

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.

Disbursement of 3 crore fund for the infrastructure management to manage the bodies of the patients who died of COVID-19 infection

Hospitals that have received the fund

Per hospital NRs. 20 Lakhs

Koshi Hospital, Biratnagar

B.P Koirala Health Sciences Institute, Dharan

Gajendra Narayan Hospital, Saptari

Sukraraj Tropical Hospital, Teku

Nepal Police Hospital, Maharajgunj

Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences, Chauni

Nepal APF Hospital, Balambu

TU Teaching Hospital, Maharajgunj

Patan Health Sciences Institute, Lalitpur

Bharatpur Hospital, Chitwan

Bir Hospital, Kathmandu

Narayani Hospital, Birgunj

Pokhara Health Sciences Institute, Pokhar

Bheri Hospital, Nepalgunj

Dadeldhura Hospital, Dadeldhura



Source: <https://www.opmcm.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/13th-Covid-kosh-decisions.pdf>
<https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2284>

Nepal Update



Now that the schools have opened regularly, the schools in Panauti, Kavre have been focusing on extra-curricular activities.

Photo : Keshav Raj Paudel

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,096,750

Positive: 272,055

Active: 1,744

Deaths: 2,045

Recovered: 268,266

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that media personnel and staff working in foreign diplomatic missions are being vaccinated against COVID-19. Where and for how long will they be vaccinated?

For five days starting from 26 Magh 2077, the arrangements have been made to vaccinate the UN agencies staffs including foreign staffs, staff working in embassies and other diplomatic missions at Patan Hospital, Lalitpur, Teaching Hospital, Maharajgunj and Shahid GangaLal Hospital, Bansbari. Similarly, arrangements have been made to vaccinate media personnel at the Civil Servants Hospital. The government has requested all the concerned individuals to contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Information and Technology to get registered for vaccination.

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



It is heard that 22 Lakh doses of vaccine is coming to Nepal again.

Nepal is set to receive 22 lakh 56 thousand doses of vaccine against COVID-19 through the effort of the World Health Organization. COVAX has stated that the distribution of vaccines will start from the end of February. COVAX in a statement titled "Final Distribution Forecast" issued on Wednesday mentioned that it would distribute 33 Crore 60 Lakh vaccines to 140 nations under the first phase.

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



It is said that there is an age limit to participate in the vocational training provided by the government. At what age can a person participate in the training?

Workers participating in the vocational training provided by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security should have completed 18 years of age and not reached 45 years of age. In the same way, the educational qualification of workers should be as prescribed in the curriculum. However, in case of an orientation program, the age of the worker should be as per the bilateral agreement which will be ensured by the Department of Foreign Employment.

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



It is heard that the Department of Foreign Employment no longer takes the complaint of the victim due to COVID.

The Department of Foreign Employment is taking regular complaints. This fiscal year alone, 151 complaints have been registered in the department. Out of which, 28 complaints have been resolved and punishment has been assigned in 5 complaints. Similarly, NRs. 4 lakhs has been paid to the victims upon the 35 cases registered with Foreign Employment Tribunal.


Source: <https://moless.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2077-10-23-Progress-report.pdf>

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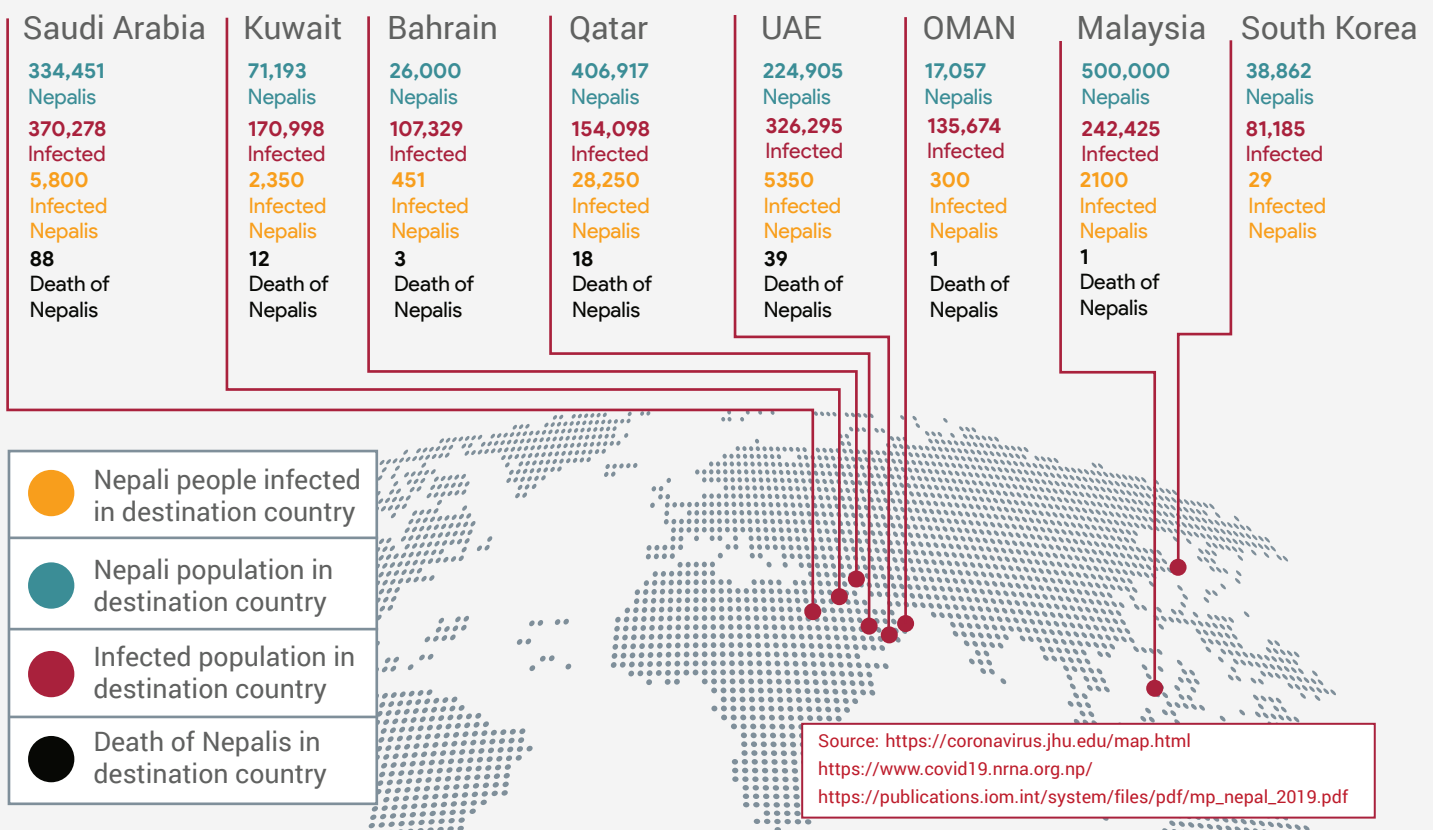
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



