

**Synopsis on NRNA's Global Efforts
On Relief, Repatriation and Rehabilitation (RRR) to
Covid-19 Pandemic**



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I. Preface:

The outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern. The global situation is evolving quickly. At Non-Resident Nepali Association, we are taking as many initiatives as we can in order to “flatten the curve,” reduce transmission and protect our community, globally.

For NRNA; engaged in social welfare activities from its very inception, this is completely different and robust engagement. Mitigating the effects of this pandemic within 82 countries where NRNA has its affiliations and partnering with the governments of the home and destination countries; in safeguarding our communities with our limited resources, is a task we are undertaking with utmost commitment, zeal and dedication; confronting unprecedented challenges.

Immediately after the pandemic; NRNA formed a High-Level COVID-19 Response Committee and sprung to action. Its Health Committee started awareness campaigns and NCCs designated focal person in the destination countries to facilitate issues related to this pandemic; but this was not enough as the effects were multidimensional and Relief, Repatriation and Reintegration (RRR) activities needed to be addressed. NRNA has developed a strategy in addressing the 3Rs and is committed to support in every way it can.

Our members in worse hit countries provided relief materials; ignoring and confronting various hostile environments. The global community of NRNA has been mobilized to generate funds and support the needy within our community. We have provided the Nepal Government with preventive health materials and are in constant dialogue with the government in addressing the 3Rs.

At this time of great uncertainty, I’m inspired by the energy, resilience, and commitment shown by my fellow NRNs in enthusiastically trying to mitigate its effects. NRNA salutes all frontline volunteers directly engaged in relief activities and NCCs that have made outstanding contributions like South Korea, UAE, Qatar and New Zealand.

I thank the Government of Nepal and the destination countries, Nepali missions, NCCs, fellow NRNs and all other well-wishers for their support and contributions in mitigating this pandemic.

Together, we can make a difference!

Thank you!



Kumar Panta,
President,
International Coordination Council,
Non-Resident Nepali Association.

II. Introduction:

Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) is trying its best to support Nepal Government as well as Nepalese stranded and suffering in destination countries due to Covid-19 Pandemic. NRNA has been mobilizing its National Coordination Councils (NCC), established in 82 Countries, to rescue and provide relief packages to the victims. NRNA is making all its effort to manage the impact of COVID 19 pandemic in Nepal by adopting both strategic and operational approaches at various levels of its networks.

The NRNA International Coordination Council (ICC) has formed a High-Level Committee on Coronavirus Pandemic Mitigation, which is led by the NRNA President, Mr. Kumar Panta, parliaments members, different experts, bureaucrats, medical doctors, professionals, NRNA executives are the members to combat Coronavirus' impact on global Nepali communities by mobilizing resources to help the needy and to assist Government of Nepal in developing quick and effective counter measures.

The NRNA High-Level Committee has prepared a strategic plan for awareness, Relief, Repatriation, and Rehabilitation and submitted it to various stakeholders of the Nepal Government. The High-Level Committee has proposed short-term strategies through various programs to be continued or launched to support all the efforts made by the concerned stakeholders at various levels in Nepal and abroad and the long-term strategic programs support Nepal and global Nepali community to effectively address similar public health crisis in the future.

The short-term solutions included the operational programs handled largely through the NRNA High-Level Committee and NRNA Health Committee while the long-term solutions have taken the form of a Master Plan based on the foundational work done in coordination with NCCs and Nepalese Missions abroad in developing database, formulating health emergency preparedness, repatriation and rehabilitation in Nepal and abroad.

Non-Resident Nepali Association is working for the welfare of Nepali and to support the National Goal "Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali" by adopting the motto "For Nepali; By Nepali". During Covid-19 Pandemic, NRNA ICC, Committees and NCCs have carried out various activities

III. Highlights of Activities Undertaken by NRNA:

- High-level committee under leadership of President Mr. Kumar Panta formed to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 in Nepal and to facilitate RRR.
- NRNA created the promotional materials for creating awareness on Covid-19 Pandemic and published it in social media and sent it to its members as well as in local FM Radio of Nepal.
- It mobilized the doctors, public health experts and medical professionals for mitigation and combating Covid-19 and its adverse effect on health of people by initiating Tele health consultation. Health teams have been formed in the Middle East, Europe and Africa.
- NRNA Health Committee tracked Nepalis infected, recovered and deaths related to COVID-19 infection globally, each week, for 37 weeks now. The information and data collected have been used by governments, international agencies and public.
- NRNA Health Committee prepared guidelines to general public and health professionals

on how to remain uninfected and to manage those that are infected.

