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Ensure Farmers' rights

Do not deprive anyone from the essential health services

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention seriously towards the livelihood, agricultural production of the peasants and the difficulty in enjoying the right to health and the reluctance of the some of the private hospitals to take admission of the patients and the treatment after the lockdown executed to prevent and control the global COVID-19 transmission.

The monitoring during lockdown shows the difficulties in the mobility of the occupational as well as the professional peasants for their agricultural production, complications for selling and getting the appropriate price from the agricultural products, and there is also lack of fertilizer, seeds and other goods and the effective arrangement for it is not seen. If the peasants are restricted from their agricultural works for a long-time citizens' right to food can also be affected. All the three tiers of the governments have to draw their attention in accordance with the Article 36 of the Constitution of Nepal and the Act Relating to the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty, 2018 for the implementation of the right of every citizens to be safe from the state of being in danger of life from the scarcity of food. In accordance with the state policy as mentioned in the Article 51(e) 5 due to lack of farmers' access to agricultural inputs, agro-products at fair price and market may affect the individual's right to adequate food as guaranteed by the Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966. In addition to this, some of the private hospitals have shown reluctance for the admission and the treatment of the patients, this has created extra burdens to implement the right to health as provisioned in the Article 35 of the Constitution of Nepal as the monitoring of the NHRC shows.

Thus, the Commission makes special requests to the all three tiers of the governments to protect the rights of the farmers as they are importantly contributing for protecting the right to life of each individual, not to deprive anyone from the essential health services and to establish the right to equal access in health services for every individual.

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