



President Report IV submitted to International Coordination Council (ICC)

In the last few months, after the declaration of COVID-19 pandemic, I have been busy trying to mitigate its affects among the Nepalis community abroad and at home. I have held repeated meeting with Honorable Ishwor Pokharel, Deputy PM and Coordinator of High Level COVID-19 Response Committee, Foreign, Finance and Labor Ministers and regularly participated in NRNA High Level COVID Response Committee.

As a result of our action and lobbying; the following have been initiated/achieved:

- ❖ The government has forwarded some amount to embassies for relief operations,
- ❖ Started repatriation activities both in and out of Nepal,
- ❖ Decreased the airfare for repatriation.
- ❖ NRNA Health Committee has been conducting awareness campaigns and consultations,
- ❖ Donatde to the Nepal Government COVID-19 prevention related safety materials. As of 18th June, we have donated rupees 2,39,12,030.00 worth of materials,
- ❖ NRNA submitted Relief, Repatriation & Rehabilitation strategy document to concerned government authorities.
- ❖ NCCs are actively providing relief package and supporting repatriation activities by mobilizing 24,000 volunteers,
- ❖ NCC and ICC together have been able to raise about 80 million rupees,
- ❖ ICC has disseminated US\$ 55,000.00 as support to various NCCs,
- ❖ Submitted 13-point memorandum to the concerned government authorities.

We are also trying to seek support from international organizations such as ILO, IOM etc. Given below are some highlights of our activities.

- On 5th March, 2020 a delegation of International Executive Secretariat (IES) met with Hon. Health Minister, Bhanu Bhakta Dhakal, to discuss on how NRNA could coordinate with the Government to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 pandemic and to inform him about the Mobile Blood Bank initiative of NRNA.
- On 18th March, 2020 a High-Level COVID-19 Response Committee was formed under my coordination. The committee has submitted a Relief, Repatriation and Rehabilitation strategy document to various government authorities.
- On 20th March, 2020; attended the first meeting of this High-Level COVID-19 Response Committee.
- On 20th March, 2020 a delegation of NRNA met with the Hon. Home Minister and Foreign Minister, Ram Bahadur Thapa (Badal) and Pradeep Gyawali; respectively, to discuss on how the effects of COVID-19 pandemic could be mitigated and to abreast them on the situations of Nepali Diaspora.

- On 21st March, 2020; chaired the fifth IES meeting to finalize the agenda of the 72nd ICC meeting and discussed issues related to COVID-19.
- On 22nd March, 2020; I chaired the 72nd ICC meeting that decided to establish a COVID-19 Relief Fund amounting to 10 million rupees. As of 18th June, about 37.5 million rupees has be contributed in ICC fund and rupees 50.2 million have been contributed in various NCCs fund. We have distributed about US\$ 55,000.00 to various NCCs for relief activities.
- On 25th March, 2020; chaired the sixth IES meeting which decided to donate to the Nepal Government COVID-19 prevention related safety materials. As of 20th June, we have donated rupees 2,39,12,030.00 worth of materials.
- On 28th March, 2020; attended a meeting with the Honorary, Committee and Taskforce members to discuss with them on how to mitigate the COVID-19 effects and to brief them on the steps taken and to be taken by NRNA; seeking their advice and guidance.
- On 31st March, 2020; I attended the European Regional meeting held to discuss on the effects of the pandemic within the European Region and to mitigate them.
- On 5th April, 2020; chaired the seventh IES meeting held to discussed about the situations of the Nepalis at home and abroad and how to address their concerns.
- On 9th April, 2020; chaired the eighth IES meeting held to discuss on the impact of COVID-19 among the Nepalis at home and abroad, on how to provide relief and to develop a working procedure for the mobilization of the COVID-19 Relief Fund.
- On 10th April, 2020 NRNA donated 15, 5, 22 and 8 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the four government hospitals in Rapti, Trishuli, Nuwakote and Dhaulagiri; respectively.
- On 11th April, 2020; 6 million rupees worth of COVID-19 related preventive health material, donated by NCC South Korea, was officially handed to the Ministry of Health.



- On 17th April, 2020 NRNA donated 125 PPE to Province 2 and Bagmati Province.

- On 17th April, 2020; I participated in an emergency meeting with the Patron Council of NRNA held to discuss on addressing and mitigating the effects of COVID-19 pandemic among the Nepali community at home and abroad.
- On 18th April, 2020; I participated in a meeting held between ICC and NCC to discuss on the effects of the pandemic in the respective countries and on providing relief.
- On 19th April, 2020 the Founding President and VP Sonam Lama met with the Minister of Social Security, Employment and Labor to discuss on relief and rescue operations for the migrant workers.
- On 19th April, 2020; participated in the meeting of the High-Level COVID-19 Response Committee held to discuss about addressing the issues of COVID-19 infected and effected Nepalis.
- On 19th April, 2020; I chaired the ninth IES meeting held to discuss and deliberate on coordination and cooperation with the Nepal Government on managing the relief operations in the destination countries.
- On 20th April, 2020; attended the first round of zoom meeting between the Foreign Minister and NCC presidents held to update the foreign ministry on the situations of Nepalis residing abroad due to COVID-19.



