

## **Corona Virus: Status Update of Karnali Province**

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Karnali Provincial Government has decided to let resume the development works which requires limited human resources to be involved. In addition, the meeting has decided to identify foreign returnees and conduct (Rapid Diagnostic Test) RDT on them, deploy more security force at the border areas in order to prevent foreign entrees, and identify daily wage workers, students and destitute families in need to provide emergency support.

**According to the District Representative of Salyan, Mina Budhathoki,** RDT has been conducted on the foreign returnees. Of a total of 43 covid-19 suspected cases, test report of 3 resulted in negative and report of remaining cases is yet to come.

**According to the District Representative of Jajarkot, Dinesh Kumar shrestha,** with the support of Karnali Provincial government and coordination of 7 local governments RDT is being conducted in the district.

The local governments have prohibited entry of outsiders into their territories by mobilizing security personnel, blocking the roads and locking the bridges.

**According to the District Representative of Rukum (West), Manisha KC,** local governments have been building quarantine shelters and isolation wards and distributing emergency relief packages to the families in need.

**According to the District Representative of Humla, Nanda Singh,** 13 people who were staying in quarantine shelters of Simkot have returned home without completing 14 days stay. Among 874 people who returned from India and third countries only 65 of them are kept in quarantine.

**According to the District Representative of Jumla, Manadatta Rawal,** health workers and security personnel working at health desks are provided PPE equipments. In the district, quarantine shelters with the total capacity of 266 beds have been established, 18 people are kept in quarantine and 244 people have returned to their homes after the completion of quarantine periods.

**According to the District Representative of Mugu, Jivan Sejuwal,** in order to implement the lock down, Mugum Karmarong Rural Municipality has decided to charge 10 thousand NPR fine for violating the lock down.

**According to the District Representative of Dolpa, Bishnu Prasad Devkota,** Thulibheri Municipality has contributed a half million NPR to the district hospital. The minucipality has established quarantine shelters, health desks, emergency fund and distributed relief packages to the people in need.

**According to the District Representative of Surkhet, Durga Thapa,** Simta Rural Municipality has published data of 147 foreign returnees and they have been

tested for covid-19 through RDT. Likewise, Panchapuri Municipality has tested for covid-19 on 19 people who had returned from India.

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