

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 payment process of the Corona Insurance claim

The following documents should be submitted to the insurer (concerned Insurance Company) for the claim within 15 days of the discharge of the insured individual from the hospital or the PCR report confirming negative:

1. Completely filled claim form
2. All the original documents confirming the corona infection, records of the Health Ministry, and the recommendation of the concerned local level in case of those living in home isolation
3. Bills of the medical cost and related expenses made as per the written advice of the doctors in case of those who were admitted to the hospital
4. Documents of admission and discharge for those who were admitted to the hospital and the written proof about having stayed in isolation from the designated isolation center
5. Other details and documents mentioned in the Corona Insurance Standards, 2077 issued by the Insurance Committee



Cases where the claims won't be considered (Exception)

1. If the individual was infected with coronavirus before the policy was introduced and within thirty days from the date the policy was issued.
2. If the cost of treatment and other expenses incurred by the Government of Nepal or other organizations are included in the claim.

The concerned insurance company has to pay the insurance amount within 7 days from the insurance claim. The term of the policy will be from the date of issue of the insurance till end of Ashad 2078.

Source: <http://nib.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Circular-6-2077.078.pdf>

Nepal Update



Women from Kumal community selling utensils made up of mud for Tihar and Chhath at Jaleswar Municipality

Photo : Rakesh Prasad Choudhary

Tested

PCR Tested: 1,551,254
Positive: 197,024
Active: 36,174
Deaths: 1126
Recovered: 159,724

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

Rumors & Facts



It is heard that the government will now provide employment to all the unemployed citizens through the Prime Minister Employment Program?

The government has promised to provide 100 days of employment to the unemployed individuals listed at the local level. It has been said that in the employment created through the project to be implemented by the local level, the first priority should be given to the individuals listed at the top of the unemployed list and accordingly the individuals below them should be approached for 100 days employment subsequently. For this, the wages of the workers, the number of individuals involved in the employment and other details should be made public through the information board of the employment project in the language that everyone understands.

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



Has the government said that the patients living in home isolation should consult a health worker in a private hospital?

With the increase in the number of infections lately, the number of individuals living in home isolation is also increasing. Therefore, the government has called upon the private and government institutions to provide healthcare through Tele-Medicine to those infected with COVID-19 and are staying in home isolation. But the monitoring and supervision of it will be done by the government itself.

Source: <https://dohs.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2077.7.19.pdf>



There are complaints that the government hasn't shown interest in businesses that have collapsed due to COVID-19.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies has prepared and requested the concerned businesspersons to fill 10 different questionnaires to get feedback on the necessary policies and programs to be taken by the Government of Nepal for the protection and promotion of the industries affected by COVID-19. It includes the questions like how hard has the business been affected? How many individuals have lost their jobs? What should the government do now? The questionnaire should be filled and sent to khemraajkoirala@gmail.com. Complete details are given in the link below.

Source: http://moics.gov.np/uploads/shares/test/CCF_000072.pdf



It is heard that not a single bed inside the Corona Special Hospital of Seti Provincial Hospital is vacant at the moment.

There are 49 corona infected patients in the 50-bed temporary Corona Special Hospital of Seti Provincial Hospital at present. The discussions are underway between the hospital administration and the management committee on what should be done now that all the beds at the Corona Special Hospital itself have been filled during the time when the rate of infection is increasing day by day. However, no

Source: [Dilip Kumar Shrestha, Information Officer, Seti Provincial Hospital](#)

