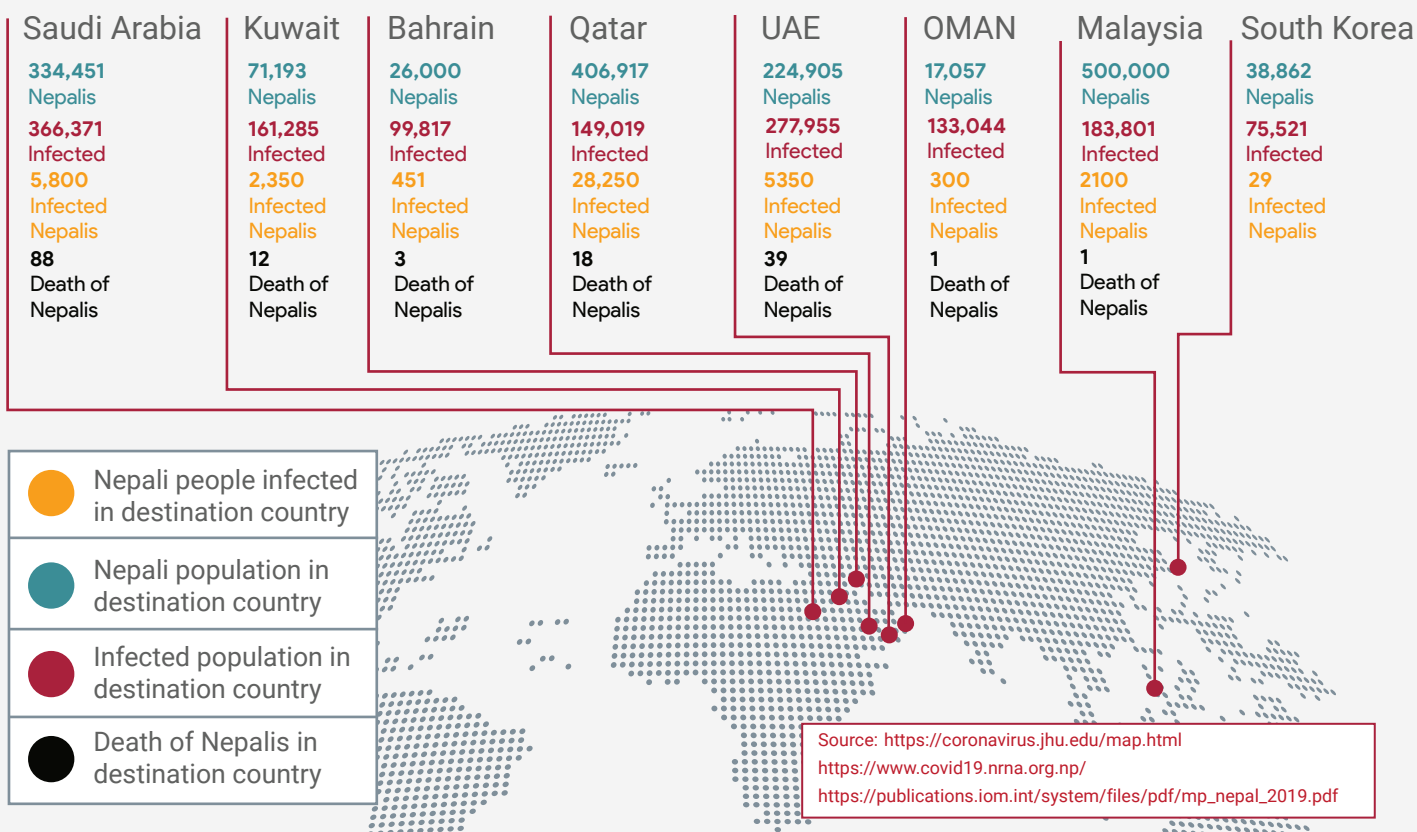
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all COVID-19 information for FREE

Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



News from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Kuwait

Saudi Arabia

- The Nepalese Embassy will operate a temporary office in Dammam on 5 February 2021 to collect passport applications (photograph, fingerprint, signature, etc.).
- The Nepalese living around Dammam, Juwel, Al Hasa, Ras Tanura, Khobar, Katif and nearby areas should visit <https://forms.gle/pryfMdChxs2QHCPi6> and fill the online application.
- Only those whose passport will expire in less than 6 months can apply.

UAE

- Abu Dhabi is one of the best cities in the world. Meanwhile, Dubai and Sharjah are among the top cities of the world.
- Due to the global shortage of Pfizer Vaccine, those who received the first vaccine may not be able to get another vaccine on time, so it needs to be rescheduled.
- No more than 10 participants will be allowed to attend the social gathering until further notice, to be effective from 27 January.

