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Conduct operation of the quarantine as per the set standards

The Commission expresses deepest condolences towards the demise of the two people in Nepal including the child bearing mother due to the impact of global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic which is spread all over the world including Nepal. The Commission requests to the Government of Nepal to provide the appropriate relief to the deceased families due to COVID-19.

The Commission expresses its special thanks to the Doctors, Nurses, Cleaners, security forces, Ambulance Drivers, Volunteers involved for the management of the dead bodies and the media personnel who have been deployed for 24 hours for the prevention, treatment and control the COVID-19. The Commission draws attention to ensure the health security of the individuals deployed for the prevention, treatment and control as well as their family members.

In Accordance with the standards set by the World Health Organization (WHO) the quarantine setting should be appropriate and that adequate food, water, and hygiene provisions can be made for the quarantine period; minimum Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures should be implemented; minimum requirements for monitoring the health of quarantined persons should be met during the quarantine period, those who are in quarantine must be placed in adequately ventilated, spacious single rooms, physical/social distance must be maintained, those who are in quarantine must be able to communicate with family members who are outside the quarantine facility; if possible, access to the internet, news, and entertainment should be provided; Psychosocial support must be available; Children, persons with disability and older persons and those with comorbid conditions require special attention because of their increased risk for severe COVID-19. During monitoring, NHRC found the restriction in the individuals' fundamental rights because of the lack of proper arrangement of adequate nutritious foods, drinking water, toilets, proper shelter, health care including others in the quarantines as per the WHO standards. Due to the lack of well-arranged quarantines the symptomatic persons lack wishes to live in the quarantine and even the persons living in the quarantine try to escape and run away secretly disregarding the security force and the health workers so that the high risk of transmission in the society could be seen.

Thus, the Commission requests to place in the safety zones to the persons in the quarantine conducting their health checkup speedily implementing the Guidelines for the Operation and Management of the Quarantine as per the WHO standards; and utilize the Central Relief Funds coordinating adequately among the Province and Local levels. In addition to this, the Commission draws attention of the Government of Nepal to work and cause to work with vigilance making essential efforts towards ensuring the non-transmission of COVID-19 keeping each health center and hospital fully safe from health security perspectives.

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