

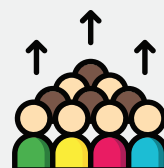
The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus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

The availability and preparation of vaccine against COVID-19 in Nepal

Total dose of
vaccine
available
10 lakhs

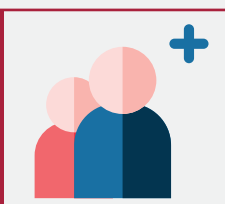


Population to be
vaccinated in the
first phase
4 lakh 30 thousand



Time period
to complete
the first
phase of
vaccination
10 days

Time period for the individual who
have received first dose to receive
second dose 28 days



Vaccination
centers
300



The government is releasing details everyday to ensure that only the target group receives the vaccine.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/Ckiy7QF> <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2284>

Nepal Update



Dr. Prakash Thapa of Bheri hospital being COVID vaccinated

Photo: Dinesh Gautam

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,057,069
Positive: 270,375
Active: 5,306
Deaths: 2,020
Recovered: 265,069



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

Rumors & Facts



There is news suggesting that people who have received COVID-19 vaccination in Nepal are falling ill, won't it make a huge impact later?

Some people have shown normal side effects after being vaccinated against COVID-19. For instance, general effects such as pain and general swelling at the part where one was injected, headache, laziness, body ache, joint pain, lowering of body temperature, normal fever and nausea have been reported. So far, no serious side effects have been reported in the vaccinated people. A team of doctors and health workers have been prepared to mobilize for the management of any impact.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/Ckiy7QF>



It is heard that the government has abolished many health institutions that provide medical care to workers going for foreign employment.

The health institution that conducts the health check-up of the workers going for foreign employment should be renewed within the end of Poush of each fiscal year. The approval of 10 health institutions that haven't renewed has been terminated. From now on, such health institutions are disqualified from conducting health check-up of the people going for foreign employment. Click the link below to see which health institutions have been delisted.

Source: <http://moless.gov.np/?p=3858>



It is heard that the government provides free treatment to victims of sexual violence. Is such service available in all hospitals?

The government has made arrangements to provide free or concessional treatment to the patients of the target group from 44 hospitals of the country after assessing their financial condition. Within this also, the government has made arrangements for the victims of sexual violence to get all the services available at the concerned hospital completely free of cost. The list of the hospitals operating the service as per the government can be viewed in the link below.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/6kiQc3M>



The political rallies and slogans are being carried out now. Is it not important for the political activist to follow the health safety standards?

With the announcement of the election date, the risk of political gathering has increased. Keeping this in view, it has been said that mandatory health safety standards should be followed while conducting crowded activities such as gatherings, public meetings, processions and seminars. The responsibility of regulating this has been assigned to the local administration. However, it doesn't appear to have been implemented. If anyone feels that the rules have been violated, they can file complaints in the concerned local administration.


Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2288>

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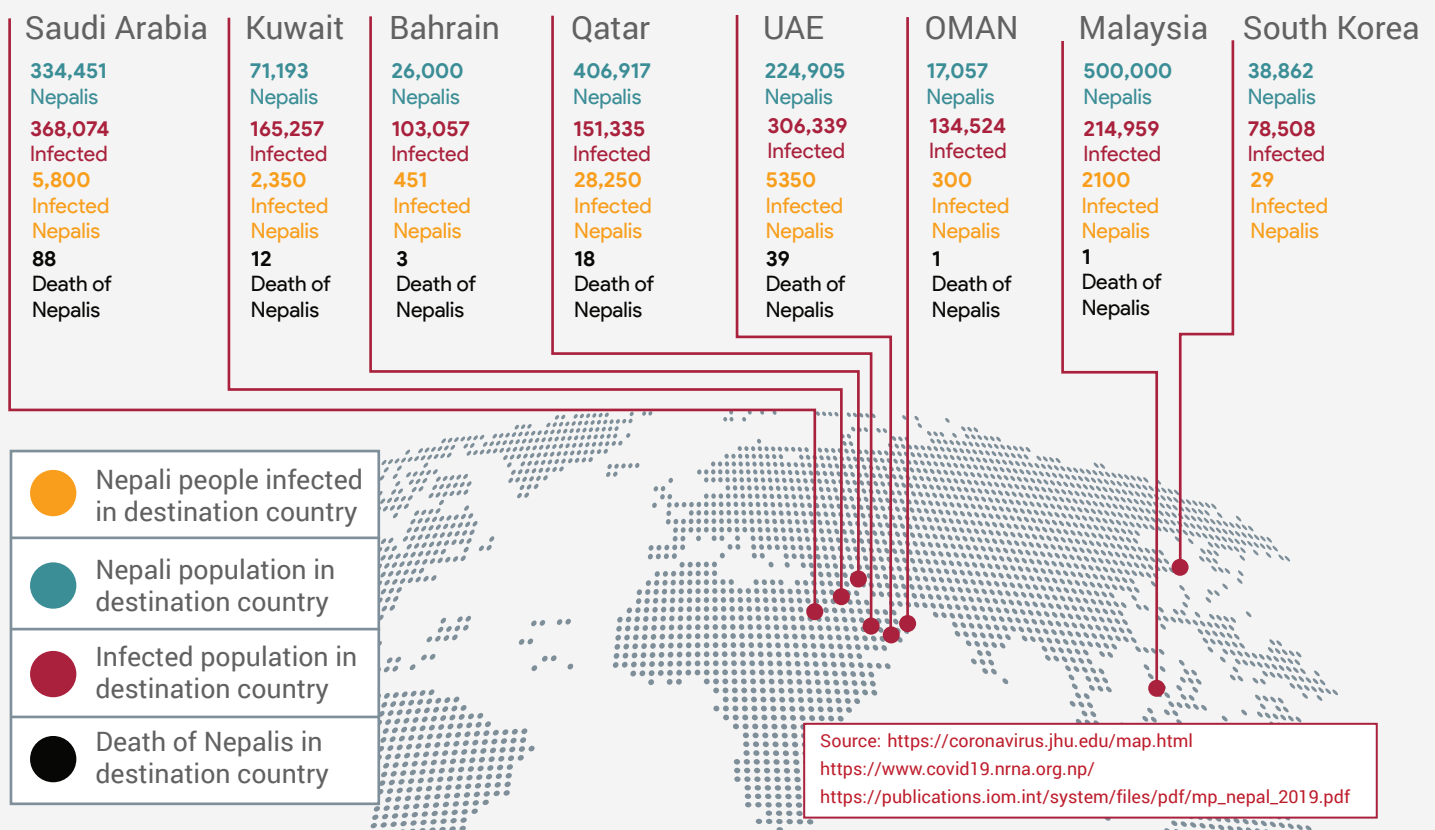
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



New rules regarding the use of airports in the Gulf countries

Kuwait

From 1 June, Kuwait International Airport will charge 3 Dinar for departure passengers and 2 Dinar for passengers arriving in Kuwait. The information was mentioned in the press release issued by Minister of State for Housing Affairs and Minister of State for Service Affairs, Abdullah Marafi.

Saudi Arabia

From now on, 3 Riyals should be paid for using the services available at Dammam Airport.

UAE

- According to Emirates Airlines, passengers coming to Dubai from now on should bring a 72-hour PCR negative report. Earlier, a PCR negative report of upto 96 hours was required.
- Every person going to Abu Dhabi from other emirates should show PCR negative reports in their Al-Hosn Mobile Application. Even though it was mandatory to keep Al-Hosn Mobile app from earlier, now the app has become even more important after this rule.

