

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 following laboratories can only conduct the PCR test for COVID-19 now onwards

1 Province 1
Koshi Hospital, B.P Koirala Health Sciences Institute, Mechi Hospital, Provincial Public Health Laboratory

2 Province 1
Narayani Hospital, Gajendra Narayan Singh Hospital, Provincial Public Health Laboratory

3 Bagmati Province
National Public Health Laboratory, Dhulikhel Hospital, Patan Institute of Health Sciences, Bir Hospital, Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Bharatpur Hospital, Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Bhaktapur Hospital, Tribhuvan Teaching Hospital, Hetauda Hospital, Police Hospital, Army Hospital, APF Hospital.

4 Gandaki Province
Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Baglung Hospital



5 Lumbini Province
Bheri Hospital, Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Rapti Institute of Health Sciences

6 Karnali Province
Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Karnali Institute of Health Sciences

7 Sudurpaschim Province
Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Dadeldhura Hospital

Source: <https://cutt.ly/4lfYbPi>

Nepal Update

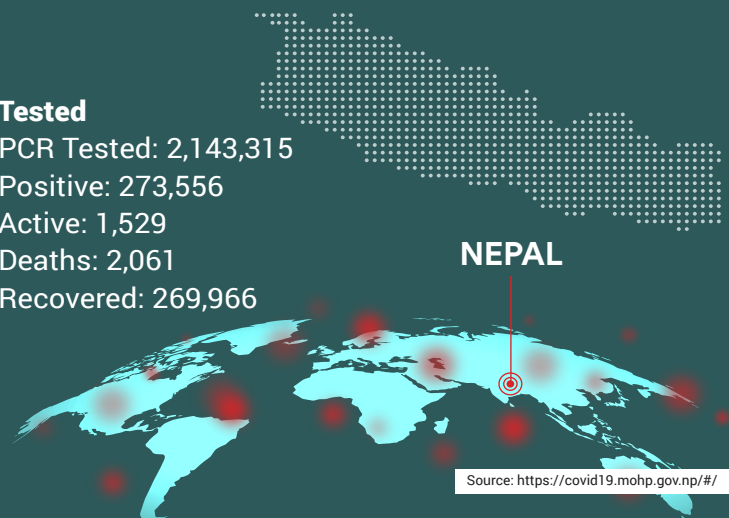


The women of slum settlements of Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City participating in the discussion on gender inclusion.

Photo: Aayush Yagol Shrestha

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,143,315
Positive: 273,556
Active: 1,529
Deaths: 2,061
Recovered: 269,966



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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that there is a shortage of corona vaccine in the world market. How long should the general public wait to get this vaccine?

The government has decided to purchase 20 lakh additional doses of covidshield as the supply and use of the vaccine seems appropriate, especially at this moment when there is a shortage of covid vaccine worldwide. Therefore, the general public will get the vaccine soon. Under this, 10 lakh doses of vaccine has been received on 9 Falgun 2077. The government has also stated that for the vaccine campaign starting from 23 Falgun, the vaccine will be distributed from Province Supply Management Center to District Health Offices, which will then be distributed to Vaccination Centers across the country.

Source: <https://mocit.gov.np/categorydetail/2077-magh-15-19-falgun-06>



Will everyone listed in the Prime Minister Employment Program get employment?

If you look at the government's data, out of the total 7 Lakh 43 thousand unemployed individuals registered in the Prime Minister Employment Program in the FY 2077, 1 Lakh 50 thousand have so far found employment. The government plans to provide employment to additional 2 Lakh unemployed individuals in the current fiscal year. Similarly, it has been said that unemployment allowance will be provided to those who don't get at least 100 days of work on the basis of minimum wage. However, the provision for it hasn't been clearly stated.

Source: <https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/174/lan/ne-NP>



It is heard that those who come to Nepal from Saudi Arabia on re-entry visas won't be allowed to return to Saudi Arabia now?

