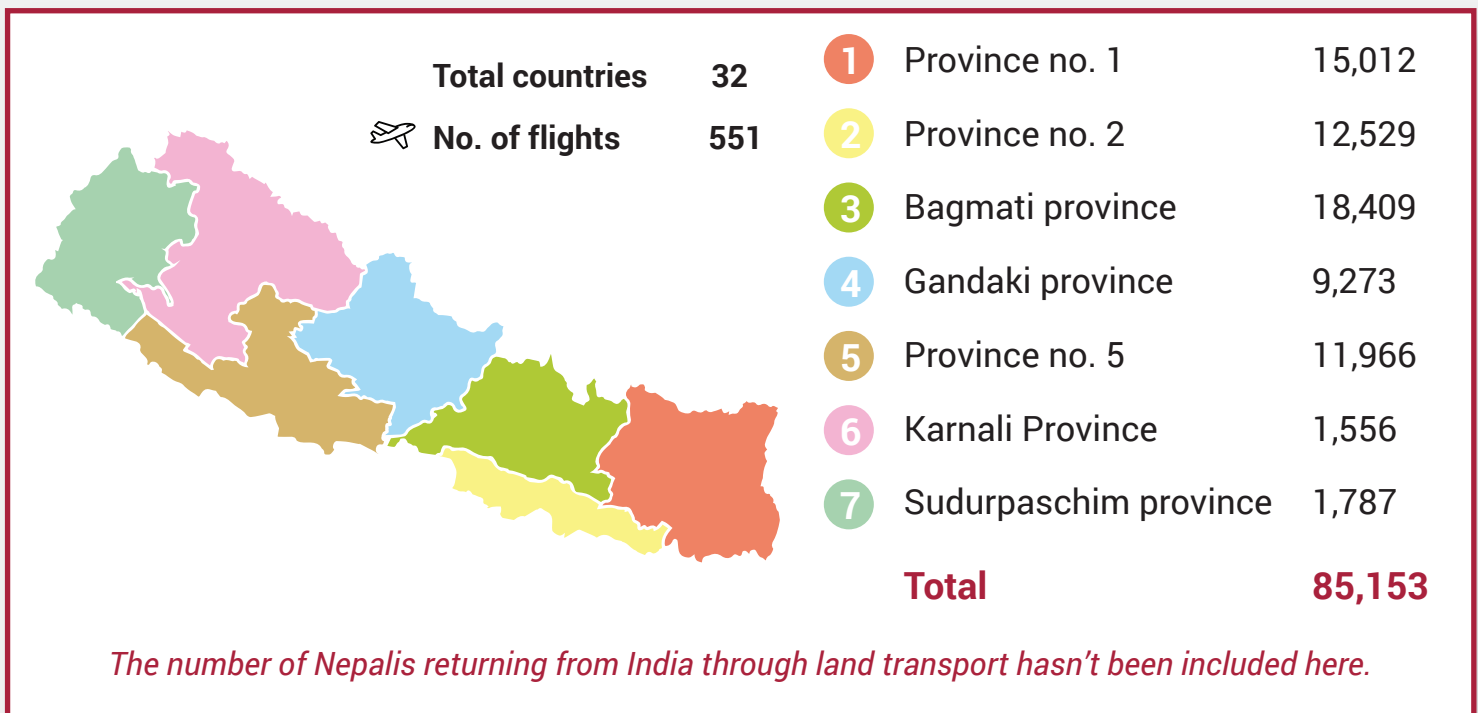


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## Provincial data of the citizens returning to Nepal from abroad during the corona pandemic by 13 Asoj 2077



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

## Nepal Update



Manoj Paswan searching for a job in Jaleshwor market. He came back to Nepal walking from Chennai to be safe from COVID-19.

Photo: Rakesh Prasad Choudhary

### Tested

PCR Tested: 1,033,947

Positive: 79,728

Active: 21,830

Deaths: 509

Recovered: 57,389



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

# Rumors & Facts



The methanol mixed hand sanitizer was found in the market. It is heard that the sale has been stopped. What does this mean? What effect does it have?

