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NHRC urges govt to protect human rights ensuring right to health in the COVID situation

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws attention seriously towards the risk of lives of people in the crisis coronavirus and those being infected may deprived of their right to health including other various rights. With regard to this the Commission central, provincial and provincial branch offices have been regularly monitoring. The following information/ facts have been received through the monitoring.

1. Hospitals in districts such as Kaski, Morang and Jhapa are still reeling under the lack of oxygen cylinders, ICU and ventilators so that people have been losing their lives;
2. Medicines needed for patients of asthma, diabetes and lifelong ailments are scarce and the businesspersons claim that citamol could not be produced in the present price;
3. PCR test is not arranged in the mountanous districts of the province 1, due to obstruction in supply lack of food and medicines is realized, similarly, the grivences form the public is received that the police do not proceed for the legal action rather brutal beatings and abuse applied opening the shops during probation periods;
4. placental abruption during regular checkups of pregnant women due to the ongoing situation and no vaccination below two years of children;
5. Commission received the information thorough monitoring and other means that at Biratnagar Morang the COVID vaccination against COVID is immunized not by the targeted group but by others;
6. Non implementation in various parts as per the federal and provincial governments' announcement of providing risk allowance to the front liner workers;
7. Physical attack and abuses upon the health personnles deployed round the clock for the treatment of the COVID patients from the parents of the patients and destruction of health equipment;
8. Psychological impacts upon the labourer's class people, pregnant women, children, senior citizens, persons with disability and lack of special effort to address these peoblems and lunch special programs;
9. Detainees and inmates in the various detention centers and prisons are more than the capacity, so possibility of high risk of COVID infection.

Thus, the Commission requests to the government of Nepal to address all the impacts, not to abuse people, arrange and regulate the essential services necessary for individuals' life, health and daily lives, access to commodities, supply and chain; ensure high morale of the frontline workers such as health workers and security personnel; support and arrange the necessary programs to the daily wage earners and impoverished groups to manage their daily lives identifying them.

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