

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.

Distribution of responsibilities for the management of the Nepali citizens returning from abroad:

<p>Quarantine safety, supervision, monitoring and records management</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Nepal Army, Nepal Police, APF and Local Government</p>	<p>Quarantine preparation in 10 days (Kharipati Ichangu Housing Area, Manmohan Hospital Dahachowk, KMC Duwakot)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Ministry of Urban Development</p>	<p>Quarantine logistics support management</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Local Unit</p>
<p>Take the returnees to concerned local level through district headquarters</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Province government, Local Unit, PCCMC/DCCMC</p>	<p>Monitoring and Inspection of individuals in home quarantine</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Local Unit, Local administration</p> <p>Source: https://mofaga.gov.np/</p>	<p>Conduct, monitor, control and direct the overall work</p> <p>.....</p> <p>COVID- 19 Crisis Management Center</p>

Nepal Update



Participants from a program pressurizing government to convert Kapilvastu District Hospital to Corona Hospital

Tested
 PCR: 81,500
 RDT: 1,25,564

Positive: 2634
 Active: 2334
 Deaths: 10



Rumors & Facts



There are rumors that the schools will reopen from Ashad 1 and resume all the classes.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology hasn't made any decision so far on opening the schools and resuming classes. But, keeping in view the current situation created by COVID-19, the Ministry has issued "School Student Alternative Teaching Learning Guideline 2077". The Ministry has requested all the concerned bodies of the federal, provincial and local level to make arrangements to use the alternative system and facilitate the learning of students from 1 Ashad 2077.

Source: file:///C:/Users/Envy%20.LAPTOP-G3GS00UC/Downloads/PressRelease_Minister_Education.pdf



We have heard that the electricity customers can now do their meter reading via online. How is it done? What if customers make mistakes while reading the meter themselves?

The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) made arrangements for the online meter reading as it is not feasible for the staff to reach each home for meter reading due to COVID-19. For this, the electricity customer has to visit <https://consumer.nea.org.np> and by following the given guidelines, has to mention the exact numbers. The NEA has also stated that it will take action as per the distribution regulations if found providing the inaccurate number.



Now the patients who are to be kept in isolation will also be kept at home.

Based on the current experience of countries most affected by COVID-19, the government has put forward the option of asymptomatic and normal cases at home given the limited capacities of the available hospitals. The Ministry of Health and Population has prepared a criteria on this. The health workers will be able to give instructions for home isolation if this criteria is fully implemented. Click the link below to see detailed criteria

Source: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UQREEMNzynsgBcAX1F_yll-jYQMhS7/view



The number of individuals affected from mental health illness is likely to outnumber the number of corona infectants. But the government isn't paying any attention to this issue.


The government is making plans to provide psychological counselling to the students, pregnant women, senior citizens, people with disability, or anyone who is in its need due to COVID-19. The local level has been informed to manage the necessary budget. After a ministerial level meeting to keep in priority the implementation of such programs through the policies, programs and budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Source: <https://mofaga.gov.np/>