- NRNA has immediately supported the stranded workers and students in the destination countries by providing relief package, counselling and even at times by providing jobs.
- It conducted regular meetings with different ministries of the Government of Nepal, health professionals and other stakeholders for conducting joint efforts against Covid-19.
- NRNA provided the PPEs and Test Kits to Ministry of Health, Government of Nepal immediate after spread of the pandemic when there was extreme crisis of such materials.



- NRNA conducted different meetings with Missions of Nepal abroad in the august presence of the Foreign Minister to assist Nepalese stranded overseas.



- National Coordination Councils of NRNA worked together with Government and Philanthropic Organization of destination countries and conducted joint venture relief distribution activities.



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State of Qatar
Ministry of Interior



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QATAR CHARITY



الهلال الأحمر القطري
Qatar Red Crescent



Food packets :7500 (Qatar Charity) 300 (Qatar Red Cross) Worth NRs 16,000,000



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€ 10,000, NRs 1,340,000



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For Nepali By Nepali

NRNA Effort to Manage Impact of COVID-19

- NRNA supported in contact tracing in Karnali Province by mobilizing local doctors and medical professional in coordination of Health Committee.
- NRNA started new project “COVID-19 Response to Nepali Migrant Workers” for relief, repatriation and rehabilitation of Migrant workers from Middle East and Malaysia.
- The NRNA High-Level Committee prepared a strategic plan to Manage Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and submitted it to various stakeholders of the Nepal Government.

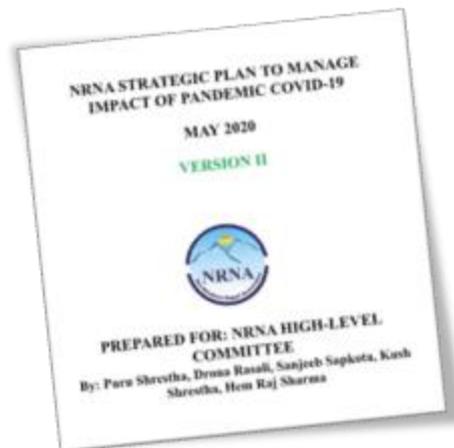


NRNA STRATEGIC PLAN TO MANAGE IMPACT OF PANDEMIC COVID-19

NRNA HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON CORONA PANDEMIC MITIGATION

Position	Name	Affiliation	Country
Advisor	Mr Gagan Thapa	Former Minister of Health and Population	Nepal
Advisor	Dr Gangalal Tuladhar	Former Minister of Education & Disaster Management Expert	Nepal
Chair	Kumar Panta	President	Germany
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Member	Gouri Raj Joshi	Secretary	USA
Member	R.K. Sharma	Secretary	Qatar
Member	Maheesh Kumar Shrestha	Treasurer	Japan
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Member	Dr. Shakti Chaurasiya	Nepal Medical Students Society	Nepal
Member	Dr Shrawan Kumar Mishra	Nepal Government Representative	Nepal
Member	Chiran sharma	Media Coordinator	UK

- Awareness, Prevention & Promotion
- Relief
- Repatriation
- Rehabilitation



For Nepali By Nepali

NRNA Effort to Manage Impact of COVID-19

- NRNA held meeting with provincial governments on mitigating COVID-19 pandemic.



IV. Brief updates on COVID-19 Response to Nepali Migrant Workers-Relief and Repatriation Program by NRNA:

The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) International Coordination Council (ICC) and National Coordination (NCC) are actively engaged on relief, response and repatriation process for the Nepali migrant workers and other vulnerable Nepali people impacted by unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic. NRNA has been actively engaged in this humanitarian mission in close coordination with Government Authorities and other relevant stakeholders at different level. Specially, the coordination with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and concerned Nepali Embassies are quite encouraging for NRNA to implement those initiatives at both destination countries as well as in Nepal. The major initiatives taken by NRNA in order to combat this global pandemic are as follows:

- The National Coordination Council (NCC) at different countries also actively engaged for different types of support for the vulnerable Nepali communities who are affected by COVID-19.
- NRNA Global Health Team massively conducted different types of awareness sessions and health related activities to sensitize on COVID-19.
- In addition, NRNA has also mobilized the resources from other funding partners to provide support for vulnerable Nepali migrant workers to benefit them on short term shelter and food, partial support for PCR test and air ticket, mental health/medical assistance/psychosocial support, detention fees/legal support, outreach support in collaboration with Embassies, medical items support for quarantine/isolation centers, transportation support to reach their home from Kathmandu airport etc.
 - So far, 7000 migrant workers are reached out by the program initiatives and provided support on different support categories as mentioned above through NRNA field-based volunteers in both destination countries and also in country of origin (Nepal).