Qatar's new labor law will be effective from March 2021

Issuing the Law no. 17 of 2020, Qatar has fixed the minimum wage for all workers in the private sector. According to this law, the unpaid workers don't need an employer's permission (release paper) to change jobs. Employers will now have to pay a minimum wage of 1000 riyals, 300 riyals for food and 500 riyals for housing. However, if food and accommodation are provided, then a salary of one thousand riyals is sufficient.

Nepali workers who haven't received the prescribed salary can easily lodge a complaint in Nepali language.

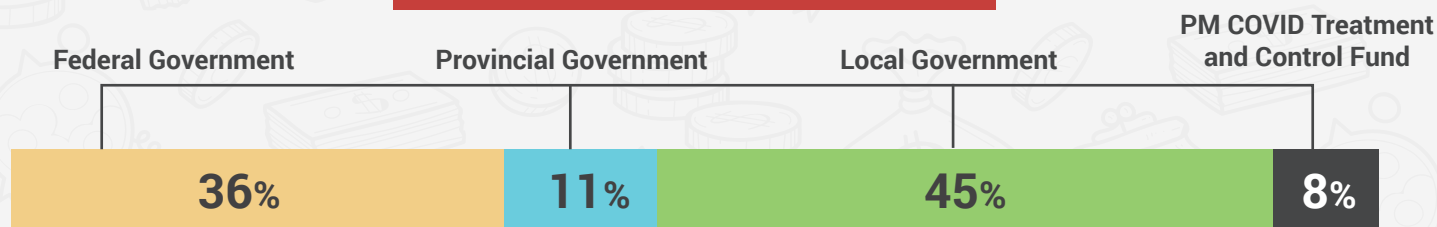
Nepal, on the other hand, had fixed the minimum wage for unskilled workers at 1,200 riyals comprising 900 riyal wage and 300 riyals for food since 2013. However, the unilateral decision wasn't implemented by the employers.

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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