Oman

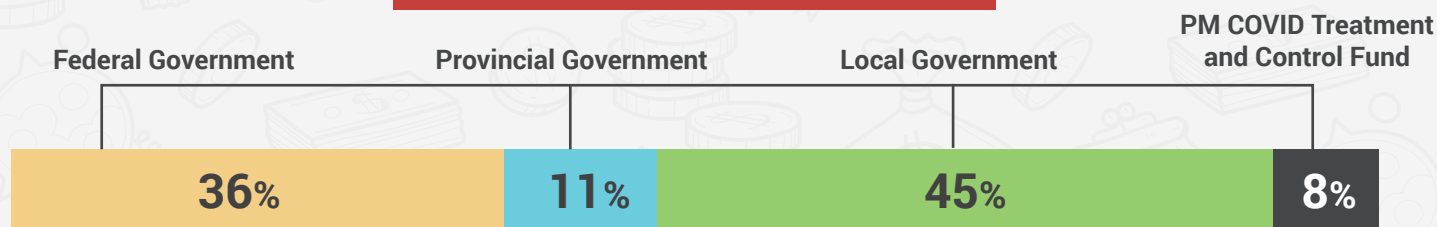
Social gatherings have been completely prohibited since 28 January to prevent coronavirus infection. If you need any other information in this regard, you can contact 711592490 the hotline telephone number of the Nepalese Embassy in Oman.

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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

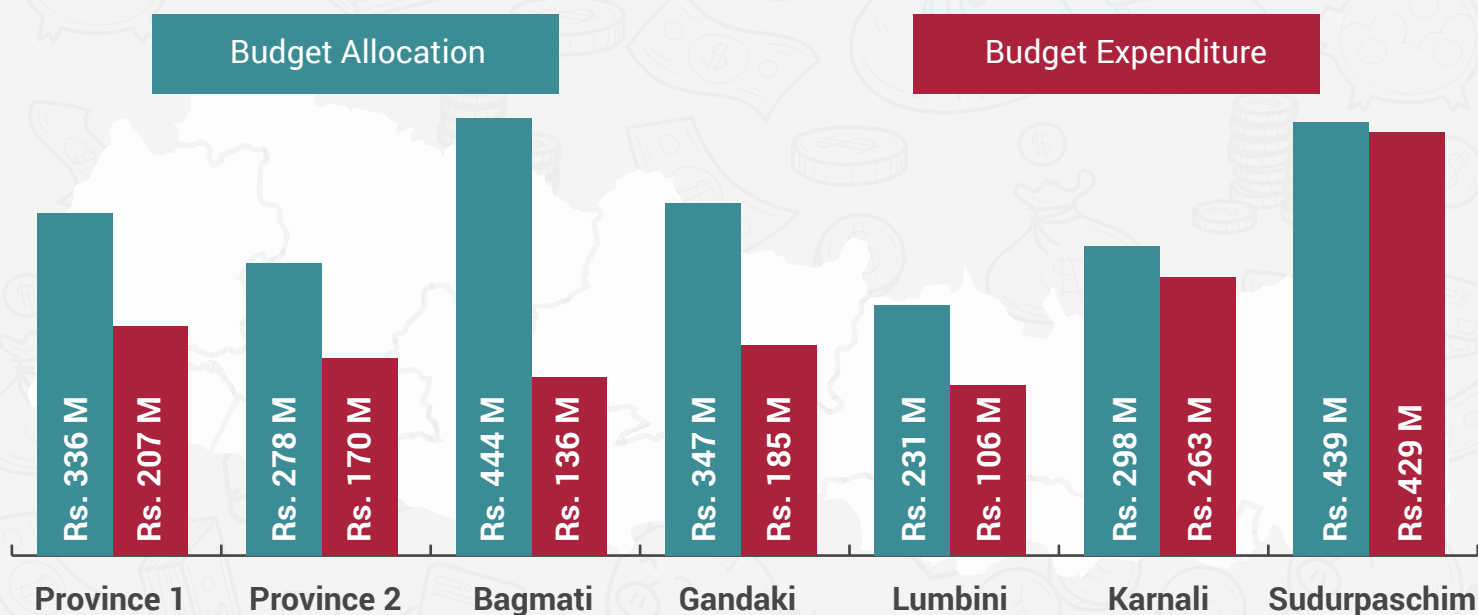


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government





Youths compelled to go abroad as government fails to provide the promised grant for agribusiness



Baliraj Pandey, 30 of Birendranagar Municipality, Ward no. 7 is a young farmer. Baliraj, who is very interested in business, is facing a tough time due to lack of investment. He started vegetable farming by renting 24 katthas of land three years ago after Karnali Province Government announced a grant. However, he, who started a vegetable business on loan, anticipating the subsidy, didn't get the grant.

