



Philanthropic and Humanitarian Assistance (PHA) Committee

Terms of Reference (ToR)

BACKGROUND:

Philanthropic and Humanitarian (PH) assistance is not just a charity or donation, it is an effort extended with a noble wish to improve human welfare without expecting anything in return. Philanthropic and Humanitarian assistance is provided to uplift and save lives within the community/country, alleviate suffering and protect human dignity during the crises or disasters.

A basic human nature is to help others in need whether they are in homeland or in a foreign land. Nepali Diaspora has always played active role in philanthropic and humanitarian projects/ activities since the beginning. The collective effort of Nepali Diaspora has protected and saved many lives in foreign land and also in Nepal. Charity has become important part of Nepali culture. More importantly people in this modern era, are running the charitable projects and activities in more productive and sustainable way.

Since 3rd NRN Global Conference in October 2007, NRNA- ICC has been actively participating in the charitable and philanthropic activities and constantly requesting its affiliations to adopt at least one charity project based in Nepal in the tenure of 2 years.

During ICC 2011-13 tenure, NRNA has established separate Charity Fund account and collected funds directly from different NCCs/individuals and successfully contributed to many projects and supported many individual in need. Charity Task Force of NRNA ICC 2011-13 has recorded the contribution/support of around Rs. 100 million made all around the globe conducted through NRNA Secretariat as well as its affiliation in 65 countries during the tenure.

Under the “One NCC-One Project Program”, 41 NCCs actively participated and carried out more than 170 projects in different places of Nepal during the term 2011-13. Appreciating the generous effort of NCCs and contributors, 6th NRN Global Conference declared and requested NRNA ICC and NCCs to continue such social program in days to come. (Refer to article 10, Kathmandu Declaration of 6th NRN Global Conference 2013).

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

1. Inspire and motivate all the NCCs, Office bearers, ICC members and other fellow NRNs to contribute to philanthropic and humanitarian assistance in Nepal.
2. Coordinate and liaise with the interested groups, friends of Nepal and other donor agencies to contribute for philanthropic projects and humanitarian aids for Nepal.
3. Request and encourage all the NCCs to adopt at least one Charity Project in Nepal during their tenure as per the article 10 of the Kathmandu Declaration of 6th Global Conference 2013.



4. Compile the details/information on PH works, projects completed/carried out or ongoing or committed by the NCCs or Individual NRNs in Nepal for the tenure of 2013- 15.
5. Guide NCCs or individual NRNs to identify the possible PH projects/works and if needed provided them the lists of such projects in Nepal.
6. Work closely with the local social organizations in Nepal which work for philanthropic and humanitarian causes.
7. Collect funds from different NCCs and individual contributors at NRNA ICC's Charity Fund Account. Encourage fellow NRNs to channelize their contribution only through NRNA ICC's official account and keep the proper records of all expenses of the PH works.

COMMITTEE FORMATION PROCESS

NRNA ICC 2011-15 has endorsed Mr. Kumar Panta, (General Secretary NRNA ICC) as the Chair of the PHA Committee. Basic process to select other members of the committee is described as follows:

- The PHA Committee Chair is free to nominate and finalize the Regional Chairs and members from 6 regions in the committee.
- The Chair can freely decide on the maximum numbers of members to be included in the committee.
- The committee will liaise with reliable / reputed social organizations and activist/workers in Nepal to identify the charity projects if necessary. Committee members will facilitate NCCs of their region to adopt the charity projects recognized by NRNA ICC or by the PHA Committee.
- The committee will conduct regular meeting among the members to discuss on progress report and work plan.

MEMBER SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The PHA Committee Chair will request all the Regional Coordinators of NRNA ICC to recommend the names of the potential and interested members from respective region to work as the part of team in consultation with NCCs and ICC members of their respective regions.
2. The members will be selected based on their interest, experience and involvement in the PH works in past/current and should be inclusive from all 6 Regions, if needed members from Nepal can be included in the team.
3. Interested members to work as the member of PHA Committee are requested to provide their interest and firm commitment on the PH projects. They are requested to



provide brief details of their past experience/involvement in PH activities clearly stating the amount of contribution they can make to the NRNA ICC Charity Fund, whether they have connection with some donor agencies which may contribute on NRNA's charity projects and capacity to convince fellow NRNs to contribute on the philanthropic projects. Priority will be given to the members who prove themselves best on these criteria.

Specific Targets of the Philanthropy and Humanitarian Committee for the current working period:

- Each NCC is requested to adopt a charity project under the slogan “One NCC- one project”. Under this campaign, many charity projects were carried out in the past. We will continue this campaign this term too. Each NCC is requested to adopt at least one charity project during their tenure. NCCs are free to decide size of the project and area of its implementation. ICC may help to recommend the projects to the NCCs if they find difficulties in identifying the charity projects in Nepal.
- A voluntary campaign to clean the Bagmati river (Bagmati Saphai Abhiyan) is going on for one year. NRNA ICC has joined hands at this campaign since September 2013. Many individuals, Social Organization, Armed Police Forces and Corporate houses are involved voluntarily to clean the Bagmati River. We can clearly see the changes this campaign has brought. Chief Secretary Mr Lila Mani Paudel is one of the initiator of this campaign. The NRNA has been requested to Garden some areas of land at the bank of Bagmati River. We are proposed to take at least one KM long distance for Gardening at Shankhamul Area. Detailed information about the project will be forwarded to all NCCs soon.
- The rate of HIV-infected people is increasing in Nepal. This is because of the increased rate of migration, trafficking within and across the country, child labor and injecting drug users. Unprotected sex, use of intravenous unsterilized injections, and mother to child infections has been the important risk factors. We are planning to contribute in projects awareness campaigns such as:
 - Street theater to improve awareness about HIV and AIDS among people affected by conflict, sex workers and injecting drug users in Nepal.
 - We will work together with local NGOs to create project where female health workers or females with health education will be sent to villages to teach the village women how to use condoms for protected sex. This project is relevant even in the cities as the culture of living together is increasing. The estimated amount to contribute at this area during two years of time is one million NPR.
- ICC and NCC woman coordinators are already actively working on Uterus prolapsed project. This is an ICC adopted project but it might be successful if each of us contributes financially. All NCCs are requested for financial support to make it a successful venture.



WORK EVULATION PROCESS

- The Regional Chairs from respective regions have to report to the PHA Committee Chair every month briefing on the PH activities carried out by NCCs and individuals from the respective region.
- The PHA Committee Chair submits the progress report to ICC periodically, in every 90 days.
- The Chair updates the progress report at ICC meetings, Global and Regional Conferences.

TIME FRAME:

PH Committee will commence its activities immediately after its formation and will be continued till the 7th Global Conference in October 2015.