- 1500 needy migrant workers received shelter and food support to get necessary documentation at Embassies, reemployment and repatriation support process. More than 6000 Nepali migrant workers are targeted to provide short term shelter and food support.
- Through the out-reach services, more than 1000 migrant workers are benefitted with the facilitation and collaboration with Nepali Embassies in concerned destination countries.
- More than 800 needy returnee Nepali migrant workers received local transportation support to reach their home from Kathmandu Airport. 12500 is the target for providing such support for the needy migrant workers.
- 600 Nepali migrant workers will be benefitted with the support of PCR test in destination countries.
- 500 Nepali Migrant workers will be benefitted with the support of mental health/medical assistance and psychosocial support.
- 200 Nepali Migrant workers will be benefitted with the support of partial air ticket.
- 160 Nepali migrant workers will be benefitted with the support of some minor detention fees/fines/legal support etc.
- 1400 vulnerable migrant workers will be benefitted with the support of partial hotel/public quarantine expenses support.
- Some medical items support is provisioned for provincial government's isolation/quarantine centers. So far, such support is provided to different centers of Province 1, 2 and 7.
- Suicide prevention training has been provided to community leaders particularly in the Middle East and in Malaysia to help identify at risk individuals.

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countries and other national and international organizations for the welfare of NRN's and the vulnerable Nepali community for their sustainable development.

VII. Summary:



SUMMARY



- Awareness, Prevention & Promotion campaign ongoing (Mental health, Domestic Violence)
- First phase of relief work almost complete in regions other than Middle east
- Working with Embassies for relief and repatriation
- Has a strong network and rich human capitals
- Has a very good connection with migrant workers in the ground
- Intend to work with Governments of home & destination countries, International Organisations for welfare of migrant workers



VIII. Some statistics of on NRNA's RRR activities:

TABLE: 1
Relief Activities Carried out by NCCs

No. of NCCs	No. of Cities/ States	No. of Volunteers deployed	No. of Hotline Service Taker	No. of Direct Beneficiaries	Type of Relief Package Distributed	Amount Spent on Relief Package (NCCs)
49	297	2079	80923	51591	Mask, Sanitizer, Medical Support, Food Packages, Financial Support to the Family of Deceased, Tickets	53,072,221

TABLE: 2
Support of Medical Logistics to Nepal Government & Institutions

S.N.	Particulars	Donated NCCs	Donated by ICC	Total
1	PPE	2700.00	475.00	3175.00
2	Goggles	2500.00		2500.00
3	IR Gun	550.00	25.00	575.00
4	Shoes Cover	2500.00		2500.00
5	Face Shield	2500.00		2500.00
6	Disposable Masks	100000.00		100000.00
7	Hand Gloves	90000.00		90000.00
8	Rt-PCR Test Kits	4000.00	2500.00	6500.00
9	K N 95 Masks	17400.00	2000.00	19400.00
10	National Innovation Centre	Rs.1,500,000		Rs.1,500,000
11	RNA Extraction Kits		2500.00	2500.00
12	Antigen Test Kits			17,000

TABLE: 3
Fund Utilized for Medical Logistics in Nepal

S.N.	Country/ICC/Ind.	Amount
1	South Korea	14700000.00
2	China	2399640.00
3	Macau	2244800.00
4	Hong Kong	750000.00
5	UAE	330000.00
6	ICC	3069611.28
7	Individual IES Members	700000.00
8	Japan/Monetary Support	17500000.00
	Total	41694051.28

TABLE: 4
Financial Support to NCCs by ICC

Financial Support to NCCs		
S.N.	NCC	Amount (USD)
1	Bahrain	5,000
2	Cyprus	3,000
3	Italy	4,000
4	Kuwait	5,000
5	Malta	3,000
6	Malysia	5,000
7	Portugal	5,000
8	Saudi Arabia	5,000
9	Spain	5,000
10	UAE	5,000
11	Denmark	2,000
12	France	2,000
13	UAE (Women & Children)	4,000
14	Kuwait (Women & Children)	3,000
	Total in USD	56,000
	Total NRS	6,720,000

Weekly Statistics of Nepali Infected, Recovered and Death due to Corona Infection:

Since March 2020, for over 36 weeks, NRNA Health Committee is providing weekly data on estimated number of Nepali infected, recovered and died worldwide related to Corona virus infection. Following data is from week 36 as of Dec 19. Over 94 percent of Nepali infected worldwide have been recovered: Estimated 49,000+ thousands Nepali out of 52,000+ have been recovered. Sadly 312 Nepali have died outside Nepal.