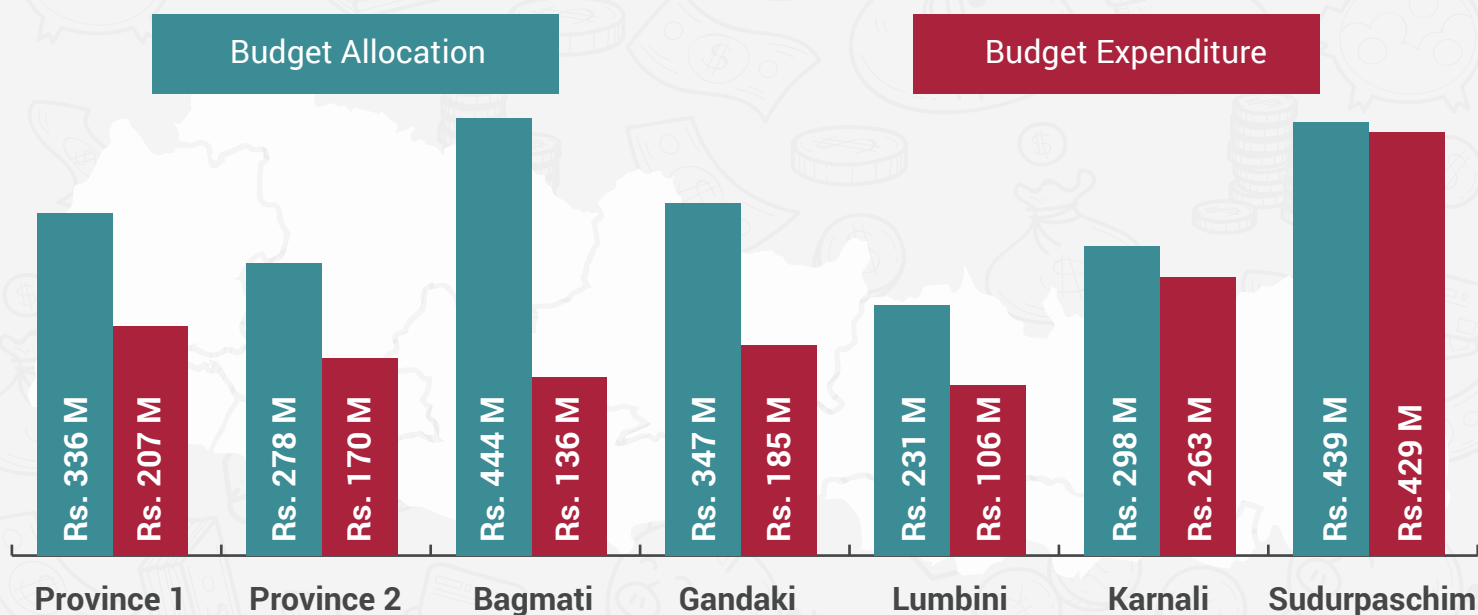

Quarantine Management
Rs. 46,946,000


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





Deepak, who had returned from foreign employment, started working as a security guard after having no investment to do business



“He wanted to do agribusiness in Nepal, but he didn't have a house to keep his mother. The money earned in foreign employment was used to pay off loans and buy a small plot of land to build a house. He had no money left to do business. He also heard that the government would help him to do business, but didn't know where to go for help.”

Deepak Niraula of Sankhuwasabha is currently working as a security guard in Nepal. He lost his father when he was 16 days old. Only when he was 7-8 years old did he realize that he didn't have a father. His elder brother somehow helped him to complete his secondary education. However, the family's financial situation was poor. After passing the class 12 examination, he had to find some employment. He came to Kathmandu in search of work. After realizing that he couldn't save money from the low paying jobs, he returned to the village. He also had to look after his mother. He had seen his friends in the village go for foreign employment. He chose the same path. He went to Saudi Arabia in Bhadra 2071.

Neither he had any skills at hand, nor did he know the language. The company didn't provide him food for four days after reaching abroad. In 15 days, he caught a fight with the supervisor because he didn't understand the language. Due to lack of skills, the senior workers made him work extra hard for 3-5 months. During that time, he realized that he could earn money if he worked hard in Nepal. However, as per the agreement, he worked at KFC located there for 2 years. He also had to repay the loan he took while going for foreign employment.

After that, he returned to Nepal committed that he wouldn't go for foreign employment again. He wanted to do agribusiness in Nepal, but he didn't have a house for his mother. The money earned in foreign employment was used to pay off loans and buy a small plot of land and build a house. He had no money left to do business. He also heard that the government would help him to do business, but didn't know where to go for help. Because he didn't have money to do business, he started working for a garment company in Kathmandu. Not earning a good salary there, he started working as a security guard. He says “It is better to work in the country as much as possible, but if you want to go for foreign employment, it is better to learn skills and language”. If you have skills, you can earn good income even with a little work and if you know the language, you will not suffer.”



Frontliners Voices



Sujan Shrestha

Heath Division Head, Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality, Dhading

"I returned to regular work after 32 days of isolation due to the symptomatic infection of COVID-19. I see that people are taking coronavirus very lightly assuming that it does no harm. But it isn't true. Coronavirus can be avoided only by adopting high precautions and following the public health measures on a regular basis. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently introduced the concept of Living With Corona. We have a compulsion ahead of us to accept it as a new-normal and return to our regular work.."

Sannani Pariyar

Member, District Coordination Committee, Dhading

"Even in the midst of a corona pandemic, I worked accepting the risk. Now the situation has returned back to normal. I don't know how to drive. I have been facing inconvenience as the public transport can't be found on time to travel far. I also go for social work activities more than managing household work. When I do social work, I feel like I am doing my own work and it gives me satisfaction. I have the support of my family to do social work even if it is a difficult task. "



Krishna Prasad Kapri

Ward Chair, Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality, Ward no. 5, Dhading

"I worked more on managing those who returned from foreign employment due to corona. I used to go to quarantine once a day. I would carry herbs that would prevent corona. Now that corona has returned to normal, I am requesting the youths who have returned from foreign employment to do agribusiness at their local unit. I have been providing all possible assistance for the production and market management of the malanga

[pidalu] produced in our area. Farmers are also making good income. To motivate young people to do business locally, I myself have started farming as a demonstration of lemon and watermelon farming."





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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Civic Action Teams



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