

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 total budget disbursed by the Ministry of Health, Populatio and Environment in COVID-19 response and expenses

Province 1

Budget
Rs. 1,82,083,000

Expense
Rs. 1,62,062,000

Province 2

Budget
Rs. 67,647,000

Expense
Rs. 41,343,000

Bagmati Province

Budget
Rs. 2,979,914

Expense
Rs. 1,925,746

Gandaki Province

Budget
Rs. 1,000,000

Expense
Rs. 1,000,000

Lumbini Province

Budget
Rs. 45,490,000

Expense
Rs. 10,420,000

Karnali Province

Budget
Rs. 35,960,000

Expense
Rs. 9,960,000

Sudurpaschim Province

Budget
Rs. 47,142,000

Expense
Rs. 21,337,000

Total

Budget
Rs. 3,359,236,000

Expense
Rs. 2,171,868,000

Note: Complete detail can be seen in the link below

Source: <https://www.opmcm.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/PMEP-Annual-Report-076-77.pdf>

Nepal Update



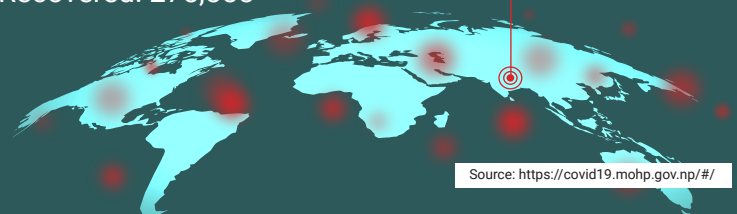
The scene after a fire broke out in Narainapur, Banke a week ago. 127 houses were burned in the fire.

Photo : Lok Bahadur Gharti Magar

Tested

PCR Tested: 2,352,502
Positive: 285,900
Active: 7,254
Deaths: 3,091
Recovered: 275,555

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the ones who have received the first dose of the vaccine are receiving the second dose. To whom and when is the vaccine being distributed?

The health workers, community health volunteers, ambulance drivers and co-drivers, security personnel assigned to manage dead bodies, employees of all government offices, organization and banks, journalists, security personnel mobilized in local levels, local elected representatives, security personnel mobilized in border security posts and employees of diplomatic missions who have received the first dose of vaccine from 14 Magh 2077 to 10 Falgun 2077 are being vaccinated with the second dose. The campaign to receive the second dose of vaccine is being conducted across the vaccine centers in Nepal from 7 to 11 Baishak. While going for vaccination, everyone has to take their vaccination card and identity card of their office or if not, the government identity card should be taken.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/ivEoRW5>



It is heard that the private hospitals have again begun to charge high fees from corona patients. Has the government not set any fee limit?

The government has set a fee limit for private hospitals for the testing and treatment of COVID-19 patients. NRs. 2000 has been set for PCR testing. Similarly, on the basis of the complexity of the infection, the government has prepared a guideline for the fees. It states NRs. 3,000 for patients in normal condition, NRs. 7,000 for patients with moderate condition and NRs. 15,000 without exceeding 50% charge for the patients with complex conditions.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/xvEJpC6>



Earlier, the manpower company would do all the work including biometrics. Now it is said that we have to even attend the orientation training ourselves. Is our presence mandatory?

For this, the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security gives time for such health institutions to renew until the end of Poush every year. Those health institutions not renewed within the time frame are terminated. Such terminated institutions aren't allowed to examine the health of the person going for foreign employment. This year, a total of 49 health institutions have been renewed and allowed to conduct health check-ups. The complete list is given in the link below.

Source: <https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/177/lan/ne-NP>



Should the foreign tourists who come to Nepal test PCR in Nepal again?

Those tourists who have received COVID-19 vaccination in their home country and have come with a report of PCR test, should stay in hotel quarantine in Nepal as well until they get the result of their PCR test done in Nepal. The PCR test should be done at their own expense in coordination with the concerned organization through which they have visited. Only after the result is confirmed negative, they will be able to go hiking or mountaineering through the agency. Corona insurance at least worth 1 Lakh is mandatory for the accompanying Nepali help.


Source: https://www.tourism.gov.np/files/NOTICE%20MANAGER_FILES/FINAL%20MAPDANDA%202077-converted.pdf