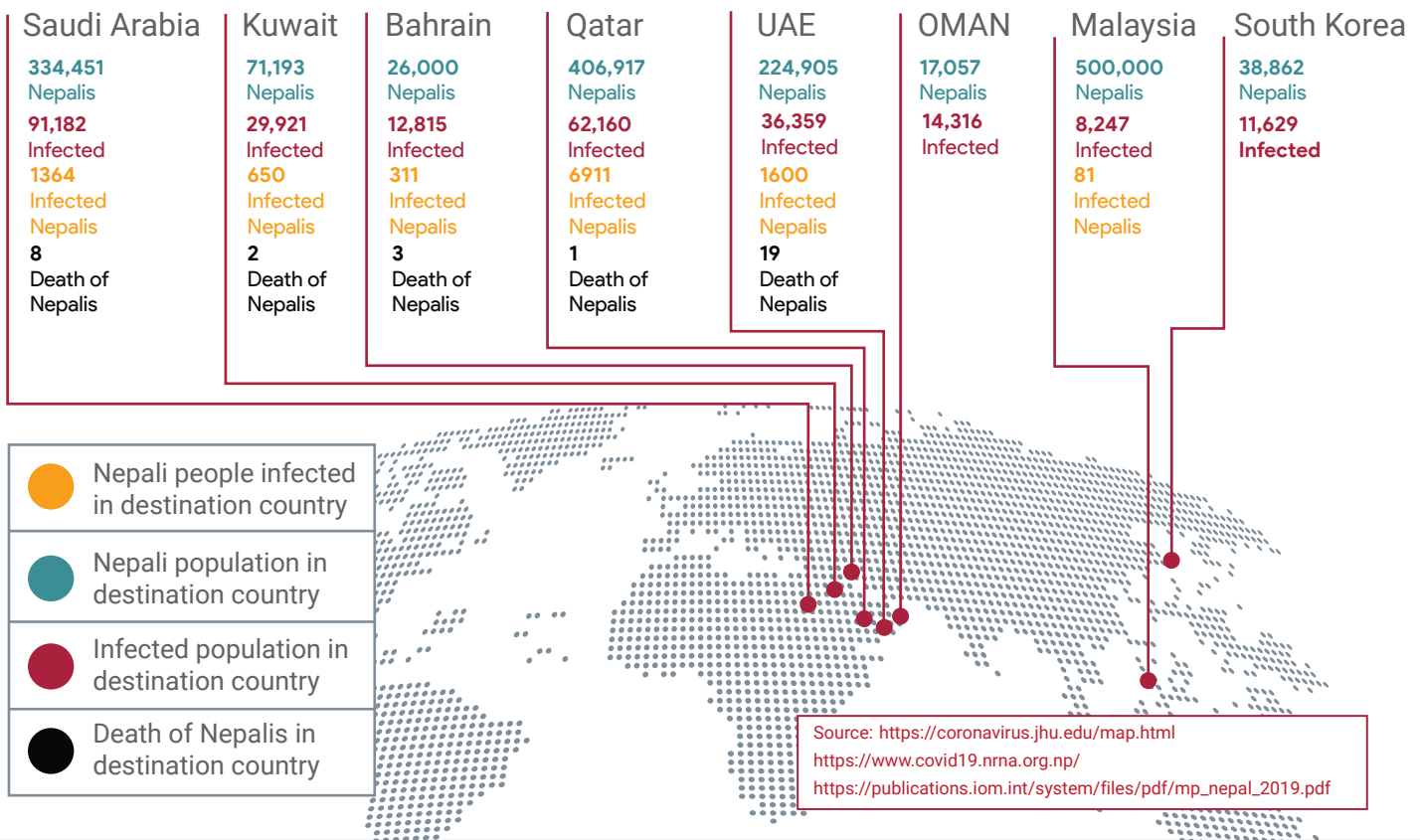
Toll-free **HOTLINE** on
COVID-19

DIAL **32100** for all covid-19 related information

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The contact persons and numbers for facilitating the individuals returning Nepal from UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia

The Nepalese Embassies in UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia have issued procedural notices to those wishing to return Nepal. Based on all the notices, the concerned individual should send a passport, visa and documents that explain the difficulties. The ones who had bought the ticket earlier should also send a copy of the ticket.

Who and where to contact?

UAE

The pregnant women, individuals with disease other than COVID-19, individuals who have lost their relatives, students who were in internships or higher education facing difficulties and willing to return Nepal can reach out to Rita Dhital on her contact number.

