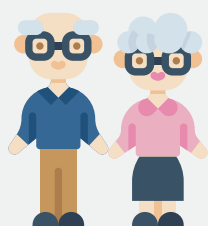
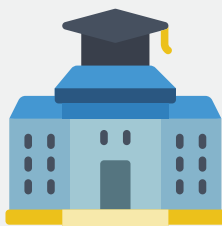


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The second priority group to be vaccinated



All citizens above 55
years of age



University faculty and
staff



Public transport
drivers and co-drivers

Vaccination period
23 Falgun to 15 Chaitra 2077



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

Nepal Update



A woman in Dhangadhi driving an auto to make her end meet.

Photo : Aayush Yagol Shrestha

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,165,985
Positive: 274,216
Active: 968
Deaths: 2,777
Recovered: 270,471

NEPAL



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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the infected person didn't get the insurance amount because of the PCR testing laboratory.

The Ministry of Health has stated that the insurance claim is ineligible for payment due to following error of the laboratory:

1. It was found that the laboratories which were allowed to test COVID-19 didn't send the tested sample to National Public Health Laboratory and other agencies within the prescribed format within 24 hours.
2. The details of some individuals were found to have been reported to the National Public Health Laboratory on the date of the test itself.

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



It is heard that the government has promised it would run one industry in every village. But we haven't heard anything about it in our area?

Not in every village, but the government has brought a policy to run an industrial village at every local unit. Under this, the industrial villages have been declared at 45 local units and are in the stage of development. The government plans to declare industrial villages in 130 local units and to implement this program in all 753 local units in the fiscal year 2077/78.

Source: <https://mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2088>



It is heard that more than half of the workers in the factories are said to have lost their jobs due to COVID-19. Are there any recorded statistics?

According to a study conducted by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, 22.5 percent of workers in the small, medium and large enterprises have lost their jobs. Among them, the small, cottage and small scale industries have shown comparatively more labor cuts.

Source: [http://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/news_notice/Covid-19%20Study%20%20\(final\).pdf](http://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/news_notice/Covid-19%20Study%20%20(final).pdf)



The local units avoid the maintenance of the collapsed roads built in the partnership with the provincial and federal government highlighting resource constraints as a reason. Is it the responsibility of the provincial or the federal government?

The government has implemented Provincial and Local Road Improvement Programs with the objective of connecting every local unit with the provincial capital. Although the federal government, province government and the local government will share the cost for the construction of the road on the basis of length, it has been clearly stated that the responsibility of maintaining the handed over road will be with the concerned local unit.