The Saudi Government has said that the migrant workers must return to Saudi before their visa expires if they have returned home on a re-entry visa. If they fail to return on time, such workers will not be allowed to enter Saudi Arabia for three years.

Source: <https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/174/lan/ne-NP>



It is heard that the workers unpaid during the lockdown will now be paid. What is the reality?

The government has decided that the industries should make full payment to the workers until Chaitra 2076 even though there was a lockdown. Moreover, it has also been decided that the settlement should be made by paying 50% of the wage to workers for the month of Baisakh 2077 and for Jestha, 50% of the wage should be provided even to those workers who couldn't come to work due to lockdown.


Source: <https://mocit.gov.np/categorydetail/2077-magh-15-19-falgun-06>

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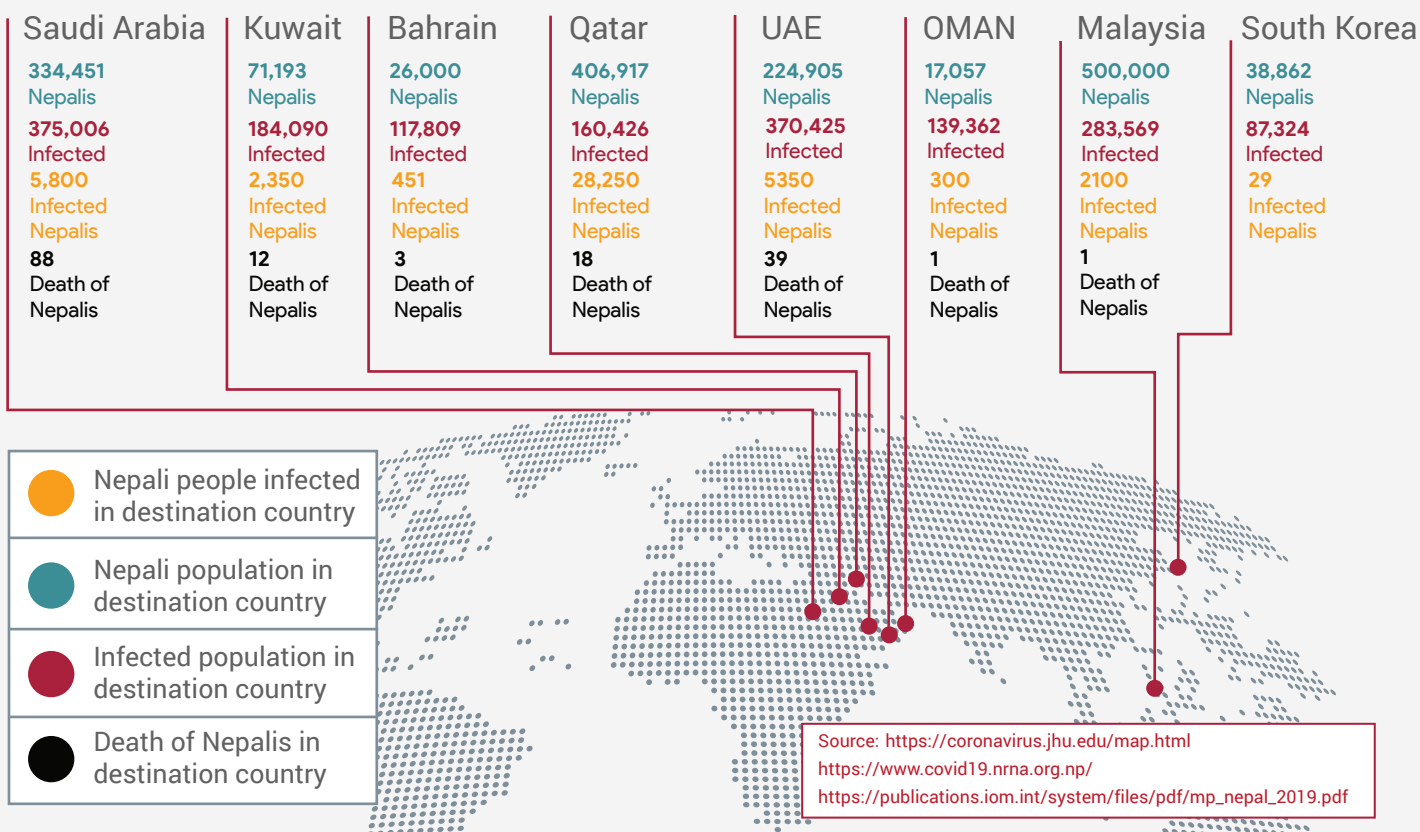
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COVID-19

