Is the human resource mobilized in corona prevention control and treatment enough?

67591
mobilized health workers

If we see the statistics, we can assume that 1 in every 47 individuals staying in quarantine have been infected with coronavirus. Considering this ratio, if the number of people staying in isolation will reach 10 thousand, the number in quarantine will reach 4,68,751. Thus, it can be observed here that each health worker has to take care of 7 people. So, will the available human resources be enough if the transmission increases in the current rate?

Current Situation

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Assumed Situation

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Nepal Update

People who came from India are being taken to the village by putting them in a tipper from the entrance of Birendranagar, the capital of Karnali province.

Photo: Dinesh Gautam

Tested

- PCR Tested: 115,930
- RDT: 178,143

Positive: 4,614
Active: 3,738
Deaths: 15

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Source: http://dftqc.gov.np/ne/noticedetail/31/2020/85448947

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Migrant workers in major destination countries

- **Saudi Arabia**: 334,451 Nepalis, 112,288 Infected, 8 Death of Nepalis
- **Kuwait**: 71,193 Nepalis, 33,823 Infected, 2 Death of Nepalis
- **Bahrain**: 26,000 Nepalis, 16,667 Infected, 3 Death of Nepalis
- **Qatar**: 406,917 Nepalis, 73,595 Infected, 1 Death of Nepalis
- **UAE**: 224,905 Nepalis, 40,507 Infected, 19 Death of Nepalis
- **OMAN**: 17,057 Nepalis, 19,954 Infected, 311 Infected
- **Malaysia**: 500,000 Nepalis, 8,369 Infected, 6911 Infected
- **South Korea**: 38,862 Nepalis, 11,947 Infected

Source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

**Shramik Sanjal** Information regarding the confusion on amnesty being given by UAE and revoked visa

Those individuals whose resident visa, tourist visa and visit visa expired from March 1, their visas will be automatically extended until 31 May. Click in the link to know about your visa.

https://smartservices.ica.gov.ae/echannels/web/client/default.html#/fileValidity

Similarly, those individuals whose visas expired before March 1 will also be allowed to return to their home country without paying the penalty. The ones who ran from the companies will also receive this benefit. This provision will be effective until 18 August 2020. The following procedures have to be followed for this:

- **Resident Visa** - Go to the airport directly with air ticket and passport or travel document
- **Tourist Visa or Visit Visa** - Can reach the airport 6 hours earlier in Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Ras Al whereas should reach the airport 48 hours earlier in Dubai for clearance.

The ones using Dubai Airport should reach the Al Qusais (Al Qusais Police Station) Terminal 2 before 48 hours and get the clearance.

If the visa has expired after March 1, it’s evident the visa won’t extend until December. So, those individuals can use amnesty and need to return to the home country before 18 August 2020.
Follow the Money

Federal Government

- 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
- 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

Donors

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

Provincial Government

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<th>Province Names</th>
<th>Province 1</th>
<th>Province 2</th>
<th>Bagmati Province</th>
<th>Gandaki Province</th>
<th>Province 5</th>
<th>Karnali Province</th>
<th>Sudurpaschim Province</th>
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<td>Total Amount</td>
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<td>Spent Amount</td>
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Total funds gathered and spent in Province 1, Bagmati and Gandaki

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<th>Total amount spent</th>
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<td>Province 1</td>
<td>Rs. 100,000,000</td>
<td>Rs. 294,336,580.80</td>
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<td>Bagmati</td>
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<td>Gandaki</td>
<td>Rs. 150,000,000</td>
<td>Rs. 171,775,320</td>
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The above data shows that even the Province 1 has one of the highest number of active COVID-19 cases, the funds they have allocated internally (seed fund) is very low compared to Bagmati and Gandaki, both of which have very low active cases. This shows that the provincial government there is in dire need of support from the federal government and external organisations. The amount spent by these provinces seem to be on track with their necessities but the details were still unavailable.

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.
Management of Nepali migrants returning from India during the lockdown

Democracy Resource Centre Nepal (DRCN) has published an update on the measures taken by three levels of government to prevent and control transmission of COVID-19 by interviewing various stakeholders via phone, analyzing official documents and media monitoring. The update discusses the various challenges faced and efforts made to manage the volume of migrants returning from India, focusing in the following headings.

01 Thousands of Nepali migrants returning everyday

02 Management of migrants who have entered Nepal

03 Quarantine operation and management after the influx

04 Safety of migrants in quarantine facilities

05 Testing facilities and material supply

06 Cooperation among three levels of government

The federal and provincial governments must without delay take upon the responsibility of quarantine management. If the entire responsibility of managing citizens staying in quarantine facilities after returning from India is left to local units alone and if testing continues to happen at the present sluggish rate, the infection may spread at an uncontrollable rate.

Please read the full report (English and Nepali) at:
https://www.democracyresource.org

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### Districts having over 100 cases of Covid-19 in Nepal

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<th>Recovered</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
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<td>100</td>
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The above graph shows the lists of districts with more than 100 COVID-19 cases. These 13 districts constitute 76.4 percentage of the total active cases in Nepal. What this means is that the majority of Nepal has very low risk of infection compared to these areas. As the government is now heading towards loosening the lockdown modality, with proper measures, regular activities can be safely resumed to relieve the country's economy.

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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