Source: <https://mofaga.gov.np/uploads/notices/Notices-20210106143654235.pdf>

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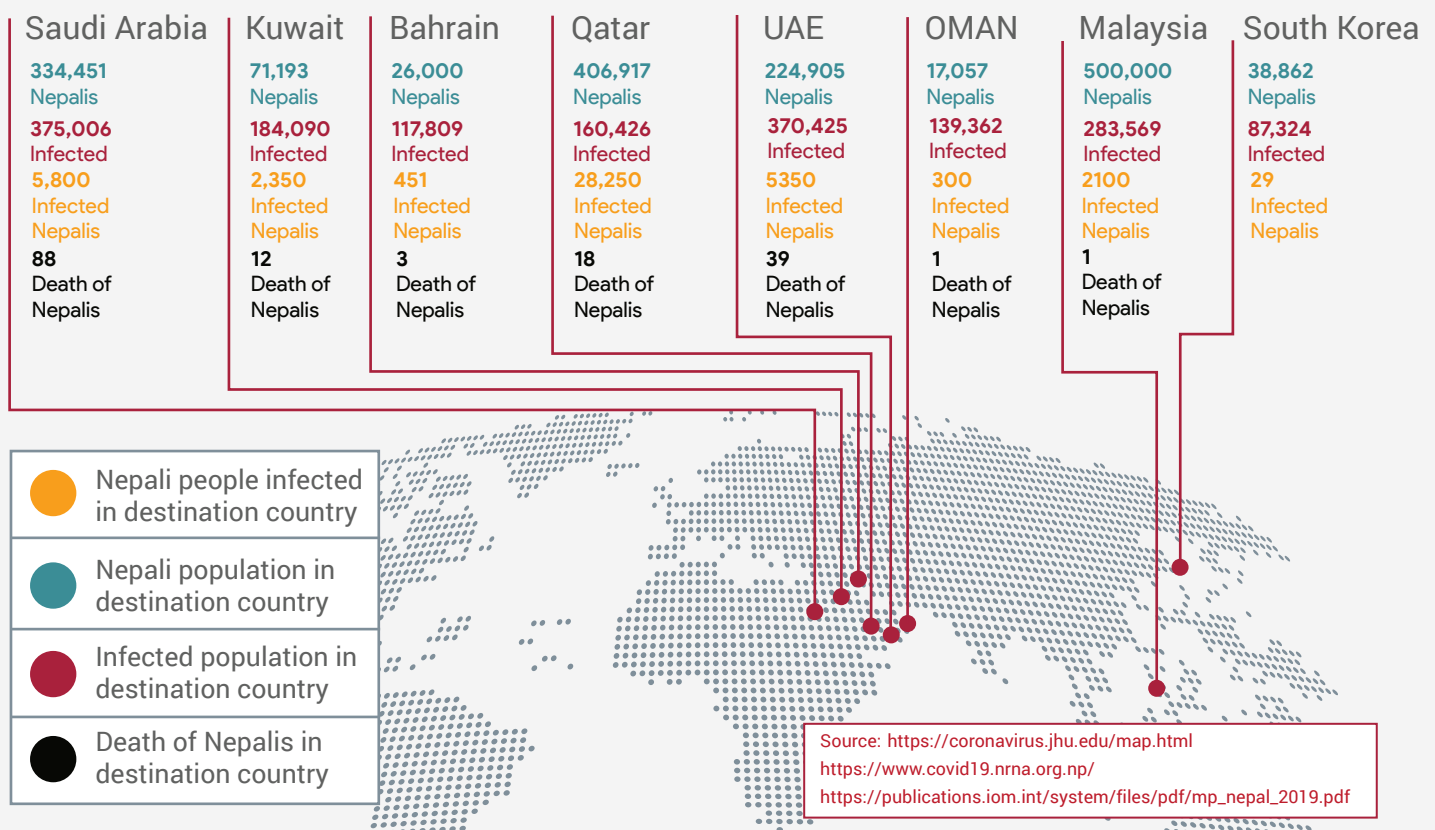
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



Information on entry ban for immigrants in Kuwait and extension of tourist visa in the UAE

Kuwait:

Immigrants are prohibited from entering Kuwait until 20 March 2021. As a result, more than 3,000 transit passengers are stranded in the UAE.

Restaurants will only be allowed for takeaway and deliver. The dining service is closed until further notice.

Flights have been affected since the corona pandemic, and in the situation when immigrants aren't allowed to easily enter Kuwait, 1,442 passengers have arrived in Kuwait from 48 flights since 7 February. Among the arrivals are 989 Kuwaitis and 453 domestic workers.

UAE

Expired tourist visas in the UAE have been extended till 31st March.

If you are using Dubai Metro, you should inform 30 minutes prior to arrival.

If you are renewing your license in Ras Al Khaimah for security reasons due to COVID-19, the application can only be applied online.

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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

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



Frontliners Voices



Deepak Subar

AHW, Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City, Kailali

"Initially, I was the one who opened the checkpoint of Dhangadhi Sub-metropolitan City, Sudurpaschim Province. The situation at that time was very frightening, no one was seen on the road. People used to be afraid of each other. We coordinated with the concerned district and sent the returnee to their respective district. The sub-metropolitan city had also made good arrangements. All the PPE supplies were available to health workers. At that time, I had taken a room nearby so that it became easier for me to work. However, the landlord forced me out of the room. But now everything is fine and everyone has understood about it."

Suman Giri Shrestha

Nursing Officer, Nepalgunj Medical College, Banke

"During the high cases of covid, I used to leave a small child at home to serve the citizens. I was afraid that others would be affected by me, but if I surrender to that fear and do not work at this time then nobody would work. This thought motivated me to face the risk and serve the citizens. Now that the corona vaccine has been developed, we all have received the first dose of the corona vaccine. People who work in hospitals are always at risk, we must always work carefully and safely. Even though the Corona epidemic is low, we are taking precautionary measures."



Simran Shahi Thakuri

Staff Nurse, HCRC Hospital, Nepalgunj, Banke

"We faced many challenges in dealing with the situation that no one has ever imagined. However, we faced every challenge and managed to defeat Corona. At the time of such an epidemic, patients thought that the hospital would be closed. However, seeing our service all day and night, they appreciated our work. It gave us more energy, encouragement and satisfaction at work. Now the vaccine against corona has arrived. This has made everyone excited."



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