It is a toxic chemical. Methanol enters the human body through respiration, mouth, skin and eyes. It can cause coughing, nausea, headache, vomiting, weakness, difficulty in breathing, dry and red skin, blurred vision, loss of vision and even death. The list of companies which have been banned for sale and distribution of hand sanitizers so far can be found on the website of the Department of Drug Management at [www.mumb.nayakh.lu](http://www.mumb.nayakh.lu)

Source: <https://cutt.ly/af3CHaM>



It is heard that the local units will conduct mobile camps to identify the farmers. What does this mean?

It has been said that the local units will conduct mobile camps to prepare a national database with indicators and necessary data for the classification of farmers. Such camps will raise public awareness about farmer registration, facilitate the farmers to register their details in the software and to verify the details kept there.

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2120>



Should a travel agency in Nepal recommend a visa for a foreigner wanting to do mountaineering or trekking in Nepal?

The tourists coming from abroad for mountaineering or trekking must have obtained a Nepali visa before coming to Nepal. However, in case the visa of Nepal isn't available in the concerned country, the tourist group who wants to visit Nepal for mountaineering or trekking can come to Nepal by obtaining prior approval in coordination with the travel and trekking agency. It does not mean you need a travel agency recommendation.

Source: <https://www.tourismdepartment.gov.np/pages/notices/33/204>



The Energy Minister had spoken to the media about electricity bills. Is it not necessary to pay electricity bills for the month of August?

The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) has decided to provide some facilities to the customers considering the fact that most of the locations in the country had been under lockdown due to COVID-19 in Bhadra. In this regard, the time of levying exemption and adding the fines have been changed. No additional fine will be charged if the bills are paid by 22 Asoj 2077. Only 5 percent additional fee will be charged while paying the bills from 23 to 30 Asoj.


Source: [https://www.nea.org.np/admin/assets/uploads/supportive\\_docs/52073931.pdf](https://www.nea.org.np/admin/assets/uploads/supportive_docs/52073931.pdf)

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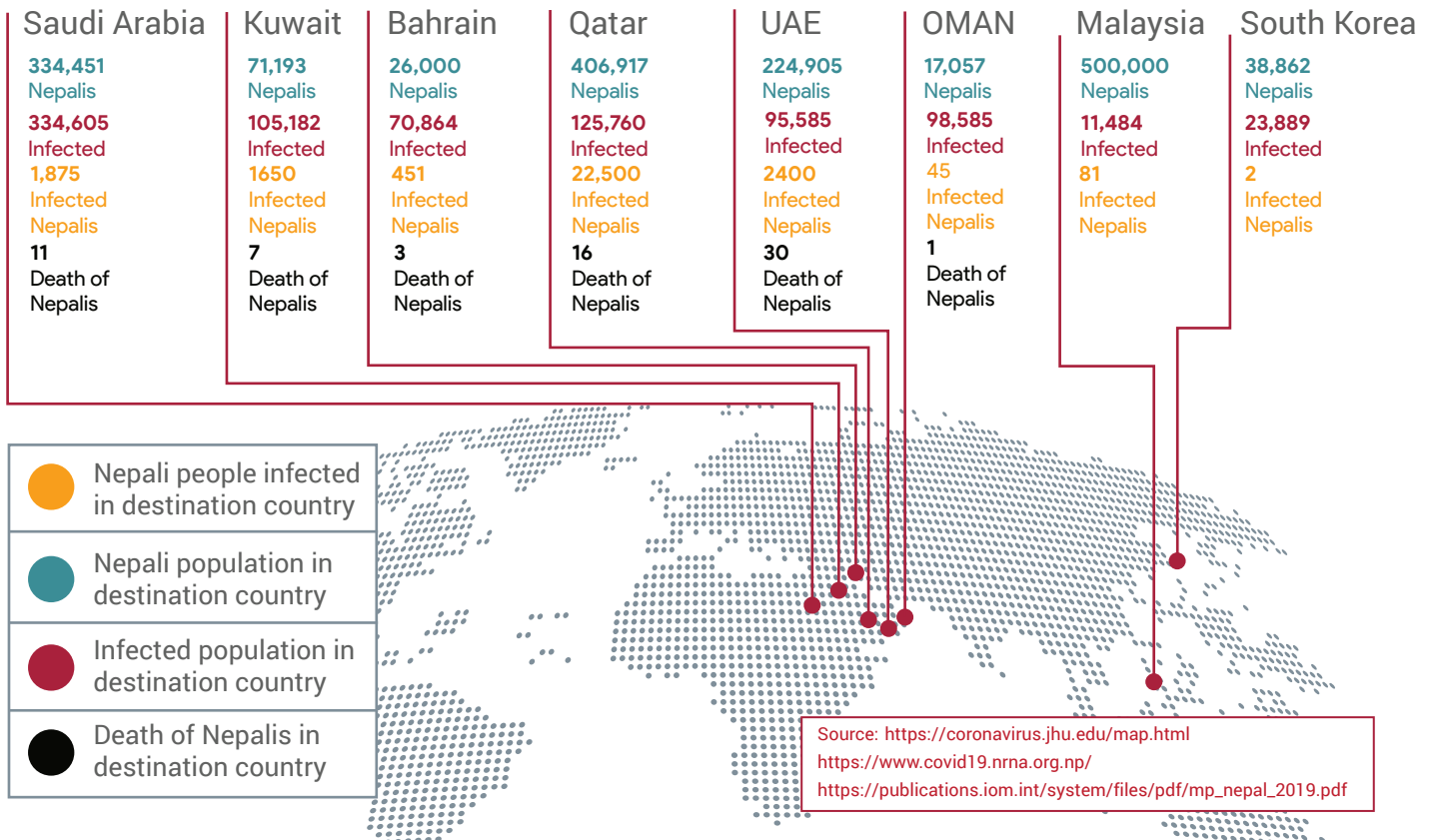
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# Open Migration

