Situations like the coronavirus pandemic quickly lead to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we saw after the earthquakes in Nepal. We can all play a role in beating the virus by making sure that we are sharing validated information and using trusted sources to inform our decision-making.

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.

Estimated budget required to operate quarantine for COVID-19 on a per day per person basis

- **Human Resource** Rs. 497
- **Equipment** Rs. 95
- **Food & Accommodation** Rs. 2,013
- **Vehicle Cost** Rs. 300
- **Information Management** Rs. 8
- **Waste Management** Rs. 120

**Total** Rs. 3,033

*Source: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jrg02HTqN-q8KkUESCne35GreQOL199h/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jrg02HTqN-q8KkUESCne35GreQOL199h/view)*
The government is formulating a budget in order to restore the employment affected by COVID-19 to provide employment opportunities to returnees from foreign employment, increase their self-employment, and also encourage them to be involved in agriculture, small scale domestic enterprise or service sector. They are preparing to run the program in collaboration with provincial and local governments.

Source: http://shorturl.at/aq046

Nepal Police has launched a "Nepal Police" mobile app to provide the information related to COVID-19. It can also be used to report about the violation of lockdown, black marketing during the lockdown, neighbors showing symptoms of COVID-19 and staying in self-quarantine, and any other problem you face due to the lockdown. Please click the link below for detailed information.

Source: https://twitter.com/NepalPoliceHQ

In the present circumstances, it is a compulsion to perform final rituals of the deceased worker at the destination. The Foreign Employment Board Secretariat has requested close kin of the deceased to send a consent letter through the concerned District Administrative Office. The Council of Ministers has decided to provide Rs. 50,000 as a relief to the close kin who sent the letter.

Source: http://www.fepb.gov.np/detail/76/suchana

The Ministry of Home Affairs has only cancelled the pass issued earlier permitting to travel from one district to another. The validity of the passes issued for the essential services within the district will remain the same.

Sources of Information

World Health Organization  Ministry of Health and Population
Do's and dont's  Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center
**Dubai**: The public vehicles are operating in Dubai. In addition, the tram is also under operation from today. Some suggestions from relevant bodies on the use of public vehicles under this circumstance:

- Reach the bus or metro station half an hour earlier than regular days.
- If the bus, metro or tram you are planning to take is crowded, then don’t take it. Wait for another one.
- Keeping a distance of 2 meters with others in the station and the vehicle.
- Do not sit in the seats marked with a red symbol. Its objective is for people to maintain social distance.

**Qatar**: The money exchange and transfers which were closed in Qatar from past one month has reopened from yesterday. Here are some rules to be followed:

- Entering the exchange by wearing a mask.
- Maintaining a minimum of 2 meters of social distance.
- You are only allowed to enter after your body temperature is tested. So, not entering if you feel weak or even have a slight fever.
- As soon as you touch the cash clean your hands with sanitizer before it touches your face.
- Try to avoid touching the pole, walls, or the exchange counter. Take your
Follow the Money

Federal Government

- The total expenditure of Nepal government’s activities against Coronavirus:
  - Around 1.5B NRS

- The Ministry of Defence for the purchase of health equipment to prevent and control COVID-19 released:
  - Around 2.34B NRS

Donors

- ADB
  - 60M USD

- World Bank
  - 28.7M USD

- IMF
  - 130.9M USD

- European Union
  - 82M USD

Province | Total Amount | Spent Amount | Remaining Amount
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Province 1 | Around 289M NRS | Around 159M NRS | Around 138M NRS
Province 2 | 610M NRS | 177M NRS | 433M NRS
Bagmati | 400M NRS | 123M NRS | 177M NRS
Gandaki | Around 150M NRS | 92M NRS | 58M NRS
Province 5 | 236M NRS | 126M NRS | 100M NRS
Karnali | 500M NRS | 132M NRS | 368M NRS
Sudurpaschim | Around 402M NRS | Around 202M NRS | 200M NRS

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.
10 directions from the Commander in Chief for the army personnel designated for COVID-19 prevention, response and control

1. Protect yourself first to protect your family, community, and country.

2. Always maintain a social distance of more than 1.5 meters and highly maintain your personal hygiene.

3. If unwell, stay at home or in the barrack, conduct a test if necessary and stay in isolation maintaining a physical distance.

4. Only believe official and valid information.

5. Always have a supportive feeling for your colleagues. Understand the norms and values of the army and also share it with your colleagues.

6. Always be respectful to all the citizens. Highly respect the health workers who are working risking their lives.

7. Many citizens are assured with the presence of the army. Sick people feel well. Always present your integrity, gentleness, and humanity.

8. The lockdown imposed by the Nepal government is both challenge an opportunity for the country. Do not use your courage but your intellectuality. Forget your happiness and show your feelings for service.

9. Show restrainment and patience during this period. Always remember, difficult times are only for some time.

10. Your words and behavior can also change others’ thought. Influence others to change their daily routines.

Source: Nepal Army Website
The government needs to protect our migrant workers better

The above graph shows the status of COVID-19 among migrant workers in different destination countries. Poor living conditions, over-crowded settlements and lack of support from employers and governments of destination countries is keeping our workers at a higher risk of infection and mental stress. The government needs to be more aware of these workers and needs to act proactively in protecting all of them from the pandemic. Strong diplomatic interventions to protect them and impromptu initiatives bring them home safely is necessary.

The sources of rumors, information and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations and individuals including the Ministry of Health and Population, the World Health Organization (WHO), social media and the CivActs team based on their conversations with over 2000 people in April 2020. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance and potential impact. The information presented here is correct at the time of issue.

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