Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences

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Perspectives on COVID-19

*** 1. Dear Sir/Madam,**

Greetings from Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences (KIAS), Kathmandu, Nepal !

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a serious impact on people's health, livelihoods, economies, and behaviors. This pandemic has shaken us to our very core, and has created a moment to contemplate about the future, including our relationship with nature.

While there is a hope for better tomorrow, we thought of understanding perspectives of people from every walk of life – in relation to the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic, its impacts and future of the human and natural systems.

During the survey, you will be invited to answer questions about your demographic information, understanding about the origin and spread of COVID-19, and post-COVID-19 situation.

Your responses will be coded; therefore, information entered will remain anonymous. Data from this research will be reported only in aggregate in the form of scientific reports (e.g., journal articles, research communication, and policy notes etc.).

We kindly request you to spare your precious time so that we can benefit from your valuable inputs. The survey is brief and will only take about 10-12 minutes to complete.

This survey is a collaborative effort of researchers around the world. Please visit here for details. If you have any questions, please contact us at pkpaudel@kias.org.np (Prakash K Paudel). The KIAS Institutional Review Board has approved this survey (Ref: REC2020-01).

Thank you very much for your time and support.

(Select one option)

- ◯ Agree and consent

*** 2. Please specify your age. Please do not participate in this survey if you are below 18 years and above 80 years. (Select one option)**

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*** 3. Please specify your gender. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Male
- ◯ Female
- ◯ Do not want to disclose
- ◯ Other (Please specify) _____

*** 4. Which of the following best describes your academic qualification? (Select one option)**

- ◯ Primary School
- ◯ High School
- ◯ Some college/university
- ◯ Graduate from college/university
- ◯ Master/postgraduate studies
- ◯ Doctoral level
- ◯ Other (Please specify) _____

*** 5. Which of the following best describes your academic field? (Select one option)**

- ◯ Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary
- ◯ Arts and Humanities
- ◯ Business, Administration and Law
- ◯ Education
- ◯ Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction
- ◯ Information and Communication Technologies
- ◯ Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Welfare (e.g. Care of the elderly)
- ◯ Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics (including Environmental Science)
- ◯ Services (Personal; Hygiene and Occupation Health - e.g. Public Health; Security; Transport; Interdisciplinary)
- ◯ Social Sciences, Journalism and Information
- ◯ Unknown
- ◯ Other (Please specify) _____

*** 6. Which of the following best describes your employment status before COVID-19? (Select one option)**

- ◯ Working (full time)
- ◯ Working (Part-time)
- ◯ Self-employed
- ◯ On parental leave
- ◯ Unemployed
- ◯ Retired
- ◯ Student
- ◯ Other (Please specify) _____

*** 7. How long have you been working in your professional work (years)? (if you are never employed/worked, please select zero) (Select one option)**

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*** 8. What is your country of Citizenship? (Please choose a country from the drop-down menu.) (Select one option)**

- ○ Abkhazia
- ○ Afghanistan
- ○ Aland Islands (Finland)
- ○ Albania
- ○ Algeria
- ○ American Samoa (U.S.)
- ○ Andorra
- ○ Angola
- ○ Anguilla (UK)
- ○ Antigua and Barbuda
- ○ Argentina
- ○ Armenia
- ○ Aruba (Netherlands)
- ○ Australia
- ○ Austria
- ○ Azerbaijan
- ○ Bahamas
- ○ Bahrain
- ○ Bangladesh
- ○ Barbados
- ○ Belarus
- ○ Belgium
- ○ Belize
- ○ Benin
- ○ Bermuda (UK)
- ○ Bhutan
- ○ Bolivia
- ○ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ○ Botswana
- ○ Brazil
- ○ British Virgin Islands (UK)
- ○ Brunei
- ○ Bulgaria
- ○ Burkina Faso
- ○ Burma
- ○ Burundi
- ○ Cambodia
- ○ Cameroon
- ○ Canada
- ○ Cape Verde
- ○ Caribbean Netherlands (Netherlands)
- ○ Cayman Islands (UK)
- ○ Central African Republic
- ○ Chad
- ○ Chile
- ○ China
- ○ Christmas Island (Australia)
- ○ Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Australia)
- ○ Collectivity of Saint Martin (France)
- ○ Colombia
- ○ Comoros

- Cook Islands (New Zealand)
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Curacao (Netherlands)
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- East Timor
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Falkland Islands (UK)
- Faroe Islands (Denmark)
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- French Guiana (France)
- French Polynesia (France)
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar (UK)
- Greece
- Greenland (Denmark)
- Grenada
- Guadeloupe (France)
- Guam (U.S.)
- Guatemala
- Guernsey (UK)
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland

- Isle of Man (UK)
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jersey (UK)
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau (China)
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Martinique (France)
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mayotte (France)
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat (UK)
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Caledonia (France)
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria

- Niue (New Zealand)
- Norfolk Island (Australia)
- North Korea
- Northern Cyprus
- Northern Mariana Islands (U.S.)
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Palestine
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Pitcairn Islands (UK)
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico (U.S.)
- Qatar
- Republic of the Congo
- Reunion (France)
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saint Barthelemy (France)
- Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha (UK)
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon (France)
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Sint Maarten (Netherlands)
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- South Ossetia
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname

- Svalbard and Jan Mayen (Norway)
- Swaziland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Tokelau (NZ)
- Tonga
- Transnistria
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Turks and Caicos Islands (UK)
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- United States Virgin Islands (U.S.)
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Vatican City
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Wallis and Futuna (France)
- Western Sahara
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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*** 9. Are your affected (directly and/or indirectly) by the COVID-19? (Select one option)**

◯ Very Affected ◯ Affected ◯ Slightly Affected ◯ Neutral ◯ Unaffected

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to Q#9 is Very Affected OR Affected OR Slightly Affected

*** 10. What is the reason of your choice?**
(Select one option)

◯ I am infected by COVID-19
◯ I am in quarantine due to suspected infection
◯ My family member(s) is(are) infected by COVID-19
◯ My work schedule is disturbed due to lockdown
◯ I am jobless after lockdown
◯ Other (Please specify) _____

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to Q#9 is Neutral OR Unaffected

*** 11. What is the reason of your choice?**
(Select one option)

◯ COVID-19 has no effect in my location/country
◯ COVID-19 has no effect in my work
◯ I have been managing my work/business as usual through several means
◯ Other (Please specify) _____

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*** 12. Had you anticipated that COVID-19 would have an impact of such scale and extent when you first heard about it? (Select one option)**

- ◯ Very much anticipated
- ◯ Much anticipated
- ◯ Anticipated
- ◯ Not anticipated
- ◯ Very unanticipated

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*** 13. Please check ALL applicable boxes on the following statements about your experience during COVID-19 lockdown.**

- ☐ I enjoyed sightings of wildlife (e.g., birds, butterflies) and their sounds frequently.
- ☐ I enjoyed calmness, better air quality and beautiful landscape.
- ☐ I have/had quality time with family.
- ☐ I have/had most appropriate time to meditate.
- ☐ I am enjoying working from my comfort zone (work from home).
- ☐ I am having difficult time due to isolation from family/friends.
- ☐ I am worried about the future uncertainties (e.g. job/business).

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Please check the box for each of the following statement you're in agreement with about the major causes and spread of the COVID-19.

Q1 *** 14. Wildlife trade and consumption is the major cause of COVID-9 pandemic. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q2 *** 15. The destruction of natural ecosystems is associated with the emergence of infectious diseases such as COVID-19. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q3 *** 16. Inadequate precautions/preparations taken by authorities to contain it aggravated the situation. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q4 *** 17. Capitalist mode of production and consumption resulted in the emergence and spread of COVID-19. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q5 *** 18. Globalization is responsible for the spread of the COVID-19. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

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Please check the box for each of the following statement you're in agreement with about coping with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q6 *** 19. Pandemics are regular phenomena of nature, and humans should cope with such perturbations. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q7 *** 20. Improving healthcare facilities and services will help to reduce impacts of such pandemics. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q8 *** 21. Scientific advice on social distancing (including lock down) should be strictly followed to cope with COVID-19. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q9 *** 22. Economic support from government is required to minimize impacts of COVID-19. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q10 *** 23. Improving environmental quality (e.g., air quality, safe drinking water) is necessary to cope with pandemics. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

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Please check the box for each of the following statement you're in agreement with to avoid future pandemics?

Q11 * **24. Nature has a potential to recover itself.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q12 * **25. Conserving nature and natural resources are the only option to avoid such pandemics.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q13 * **26. The consumption of wildlife should be banned to avoid such pandemics in the future.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q14 *** 27. Reducing poverty vis-à-vis inequalities will prevent such crises in the future. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q15 *** 28. Strengthening public health systems helps to avoid such pandemics in the future. (Select one option)**

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

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Please check the box for each of the following statement you're in agreement with about your expectations after COVID-19.

Q16 *** 29. There will be some temporal changes, and everything will remain the same as pre- COVID-19.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q17 *** 30. There will be a paradigm shift in the global economic system, resulting in the people centered model of economic growth.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q18 *** 31. There will be increased value of scientific works, and environmental agendas will be at the center play of development policies.**
(Select one option)

- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Slightly Disagree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Slightly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Strongly agree

Q19 *** 32. There will be a strict regulation of wildlife consumption, hunting and trade. (Select one option)**

- ○ Strongly disagree
- ○ Disagree
- ○ Slightly Disagree
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Slightly agree
- ○ Agree
- ○ Strongly agree

Q20 *** 33. Improved health and hygiene facilities and services will be in place.**

(Select one option)

- ○ Strongly disagree
- ○ Disagree
- ○ Slightly Disagree
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Slightly agree
- ○ Agree
- ○ Strongly agree

*** 34. Is COVID-19 an environmental crisis?**

(Select one option)

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Partially
- ◯ No

*** 35. Do you want to receive the outcome of this survey?**

(Select one option)

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to Q#35 is Yes

*** 36. Please provide your email address.**