## Migrant workers in major destination countries



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## New procedure workers in Qatar should follow when changing companies

According to a new law introduced by Qatar, employees no longer require the NOC to change companies. Here is the procedure one should follow:

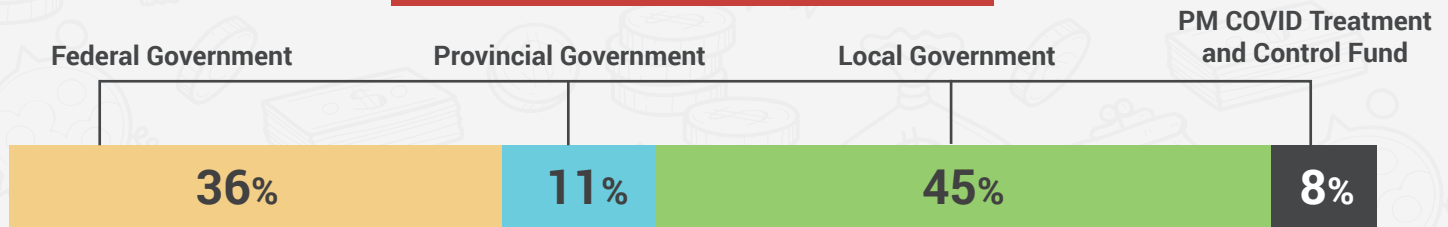
1. You should inform the company you are working now. If you have been working for less than 2 years, then 1 month, if it is more than 2 years, 2 months and if the time period is specified in the contract, then 30 days prior notice has to be given. If the time period is not specified in the contract, then 60 days notice should be given only after 5 years.
2. While giving the notice about the change of employer, you should go to the information system of Labor Ministry, Qatar at <https://bit.ly/ADLSA-ENS> and submit the contract letter of the company you are leaving, offer letter of the company you will be working in and form you have filled to change the company along with other documents.
3. The new employer company signing the employment contract should prepare the contract based on the discussion with the worker. The contract will go to <https://elcr.adlsa.gov.qa/> for the verification from the Labor Ministry of Qatar.
4. Now the work of making new Qatar's ID has started. Once the contract is authenticated, the new employer will request a Ministry of Interior for a Qatar ID and the new employer is responsible to create a Qatar ID and health card.