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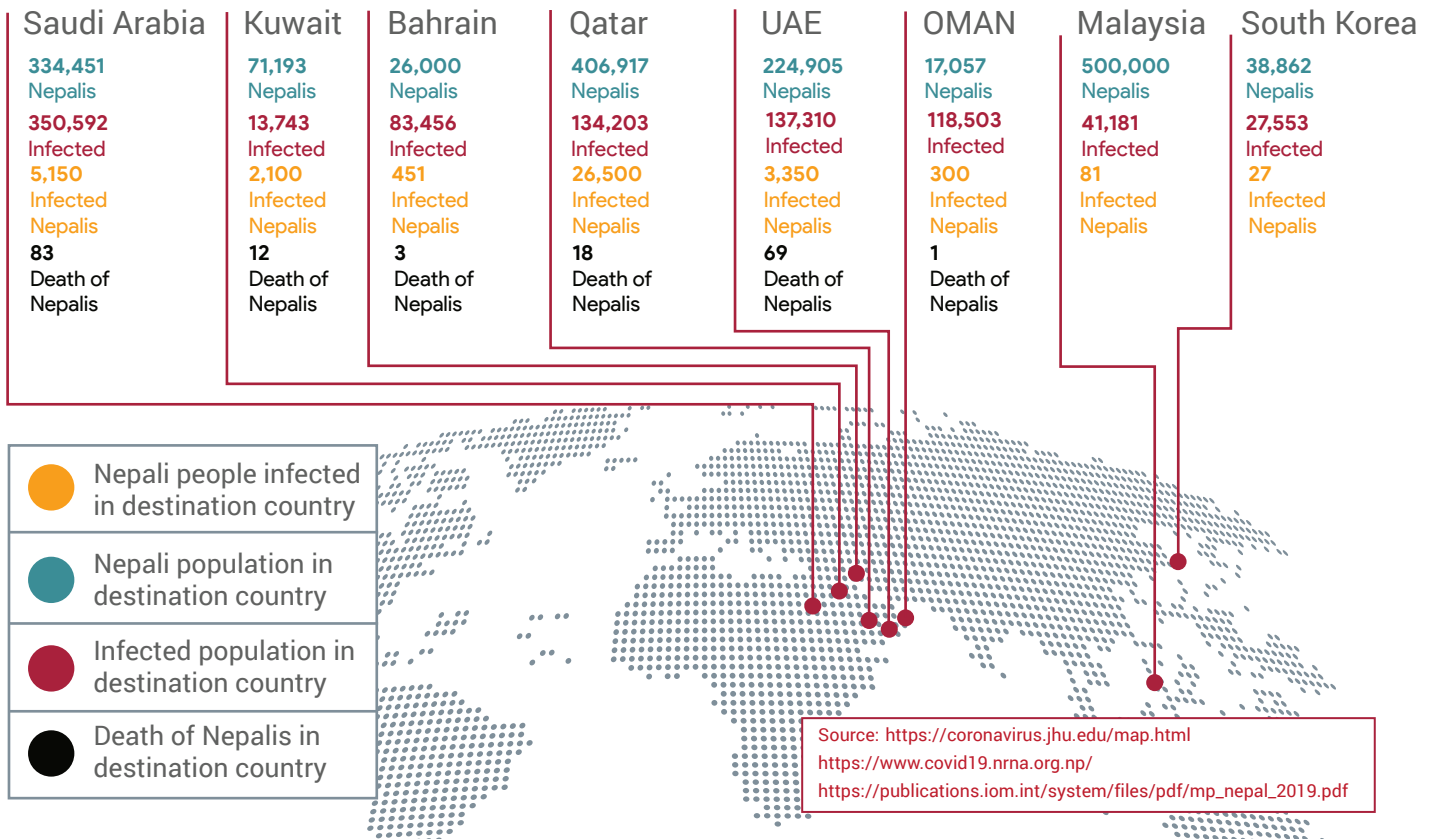
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



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What is the law related to social media in the UAE?



The UAE introduced cyber law in 2012 and social media law in 2019. According to the law, anyone who misuses social media (Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, Tik Tok) is liable to a fine of up to 5 Lakh Dirhams (NRs. 1,50,00,000) and imprisonment.

Things we need to understand:

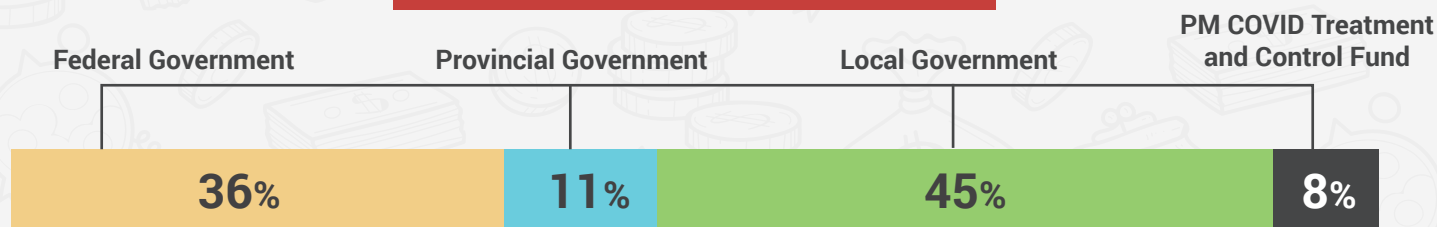
1. No content should be posted on social media that sends a wrong message about any person, organization, religion or community. Even if someone has posted such a message, it should not be shared.
2. Action will also be taken against those who comment on such posts or make similar comments on other posts.
3. Nobody's photo can be posted on social media without their permission. Further, videos or photos cannot be taken without permission.
4. If the source is not disclosed while copying or pasting what someone has posted, action can be taken in case if a complaint is lodged.