TABLE: 5

Estimated Number of Recovery among Corona Infected Nepali Worldwide during May 30 - Dec 19, 2020

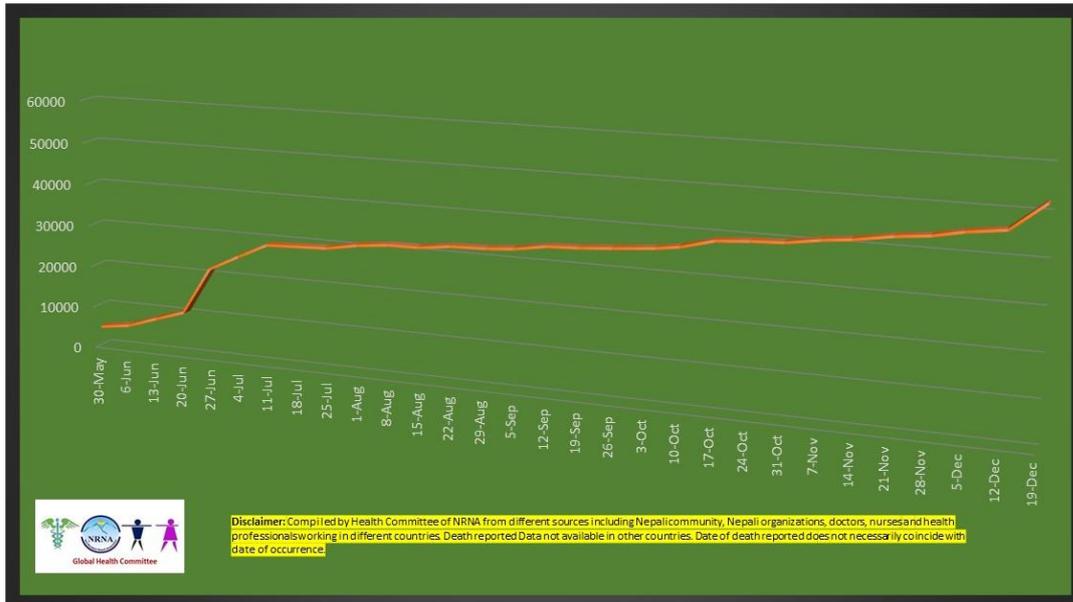
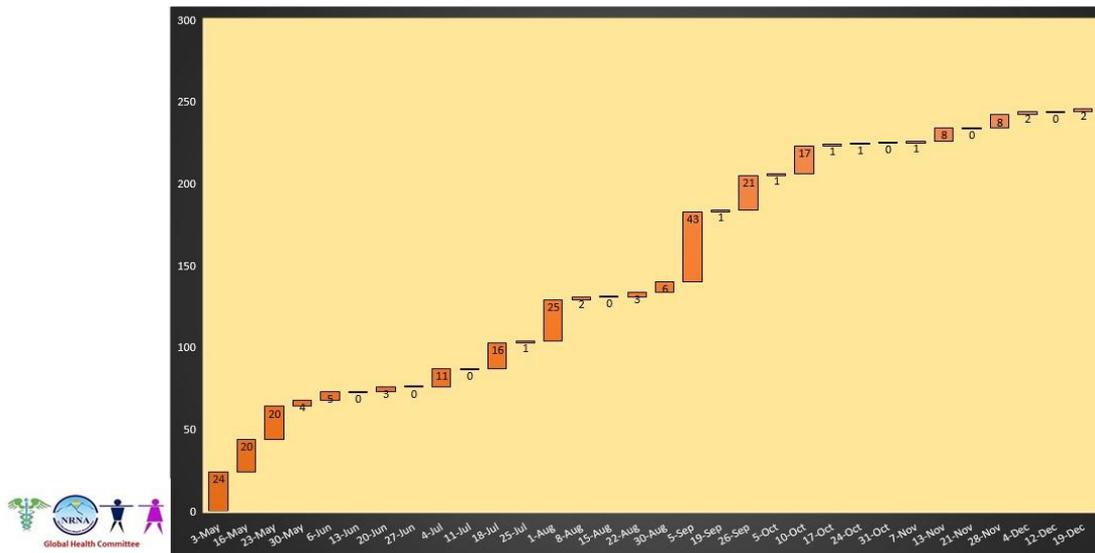


TABLE: 6

Number of New Deaths Reported each week among Nepali Related to Corona Infection Worldwide during May 3 - Dec 19, 2020



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