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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



Health Infrastructure  
Rs. 2,938,896,000



Human Resource Mobilization  
Rs. 57,443,000

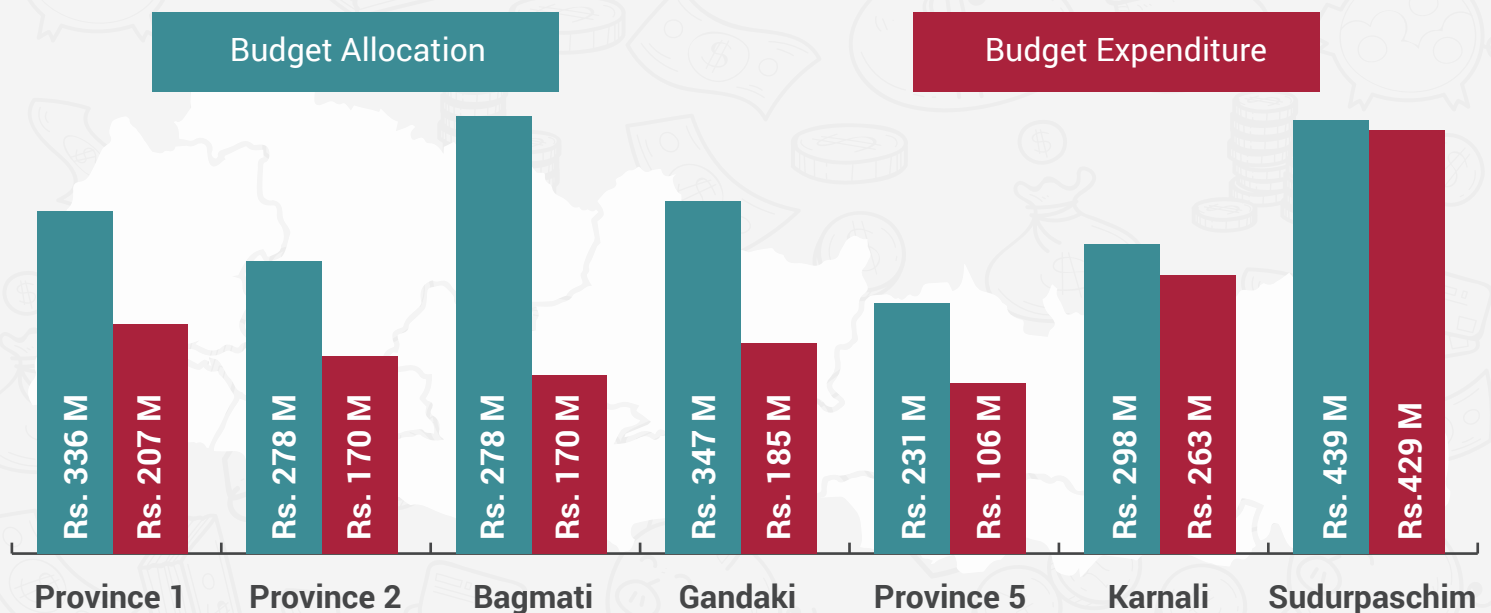


Quarantine Management  
Rs. 46,946,000



Other Expenses  
Rs. 12,473,000

## Expense made by Provincial Government





## Dr. Binod Parajuli

Chief Consultant

Siddhartha Children and Women Hospital (Amda), Butwal

“Even though the corona infection is increasing, I have been performing my regular duties. I am careful that the children who come for treatment do not get infected because of me. I stay cautious knowing that an infected doctor can infect many others. Whether it is during the lockdown or when the lockdown is loosened, I have been providing in-person consultation to the patients

who come to meet me in-person, and for those who are unable, I consult them through mobile, viber, facebook messenger, whatsapp and so on. I have been sharing my views through various media for the purpose of raising awareness in the communities on issues related to public health.

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## Humkala Panthi

Senior, Gajedi Health Post, Rupandehi

“Everyday, 40 to 50 patients come to the health post for treatment. Those with symptoms can be recognized, but the thought of how to stay safe from those who show no symptoms and how to protect my family worries me. We have been urging the general public to come to the health post wearing a mask. Some service seekers even get angry when we ask them to wear masks. I have been coming from my own house located in Bankatta, Sainamaina, Rupandehi. Those who used to come close to me earlier have now started to maintain distance. Seeing this makes me both happy and sad. The perception of people towards health workers is getting negative with the corona pandemic”.