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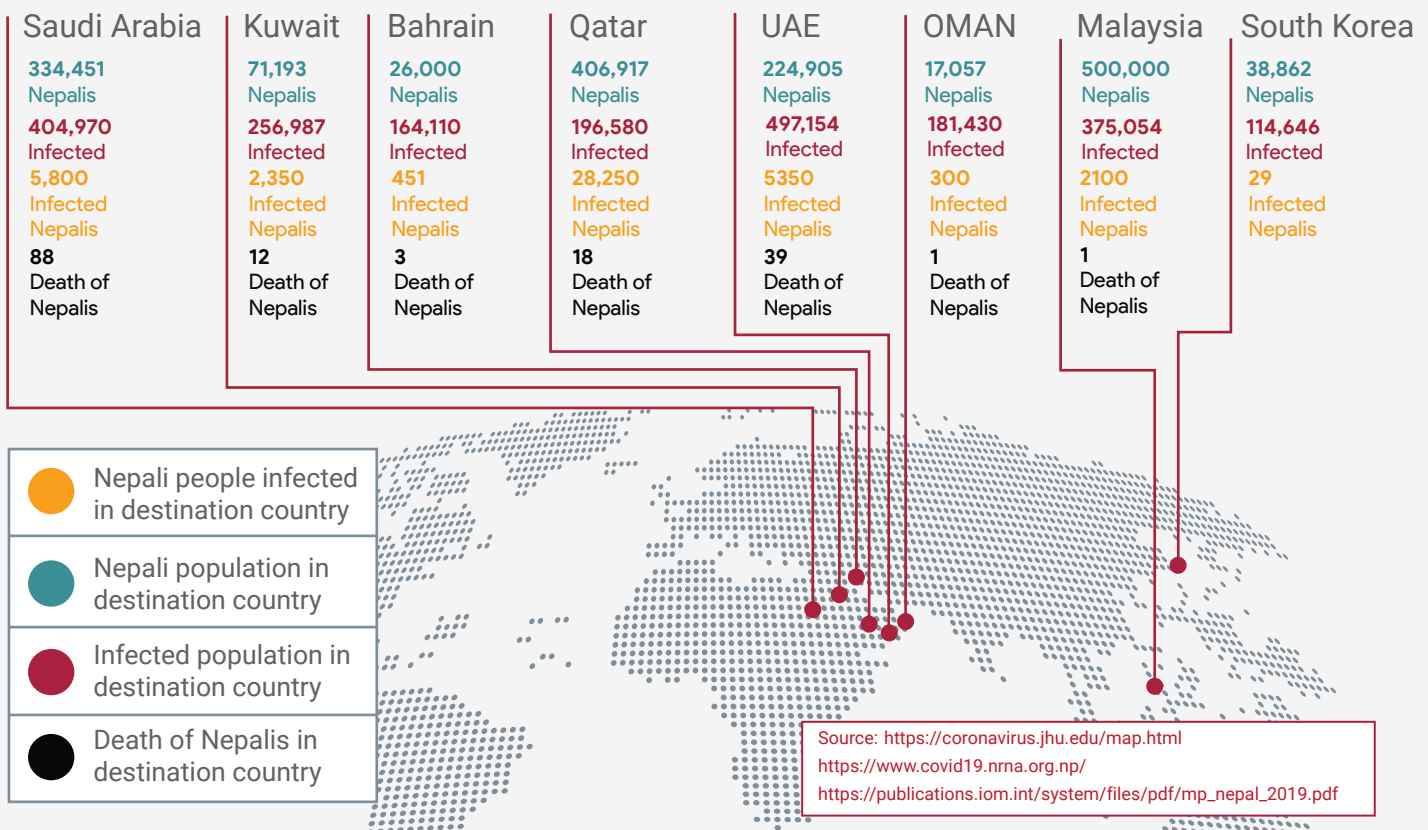
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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People in Qatar punished for not following corona protocols

The covid-19 infection cases are increasing in Qatar. The Qatar government is also strictly punishing those who are violating the prevention protocols. On last Saturday itself 362 people who violated the protocols were punished. Which includes

- 3 people for travelling with more than 4 passengers.
- 4 people who did not use the EHTERAZ app.
- 73 people who did not maintain physical distance.
- 282 people who were not using masks at the public space.

According to the ministry, a case of public prosecution has been filed against them under the Decree-law No. 17 of 1990 on protection from Infectious Disease.

Kuwait

1. The Kuwait government has uplifted the ban on domestic workers following the agreement between the two governments. Now the way is open for the people willing to work as domestic workers from the Philippines to Kuwait.
2. The deadline for those who have lost their visa status, to get the visa legally after paying the fine has been extended up to May 15. You might have to face problems if you do not utilize this opportunity provided by the government.

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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>



Will Govinda not get legal justice?



“When the government does not support at times of difficulties, then the government's plans to create employment for the returnees at home seems merely for discussion.”

Govinda Prasad Sharma, who went abroad for employment in the last week of Jestha in 2074 with the aim of improving the family's financial status, is currently admitted to a government hospital in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. He had gone to the UAE legally with the help of SOS Manpower. After not getting the services and facility from the company as per the agreement, he ran away from the company and worked at a different place. According to the UAE's labor rules, it is illegal to run away from the designated company and work secretly. Family members were urging him to return home after knowing that he was

living there illegally. Had he stayed legally, he could have returned to Nepal before the Corona epidemic started. As he was staying there illegally, he could not return home even after the lockdown.

In the meantime, Govinda met a road accident. His situation was very critical. He did not regain consciousness for two months. His friend informed his family, but the family members could not even talk to him. On top of that, because of Corona, everyone was not allowed to visit the hospital. His friends were not able to visit him and could not keep the family updated. This made the family more anxious.

Govinda regained consciousness after two months of being admitted to the hospital. Even though Govinda has returned to normalcy, he is not in the state to return to Nepal immediately. He will have to pay 1 lakh dirhams to the UAE hospital for his treatment. The Nepali Embassy in the UAE has stated that the medical expenses would be made available through the driver but the process will be very long. The embassy has further informed the family that the process could fasten if necessary initiatives are taken from Nepal.

This story of Govinda is just a representative story. There are thousands of

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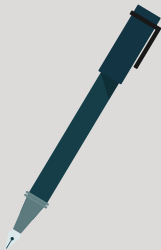
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