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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

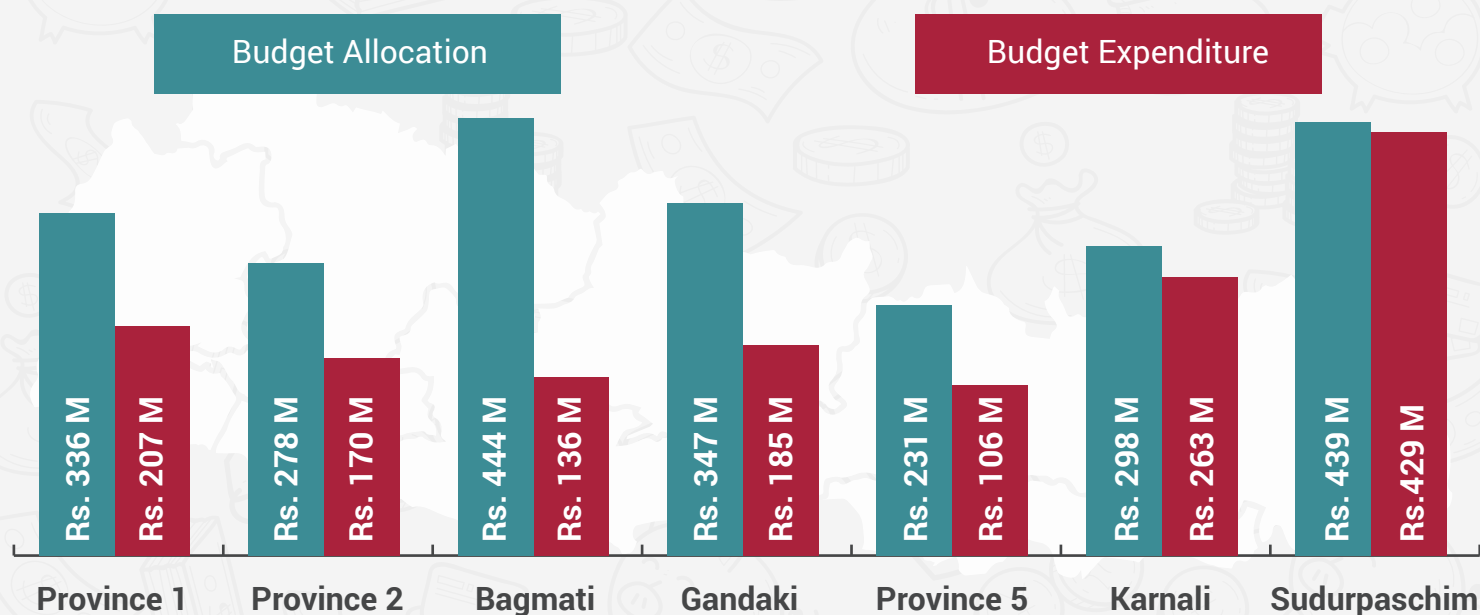


Other Expenses
Rs. 12,473,000



Human Resource Mobilization
Rs. 57,443,000

Expense made by Provincial Government





Maniram couldn't return home country even after the contract period had ended



Maniram Khatik, who went to Malaysia for foreign employment, hasn't been able to return home even three months after his visa expired. Maniram, who went for foreign employment in December 2017, couldn't return home as his employer didn't return the required documents and passport. The family of Khatik who are a temporary resident of Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City Ward no. 22 since 22 years are also worried as their son isn't being able to return. He works as a driver for a company. Because of Corona, the company has few workers.