Kuwait

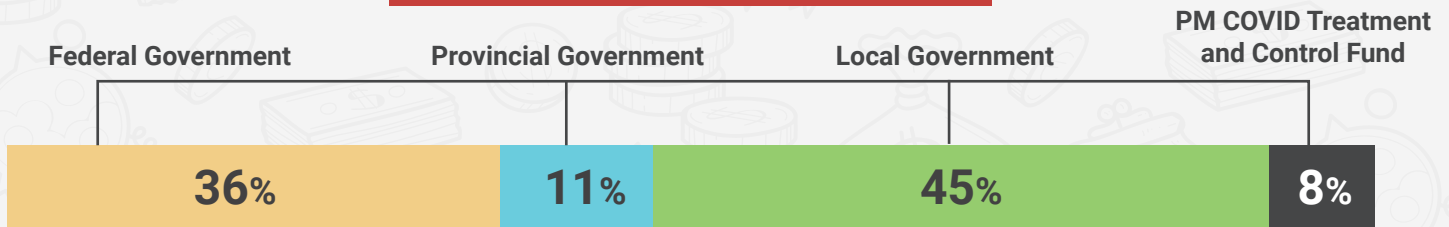
- All immigrants will be given a residency card by canceling their civil ID.
- No more than 35 people can be brought from a single flight.
- There will be strict monitoring for illegal immigrants after January.
- It's very cold in Kuwait now. Special protection has been requested as the cold may last for sometime.

You can listen to our Facebook live at www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal 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



Health Infrastructure
Rs. 2,938,896,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

