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Ensure every person's right to health

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention towards the availability of health treatment in this serious condition generated due to the global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The Commission found from its monitoring and through receiving complaints that problem is faced by the victimized persons from the diseases of Kidneys, Cancer, Tuberculosis, HIV AIDS, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure and Mental diseases because of inadequacy of the medicines and proper treatment for them.

The Commission also draws its attention towards the news that a woman losing her life due to lack of timely treatment in the Neuro Hospital, the Birat Nursing Home and Nobel hospital situated at Biratnagar, and sending back the patients to their homes saying that the OPD service is closed by the Summit, Civil, Norvic hospitals including others located in the Kathmandu Valley, the non-availability of the ambulance service by the patients and some health workers being forced to leave their usual resident by their tenants.

The Commission believes that there is guarantee of health safety for all the health workers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including other essential safety equipment for the ambulance drivers including the security personnel as per the necessity is available so that they could deliver their service effectively. Similarly, the Commission requests to the Government of Nepal to ensure the right of the people to enjoy all kinds of health services including the essential health services as ensured by the Article 35 of the Constitution of Nepal, Section 2 (1) 3 (1) 4 of the Public Health Service Act 2018 and Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 and the Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966 in which Nepal is a state party. In addition, the Commission expects the cooperation of concerned all to this function.

Thus, in this complex situation, the Commission makes special request to the Government of Nepal, all the health workers as well as the health institutions to ensure every person's right to health managing health treatment to all the patients suffering from the serious kinds of diseases including COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

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