As he didn't receive the grant, on one hand, he was forced to pay the interest of the loan and on the other hand, he faced difficulties to invest in seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other necessities of the vegetable farm. Although he wanted to do business inside the country, he was left with no choice but to go abroad as he didn't receive any grant. He couldn't live here even for 7 months when he returned to Nepal during the lockdown. Although he wants to do business and live with his family, he is forced to work abroad to pay off the debts from home and business, earn extra to sustain his family and take forward his business.

He says, "It seems the province government doesn't recognize the real farmers. The grants are distributed in terms of commission and power. Who would recognize someone like us? I wanted to start an agribusiness in the village. But the investment didn't materialize. I have come abroad with a conviction that I will start business with my own earnings." The Aarushi Agricultural Firm, named after his wife, Savitra Adhikari, is currently run by his wife, Savitra and father, Krishna Prasad Pandey.

The farm, which started three years ago with Cauliflower, now produces all kinds of vegetables including potatoes, bitter gourd, cucumber, beans and tomato. The farm, which was started with a loan of NRs. 1 lakh at 3 percent interest, has so far spent NRs. 6 lakhs.

Baliraj's father Krishna Prasad says, "The grants allocated by the government for farmers are distributed on the basis of connection. Those who continuously work do not get grants. The fake farmers who register their farms only for the grant and keep visiting the Ministry take benefit of the situation. Otherwise, my son wouldn't be compelled to go abroad after seeing no hope of the grant." He himself is a retired agricultural technician of the Regional Directorate of Agriculture. Last year, when the province government promised to provide a grant of NRs. 1 lakh 30 thousand, he brought plastic tunnels and other agricultural implements with his own interest, but didn't receive the final payment.

The chemical-free vegetables being exported from India to the province is limited in the declaration. Organic items produced here aren't valued. The province government also hasn't shown interest in it. Similar to Baliraj's family, thousands of farmers in Karnali are in trouble who started their business on loan after failing to garner investment. It is important for the concerned bodies to pay attention to this.



Frontliners Voices



Anil Sen Thakuri

Health Inspector, Kohalpur Municipality, Banke

"We took Covid as our duty rather than a challenge and succeeded in defeating it. At present, all the health workers of Kohalpur Municipality have received vaccine against covid. People are also now more aware of covid. We are conducting free check-ups for people showing covid symptoms. As the effect of covid has gradually decreased, our workload has decreased as well. Even though the impact of the covid has

declined, we are still doing our part."

Deepak Sharma

Lab Assistant, Kohalpur Municipality, Banke

"I have been working in the frontline from the very beginning of the covid, in Banke. At the early stage, management of the covid was very difficult. I and one of my colleagues jointly collected 28,000 swabs. As my family members were scared by this, I convinced them saying as a health worker if we get scared and do not do our work then, no one else will look after other people. I stayed out of home for 7 months. Looking back at those times, I feel that I have done a wonderful job and I am very happy about that. "



Santosh Budha Kshetri

Medical Officer,
COVID Temporary Hospital, Kohalpur, Banke

"We had worked at the times of limited manpower and resources. We did double shifts as well. At the early phase of covid, there was scarcity of PPE and mask. We have worked for 2/3 days using the same mask. Saving people from covid was our concerning priority more than the fear of the family members. However, when the community misbehaved with us

stating that corona was transmitted from health workers, that hurted us. It was especially difficult for the health workers living in rented houses. Despite many problems and challenges, we did not give up. As a result, of which the situation is now somewhat normal."



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

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