

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 an 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 the 3rd NRN Global Conference in October 2007, NRNA- ICC has been actively participating in the charitable and philanthropic activities and constantly requesting the NCCs to adopt at least one charity project based in Nepal.

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

The concept of Charity is getting better and practice of giving is increasing within the Diaspora. Compared to past terms, the NRNs are contributing more to the social projects and actively involving in the NRNA philanthropic projects. The record of total contribution of around Rs. 350 million by the NRNs during the term 2013-15 in different social projects like the Earthquake Fund, the Relief Fund, Women Health and Rescue Fund, Old Age Home and Garden Funds. NRNA has whole heartedly appreciated and welcomed the enthusiasm shown by the NRNs in the field of charity and promised to continue and coordinate the good work of supporting philanthropic and humanitarian projects in Nepal in upcoming years. This was also officially announced in the Kathmandu Declaration 2015 released during the 7th NRNA Global Conference.

MAJOR 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 to philanthropic projects and humanitarian aid for Nepal.
- 3.** Request and encourage all the NCCs to adopt at least one Charity Project in Nepal during the term 2017-19.
- 4.** Compile the details/information on PH works, projects completed/carried out or ongoing or committed by the NCCs or Individual NRNs in Nepal.
- 5.** Guide NCCs or individual NRNs to identify the possible PH projects/works and if needed provide them with the list of such projects in Nepal.

6. Work closely with the local social organisations 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 2017-19 appointed Mr. Kul Acharya (Vice President) as the Chair of the PHA Committee. Six different sub-committees have been formed as follows (four coordinators have already been appointed.)

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| 1. Women Health | Mrs Rajani Pradhan, Women Coordinator, ICC |
| 2. One NCC One Charity | Mrs Janaki Gurung, Secretary, ICC |
| 3. Nepal Library Project | Mr Naresh Koirala |
| 4. Sister School | Dr Gyanendra Regmi |
| 5. Disaster Relief Management | TBC |
| 6. Telemedicine | TBC |

The process of selecting other members of the PHA 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 number 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 the NRNA ICC or by the PHA Committee.
- ☐ The committee will conduct regular meetings among the members to formulate plan of action and review the progress.

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 the 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:

- ☐ Continuing the past tradition, each NRNA NCC will be requested to adopt a charity project under the slogan "One NCC- One Project" in this term as well. 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.

□ NRNA has supported the voluntary campaign of keeping the city and heritage sites clean. Under this project, NRNA has agreed to build the Garden on the banks of Bagmati River covering the area of 32 Ropani areas in Shankhamul Ghat of Lalitpur district. This project will help to beautify the holy Bagmati River of Nepal. The cost of this project will come around Rs. 2 Crore. The initial planning of the project is almost completed. The committee expects to conclude the project this year.

□ NRNA has committed to reconstruct the Bansanghu School in Jire Sindhupalchowk, which was completely destroyed by the landslide occurred in 2014. The endowment fund of Rs. 50 Lakhs for the school has been created. The Committee aims to re construct school building by mobilizing the endowment fund and facilitate students of the locality to study in proper environment/ infrastructure..

□ ICC and NCC woman coordinators are already actively working on Uterus Prolapse project. This is an ICC adopted project but it might be successful if each of us contribute financially. The PHA Committee will appeal and request NCCs to provide necessary support to the Women Group to make it a successful venture.

WORK EVULATION PROCESS:

□ The Regional Chairs from respective regions will report to the PHA Committee Chair In every three months or earlier, if the need be.

□ The PHA Committee Chair will submits the progress report to the ICC periodically.

□ The Chair will also send updates during the ICC meetings, Global and Regional Conferences.

TEAM:

The Chair, Co-Chair, Regional Coordinators and members of the Committee will form the PHA team.

TIME FRAME:

PH Committee will commence its activities immediately after its formation and will be continued till the 9th Global Conference.