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Appeal for cooperation to Safeguard the right to life Request to use NRs. 20 Million to combat COVID-19.

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal has taken positively the effort made with the decision to extend national lockdown till 7th of April and to continue the ban on all domestic and international flights envisioning the sensitivity of the health security of the Nepali nationals by the Government of Nepal. The Commission requests all the Nepali nationals and the concerned all to completely follow the decision of the government to be safe and to save all from the global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In accordance with the universal values of human rights, all human rights are interrelated and of equal worth, in this context to ensure and save right to life, right to health including citizens' other fundamental rights should also be respected and fulfilled. At this panic situation and crisis, the Commission believes in the importance of the sentiment of activeness, coordination and cooperation of all the state agencies. Visualizing these matters, wishing to cooperate the government to prevent and control the COVID-19, the Commission has decided to immediately return NRs. 20 Million out of the allocated budgets for the current Fiscal Year (FY) postponing all the programs except the administrative and the essential programs. The Commission requests the Government of Nepal to use the returned amount to control and prevent COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to this, the Commission appeals to all the governmental agencies, civil society, human rights activists, businesspersons as well as entrepreneurs and private sectors for the necessary and effective collaboration with the Government of Nepal to combat COVID -19.

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