- On 23rd April, 2020; I chaired the tenth IES meeting held to discuss on NRNA Policy Institute and COVID-19 issues.
- On 25th April, 2020 NRNA submitted a proposal on Relief, Repatriation & Rehabilitation to ministries of Social Security, Employment and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Finance & Health and National Planning Commission and Department of Foreign Employment.
- On 27th April, 2020 a second round of zoom meeting between the Foreign Minister and NCC presidents was held to update the foreign ministry on the situations of Nepalis residing abroad due to COVID-19.
- On 28th April, 2020 NRNA donate 105 PPE to Gorkha, Mustang and Far Western Regional hospitals.
- On 30th April, 2020; attended the regional meeting of the Americas Region held to discuss the effects of COVID-19 within the region and on how to mitigate them.



- On 30th April, 2020 second lot of COVID-19 preventive health related materials donated by NCC South Korea, China and Macau was handed to the Health Minister.
- On 9th May, 2020; I chaired the eleventh IES meeting held to discuss on the activities of NRNA related COVID-19.
- On 9th May, 2020; I attended a meeting with the Ambassadors of Middle East, Doctors and NCC executives of Middle East held to discuss about the situations and effects of COVID-19 among the migrant workers.
- On 10th May, 2020 NRNA donated 4000 KN 95 masks and 50 IR Thermometers contributed by NCC Hong Kong to the Health and Population Ministry.



- On 10th May, 2020 a meeting of the Foreign Employment & NRN's Welfare Department was held to discuss about the COVID-19 effects and measures taken to mitigate them.
- On 11th May, 2020 an introductory meeting between the Honorary members of Americas Region, ICC executive and members was held to discuss about the effects of COVID-19

among the Nepalis community of the region and to brief them on the relief activities being undertaken.

- On 11th May, 2020 NRNA made a statement denouncing the encroachment of sovereign Nepali territory by India in Lipulake to build a road.
- On 13th May, 2020; I participated in an interaction with the journalist association of Europe region on the encroachment of sovereign Nepali territory by India in Lipulake to build a road.
- On 16th May, 2020; I chaired the twelfth IES meeting held to discuss and update the progress on the COVID-19 relief operations.
- On 17th May, 2020 NRNA donated preventive health related materials to various frontline organizations combating COVID-19.
- On 21st May, 2020 NRNA donated 12000 KN 95 masks, 50 IR Thermometers, 2000 face shields and shoe cover to the Department of Health.
- On 22nd May, 2020; I also participated in a meeting with ILO representatives to discuss on how NRNA and ILO would work together in mitigating the effects of the pandemic
- On 23rd May, 2020; I chaired the thirteenth IES meeting held to discuss and update on COVID-19 relief operations.
- On 24th May, 2020; VP and COVID-19 Logistic Distribution Committee Coordinator, Sonam Lama, handed over related health safety materials FNJ, SEJON and FEJA representatives.



- On 6th June, 2020; I chaired the fourteenth IES meeting held to discuss on NRNA activities and strategies on mitigating the effect of the pandemic.
- On 10th June, 2020, I attended a meeting with IOM representatives to discuss on how NRNA and IOM could jointly work on mitigating the effects of COVID-19.
- On 11th June, 2020; I attended a meeting with NCC Presidents of Middle East to discuss on ways to decrease the airfare charged by Government for repatriation of migrant workers.
- On 11th June, 2020; I held a meeting with Honorable Iswor Pokharel DPM and Coordinator of the High Level COVID-19 Response Committee regarding the airfare and the DPM was very positive on decreasing the price.
- On 13th June, 2020; I chaired the 15th IES and OB meeting held to discuss on COVID-19 issues and to finalize the agenda for the 73rd ICC meeting.

- On 16th June, 2020; VP and LMSDP Coordinator, Sonam Lama, met with the Managing Director of Nepal Electricity Authority, Kul Man Ghising, to request for fast track electrification of LMSDP and providing the beneficiaries free electric meter.
- On 16th June. 2020; NRNA submitted a memorandum to the DPM and Coordinator of the High Level COVID-19 Response Committee, Foreign and Social Welfare, Labor and Employment ministers regarding the issues of migrant workers focusing on Relief and Repatriation.
- On 20th June, 2020; NRNA is to donate 2500 PCR Test Kits and 2500 RNA Extraction Kits worth rupees 18,87,590.00; purchased by NRNA ICC through NCC South Korea, to Province 7 (Sudharpachim Prades).

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