Mobile : **0508180280** and Email: **eonabudhabienquiry@gmail.com**

Similarly, individuals on visit visa, business and company visa can contact Nirmala Thapa on Mobile : 0545053250 and Motiram Bhusal on

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\$ Follow the Money

Total

The budget allocated from Nepal Government and Ministry of Finance in three rounds
Around 1.48B NRS

The total fund in Coronavirus Infection Prevention, Treatment and Control Fund
Around 2.26B NRS

Federal Government

Donors

ADB
250M USD
World Bank
28.7M USD
IMF
130.9M USD
European Union
82M USD

Spent

The total expenditure of Nepal government's activities against Coronavirus

Around 1.8B NRS

The Ministry of Defence for the purchase of health equipment to prevent and control COVID-19 released

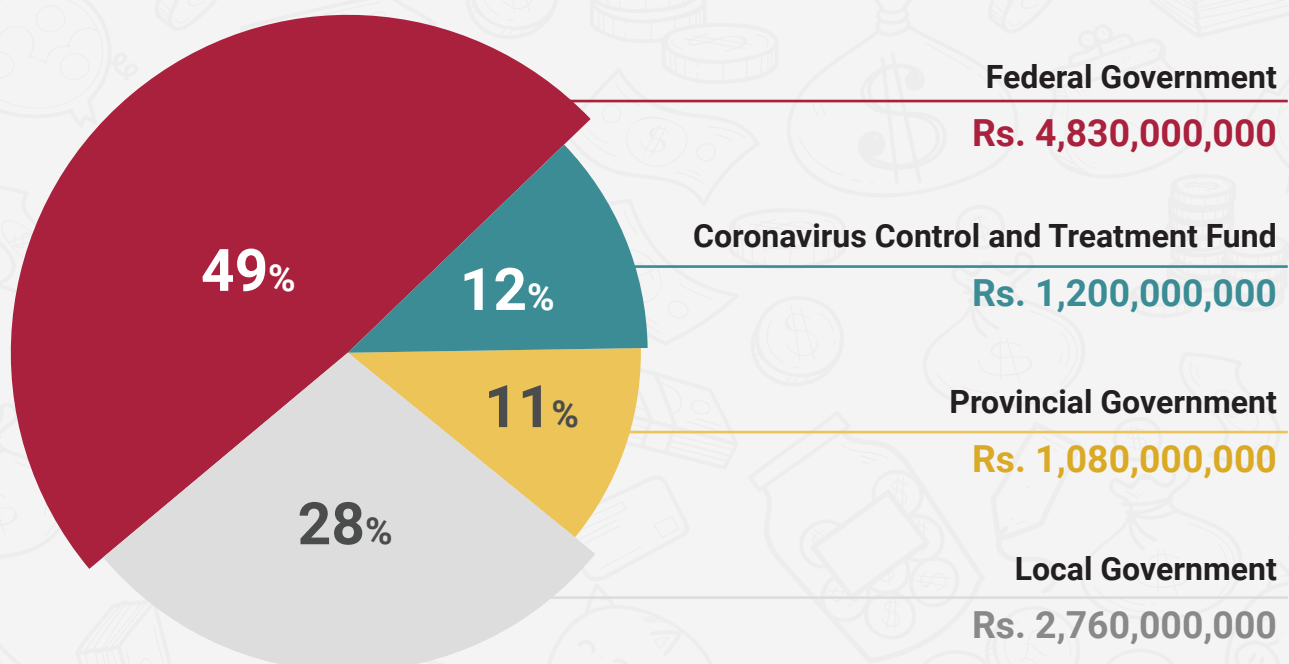
Around 2.34B NRS

Provincial Government

Province Names	Province 1	Province 2	Bagmati Province	Gandaki Province	Province 5	Karnali Province	Sudurpaschim Province
Total Amount	Around 293M NRS	Around 610M NRS	Around 400M NRS	Around 150M NRS	Around 236M NRS	Around 500M NRS	Around 402M NRS
Spent Amount	Around 178M NRS	Around 177M NRS	Around 123M NRS	Around 92M NRS	Around 136M NRS	Around 132M NRS	Around 201M NRS

Total budget spent by the government to fight COVID-19

Rs. 9,870,000,000



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Government fund expense headings