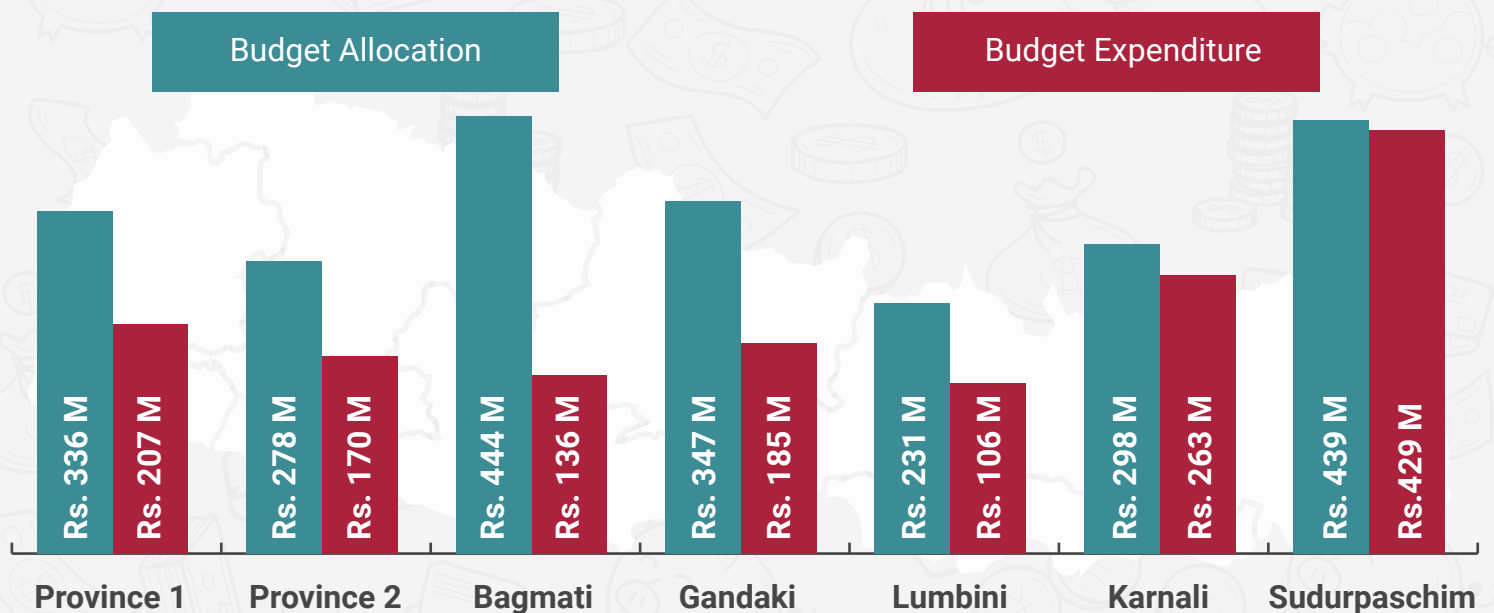


Quarantine Management
Rs. 46,946,000



Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000

Expense made by Provincial Government





I suffered after going to foreign employment following the trend



I went to Malaysia for foreign employment for the first time with the influence of friends. I worked in an electric company for two years. I used to earn up to Rs. 60,000 per month. I saved some money from that earning. At the same time, there was an earthquake in Nepal. Then I returned to Nepal. I was planning to do some work after returning from Malaysia. Suddenly I lost my voice. I was startled. I visited all over Nepal for treatment. I did every kind of treatment (allopathic, ayurvedic). But, my voice did not come back. I continued working even though I didn't have a voice. I even started learning to drive. I passed the written and trial for the driver's license. But, as I couldn't speak it was said that I could not get the license. Later, I got a license because I can see well and hear well. Within a few months of getting the license, my voice was back.

After that, I went to Dubai for foreign employment for the second time on a visit visa through a broker from Raviop in Kavre. There I did not get the work as I was promised for. I waited a few months. My money was also on stake. There in Dubai I got a license for a light vehicle. Working as a rescue worker in the swimming pool is a good source of income there so I took training to work as a rescuer and started working well. After working for a few months, the broker who had taken me there in Dubai got me arrested for kidnapping. I was imprisoned for about nine months without any crime. With the help from the organizations in Nepal and the support of my family, I was able to come to Nepal after nine months. The Citizen Help Desk (now the Civic Action Team) provided a lot of assistance to bring me back to Nepal.

I had nothing, when I returned to Nepal. But, I was skilled. Since I can drive a car, I bought a second hand car with some investment. That didn't go well either. I did nothing for some time. After my friends insisted, I am now driving again. I earn NRs. 30 thousand monthly. My family can sustain well with this income. I feel that one should not go to foreign employment just as a trend. I regret doing that. I suggest others work here in Nepal.

Bipin Dahal,

Banepa, Kavrepalanchowk.



Frontliners Voices



Tej Oli

Focal Person, District Corona Coordination Committee, Banke

“While our team was on our way back after completing a corona awareness program in one of the villages, there was heavy rain. We reached a nearby house for shelter. When we reached there, the family members were moving the animal inside the house to protect it from the water. We reached in front of the house and requested for shelter. After knowing the kind of work we do, they didn't allow us shelter and instead asked us to go away from

there. It felt very sad to see them treat us even below the animals. Then our team sat below a tree for a while and returned.”

Nagendra Kumar Sah

Public Health Inspector, Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City, Banke

“In the earlier days, Narainapur Rural Municipality had become a hotspot of corona. Due to lack of knowledge about corona and the death of a young man in quarantine, the locals didn't even allow the infected person to be taken to isolation. The locals themselves help to hide the individuals who had confirmed positive for the infection. When the three locals living in isolation returned home free of infection, then only the society started taking it as normal and also began showing their support. Although challenging at first, with the help of all stakeholders, we have gradually returned back to normal.”



Jageshwar Basnet

Public Health inspector, Public Health Department, Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet

“Due to the kind of work I did on spreading awareness from the very beginning of Corona, I had to bear a lot of hatred from society. I also have the bitter experience of having to stay in a hotel with the help of the municipality as my neighbours tied ropes on the way to my house and I couldn't go home for 3-4 days. However, I am proud of my profession as I was able to

carry out my responsibilities efficiently even in risky times.”





Radio Program Paddhati Structure for all

Province 1	Province 2	Bagmati	Gandaki	Lumbini	Karnali	Sudurpaschim
Saptakoshi FM	Radio Janakpur	Hetauda FM	Annapurna FM	Butwal FM	Prdesh FM	Dinesh FM
Every Tuesday Morning 7: 30 AM	Every Saturday Morning 7: 00 AM	Every Tuesday Morning 7: 30 AM	Every Sunday Morning 8: 30 AM	Every Saturday Morning 7: 30 AM	Every Monday Morning 7:30 AM	Every Saturday Morning 7: 00 AM
Re-broadcast Every Thursday Evening 7: 00 PM	Re-broadcast Every Wednesday Morning 7:00 AM	Re-broadcast Every Wednesday Evening 7: 30 PM	Re-broadcast Every Tuesday Evening 7: 15 PM	Re-broadcast Every Monday Evening 7: 30 PM	Re-broadcast Every Tuesday Afternoon 2: 15 PM	Re-broadcast Every Sunday Evening 9: 00 PM

You can also listen to the recordings of the broadcast on
YouTube and Soundcloud



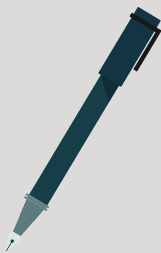
Civic Action Teams



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