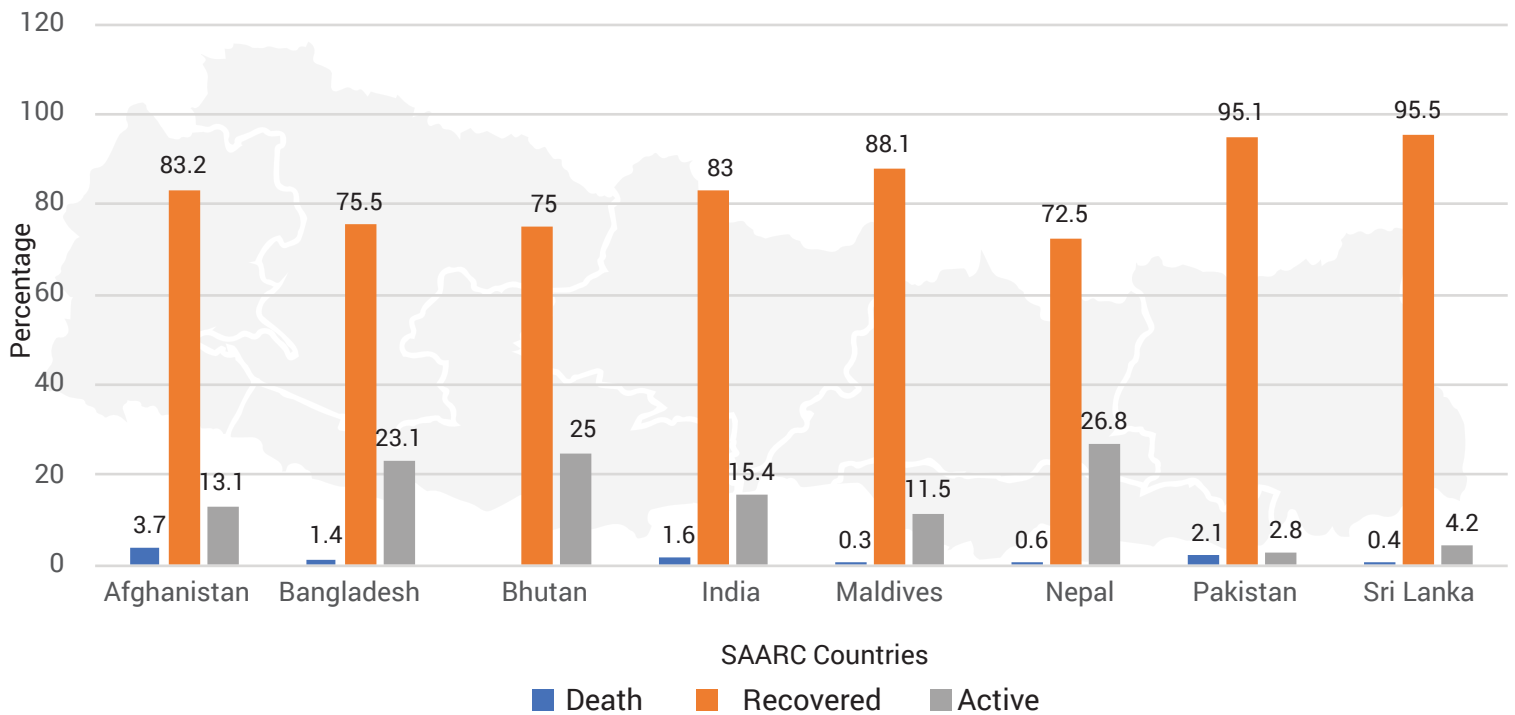
## Arbinanda Acharya

Health Assistant

“I am assigned the management of an isolation center built in Devdaha Adarsha Bahumukhi Campus. The fear of having to work closely with an infected person is already there, but the even greater fear is for the child and elderly mother at home. My mother is a diabetic patient. I stay careful to not let my family face any catastrophe because of me. Initially, I stayed in the quarantine. Now I travel back and forth from home. I see people maintaining distance instead of being happy while seeing a health worker. The friends also avoid me telling me that you must have come from an isolation center. But also, I am proud of the service”.

# Nepal's active to recovered ratio of COVID-19 cases compared to other SAARC countries

Percentage of active, recovered and death cases of COVID-19 In SAARC Nations

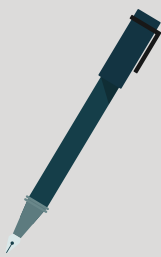


Compared to other SAARC nations, Nepal has the lowest recovery ratio and highest active cases ratio of COVID-19. This shows that infection in Nepal is still in increasing trajectory and at a growth stage in South Asia. As lockdown has been lifted with minimal restrictions, and the festive season is approaching; data shows that Nepal is yet to see a positive outlook for the control of COVID-19 Infection.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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