Purchase of equipments
through G2G
Rs. 2,250,000,000



Relief
Distribution
Rs. 1,500,000,000



Spending still
not ascertained
Rs. 6,120,000,000

Cost of treating current COVID-19 patients

2,031

Patients
currently
under treatment

Rs. **2,200**

Average treatment
expense per person
per day

20

Average number of days
spent in hospital
for treatment

Rs. **89,364,000**

Projected total amount required
to treat all patients

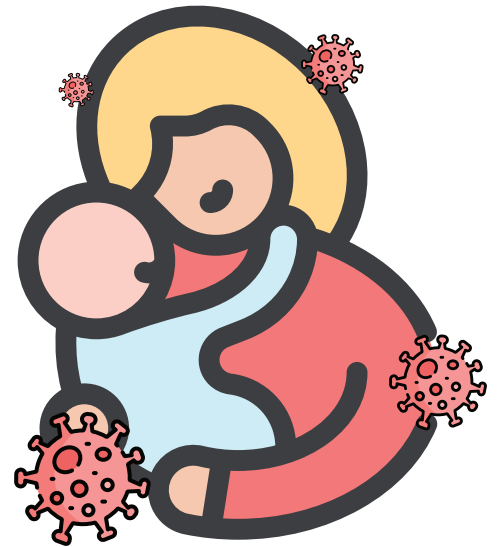
Although the Government of Nepal has spent around 9.8 billion NRS to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, details of most of the expenses are not mentioned. As seen above, 15% of total funds is attributed to relief distribution and almost 23% on purchase of equipments through G2G. Besides these, only allocation rules for different headings such as quarantine management, treatment expenses, security arrangements etc. are available but their actual expense amounts have yet to be shared or ascertained. Based on information on existing costs of treatment, around 89 million rupees is needed for 2031 patients that are currently under treatment.

Source: <https://www.nayapatrikadaily.com/news-details/44674/2020-06-04>

Note: This information is not complete. It has been brought together from different sources available.
We will keep collecting the data and revise it in the days ahead.

Importance of women-friendly quarantine

There was an agreement between India and Nepal that the citizens of both the countries won't be allowed to cross borders until the lockdown is uplifted at both ends. However, the number of people entering Nepal from the Nepal-India border is high at present. Thousands of Nepalis who went India for work are returning to Nepal through the borders on a daily basis. If we see the statistics published by Sudur Paschim Police Department from Jestha 1 to Jestha 17, the number of individuals who entered Nepal through the border point is 45, 829. Similarly, 1,426 from Baitadi border point, 319 from Darchula, 37,247 from Kailali, and 6,837 from Kanchanpur have entered Nepal during that period. Among them 3,800 are women, 26 are children, and 42,001 are men. Those individuals who have crossed the borders haven't undergone health checkup. They are sent to the concerned local level without health testing.



Considering this, it seems all the individuals who have returned from India and are staying in the quarantine managed by local units are at high risk of transmission. Especially women and children are comparatively more vulnerable.

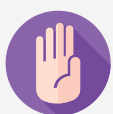
Are the quarantines established to keep Nepalis returning from India women-friendly? It is important to consider at least these five points while managing the quarantine.