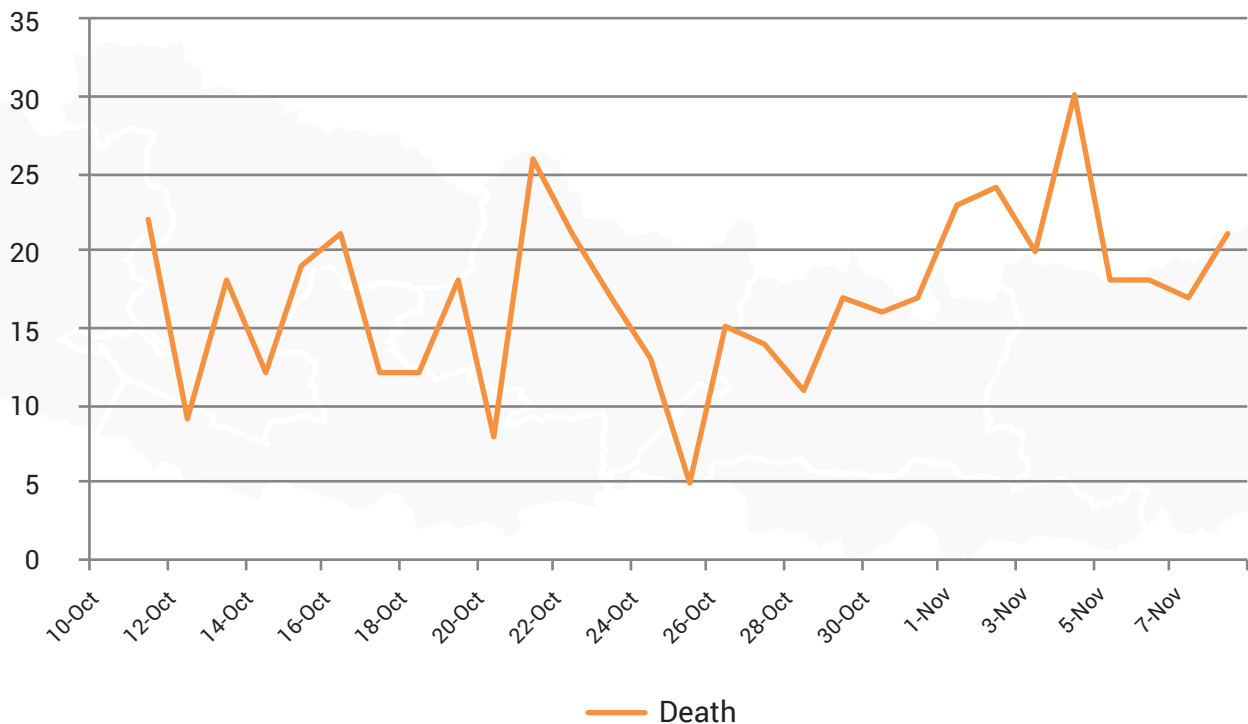
So, the company owner has said that he will not allow them to return home until more workers arrive.

The foreign employment regulations mention that the workers can return home voluntarily after the expiration of the contract period. Maniram who has pursued only basic education isn't acquainted with all these rules and regulations. He has become even more worried now that his friends are telling him that the possibility of new workers leaving Nepal is mere in the current situation. For the past three months, the company has only provided him with food and shelter, but he hasn't even received the minimum wage.

He is unaware about the procedure to return home in this situation. Earlier, the company used to arrange tickets for the flight and send them back to Nepal, but now the situation is different. On top of that, the company has started threatening at the conversation of returning home. Although he is currently going to work on a daily basis, he is waiting for the new worker to arrive and return home. He is only one representative of those who have been deprived of the right to return home on their own will even after the expiry of the contract.



Daily Deaths by COVID-19 in the Last 30 Days in Nepal



The above graph shows the number of daily deaths by COVID-19 in Nepal. In the last 30 days, the total number of COVID related deaths increased by 80 percent. As a large number of infected are now in home isolation and with very limited government help, this data is the clear indication that people are lacking proper care and critical support to fight COVID-19. This has contributed to the high death rate recently. There is an urgent need to identify, manage and support patients, especially in home isolation and provide financial assistance to those who can't afford it.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

DISCLAIMER

The sources of rumors, information, and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations, government agencies, international organizations, news articles, social media, and Community Frontliners in all 7 provinces of Nepal, as well as the CivActs team based on their conversations with different people, directly and indirectly, over the past week. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance, and its potential impact on society. The information presented here is correct at the time of the issue.



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