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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



One can renew visa and issue a new passport online in the UAE

The Nepali Embassy in the UAE is going to provide a facility of passport renewal and issuing of new passports to its service recipients even if they don't come to the Embassy. For this, the photo can be pasted in the form filled online and the other documents can be couriered. Similarly, the fee can be deposited in the Embassy's back account.

The documents required for passport renewal or for the passports where the pages are full:

1. Two copies of correctly filled and printed forms
2. Copy of Nepali citizenship
(The copy of citizenship must be signed verifying it as the original copy)
3. Current original passport and its copy
4. 2 copies of of specified passport size photo
5. Copy of the UAE's valid visa
6. 200 dirham revenue fee for bank deposit

Also,

The separate documents are required to substitute a lost passport, to issue a new passport in place of the torn or damaged passport, and to make a passport of a child. To get detailed information about it including the required documents, visit the website of Nepali Embassy on ae.nepalembassy.gov.np.



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\$ Follow the Money

Fresh Update of the Expenses Made until Poush End 2077
for Corona Prevention, Control and Treatment



Federal Government

NRs. 8.59 billion



Provincial Government

NRs. 2.92 billion



Local Government

NRs. 8.1 billion

Dual Expense:

NRs. 1.49 billion

Total Expense Deducting the Dual Expense

NRs. 18.12 billion

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Frontliners Voices



Lakshmi Danuwar

Deputy Chairperson, Panchkhal Municipality, Kavre

“Now that the corona vaccine has been given to health workers, local representatives and frontline workers, their motivation has further heightened. Amidst the confusion with wake of pandemic, we were able to manage quarantine and isolation. In isolation, we didn't only treat the infected people of Panchkhal, but also the infected people of the neighbouring local units of Mandandeupur, Bhulmu and Chaurideurali. We are moving

forward by embracing the communities even during this dire situation. We have also kept the ambulance in the ready state to provide best possible services to anyone necessary. As we are the servants of the people, we are working constantly to solve the problems of the people.”

Gokul Kumar Dalarmi

Health Assistant, Dhartichap Health Post, Kavre

“In the Mahabharat, one of the most remote villages in Kavre, it was very difficult to get accurate information, treatment, quarantine and isolation during the time of COVID. Due to sudden increase in the number of people in the entry points, the rural municipality had also set up a fever health desks along with quarantine in such checkpoints. Even though other areas are normal now, it will still take us a few more time to return to normal. We are still conducting the awareness programs. We are also following the health standards.”



Purushottam Karmacharya

Ward member, Panauti Municipality, Kavre

“We identified the economically weak people here at the beginning of COVID and distributed relief items proportionately. We paid special attention to the health of the pregnant woman. Along with providing them nutritious food and regular health check-ups, a birthing center had been set up in Kavre which has now been developed as a center that conducts most birthing in Kavre. We have realized the need for a hospital in our ward due

to COVID and have started the construction of an Ayurvedic hospital in coordination with the municipality. All the local representatives have supported us on this.”



Radio Program Paddhati Structure for all

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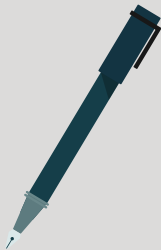
Civic Action Teams



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