1. Management of sanitary pad, toilet and enough water for the women on menstruation.



2. Arrange at least minimum nutritional intake for the pregnant women.

3. Arrangement of a separate room for breastfeeding mothers.

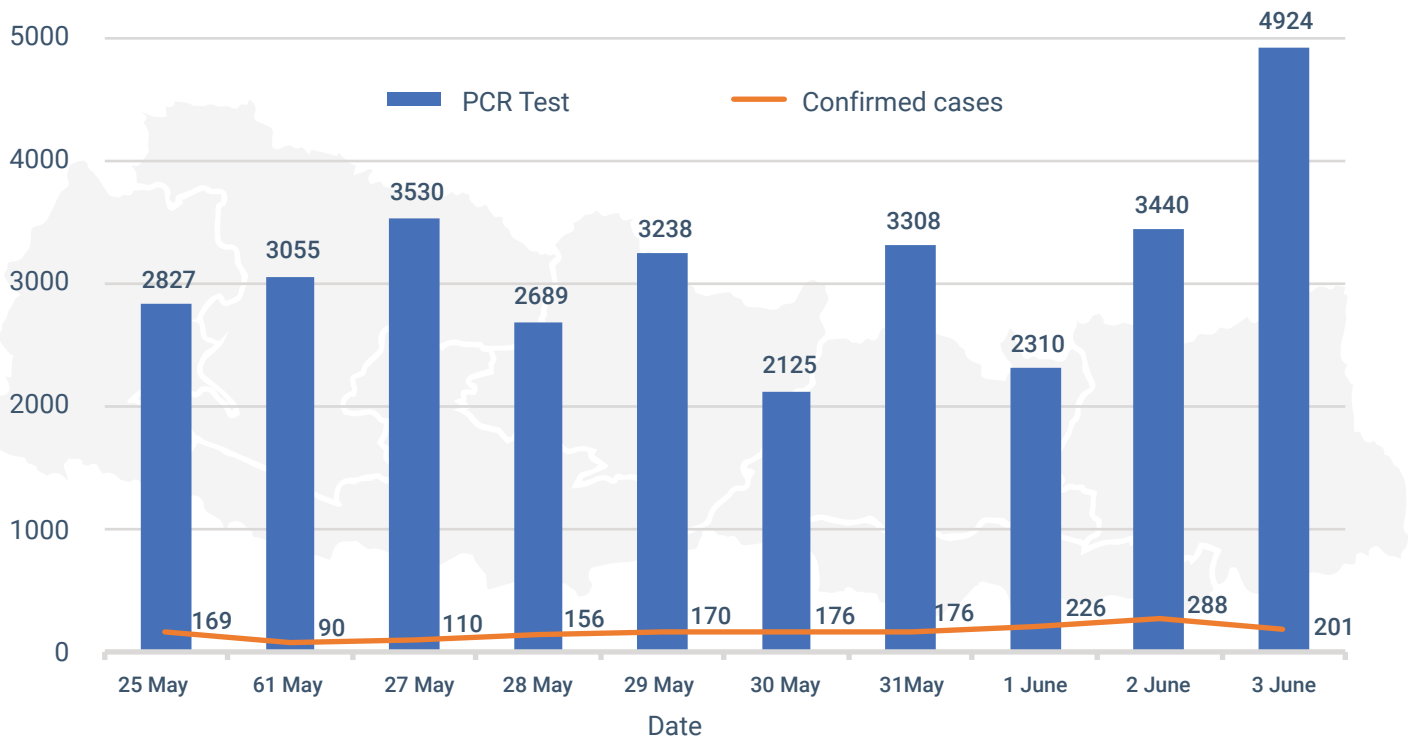


4. Ensure safe environment to protect any kind of violence against women.

5. Manage separate room for women respecting their privacy.



Daily PCR tests and confirmed cases of COVID-19

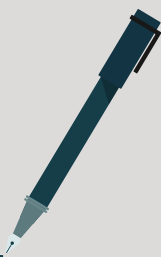


Daily cases of COVID-19 continue to increase while the number of tests per day remain, by and large, static with minor spikes. On average, 5.8 percentage of total tests are turning positive, and cases are being reported in hundreds each day. This shows that Nepal has entered a new phase of COVID-19 infection, and yet, improving the quantity of tests is a far cry. News of test kits being in shortage and the laboratories' capacity to test being overwhelmed in some parts of the country have started spreading and safer quarantine remains the biggest challenge in province 2, 5, Karnali and Sudurpashim. What action should the government be taking against this besides continuing the lockdown?

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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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 over 2000 people in May 2020. 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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