



Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)

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To Whom It May Concern

Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA), in 2017, embarked a initiative to establish NRNA Academy as a permanent institution operating in Nepal exclusively for the purpose of mobilizing Nepali diaspora skill, knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship as well as global scholarship for the advancement of Nepal in the knowledge sector. Among a number of committees being autonomously operating and capacity building under this umbrella initiative with the aim of being integrated into the permanent institution under making, Blood Transfusion System Committee (BTS) led by Mr. Fanindra Panta, a Netherlands based Nepali professional, supported by a 27-member team, and with the financial and expertise support of thousands of Nepalese abroad. This committee has been actively mobilizing Nepalese Diaspora professionals and social workers in bringing enhanced safety, efficiency, capacity and technical competency in the blood transfusion services available in Nepal.

Current blood transfusion services in Nepal are not well capacitated to adhere to WHO minimum standards. This has resulted in serious threat to sufficiency, quality and efficiency of the system, and, consequently to the health of patients – those who receive blood or those who would not receive it in time. To be a major catalyst towards addressing these challenges, BTS Committee has aligned itself with concerned Nepali agencies to support, educate, facilitate and infuse innovations in the blood transfusion services of Nepal. It is also mobilizing international collaboration between Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) and its affiliated agencies and other international agencies. Currently, the Central Blood Transfusion Service (CBTS), Nepal, National Beuro of Blood Transfusion System (NBBTS), Nepal, and Sanquin Consulting Service (SCS), The Netherlands, have been the major international collaborators.

Initiated by NRNA in technical collaboration with SCS and CBTS, and funded by Total Business Initiative (TBI group), the collaborating partners are formulating a three-year strategic plan for step by step improvement in CBTS for quality blood system in Nepal. The NBBTS at Ministry of Health (MOH) is the advisory of the consortium. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on the 2nd Feb 2017. We aim to uplift the human resource of CBTS capable to achieve basic quality standards in service and products by 2020. In the long run, BTS at NRNA Global Academy seeks to develop the different level of training and educative programs on BTS in regular basis in collaboration with different national and international partners.

To bring social awareness about the cause, popular Singer and Musician **Shiva Pariyar** and Singer and Nepal Idol Judge **Indira Joshi** have been appointed as Goodwill Ambassadors for the mission! NRNA BTS TT has conducted 14 blood donation programs, 5 webinar series of Blood & Beyond, 5 motivational programs, for improvement of quality of Blood Transfusion System of Nepal with the help of Diaspora experts and Nepalese experts online and onsite. Beginning the 4th Webinar Series, "The Role of Good Governance in Quality Blood Transfusion System", Nepal Megha Television is covering the program. This monthly Webinar series will be continued for 1 year and the training provided, thus, is on way to being recognized by KU for the upgrading course. Stakeholders which are working for Blood Management in Nepal have jointly concluded to form "Nepal Blood Alliance" for further impactful movements.



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NRNA BTS TT has been running a Rs. 1 crore project for quality enhancement in Regional Blood Bank Bharatpur Chitwan. This project has main motto to improve the quality of Blood and to make blood easily accessible to needy. Through this bank more than 50,000 bags of blood per year will be supplied, which now supplies 40,000 bags.

Among 13 committees autonomously operating under the loose umbrella of NRNA Academy, BTS committee has been among the most productive and committed to the stated cause. For that matter, it has been actively working with and is well recognized by the stakeholders in Nepal and appreciated by Central Blood Transfusion System of Nepal Red Cross Society on its 53rd Annual Day for its contribution in quality enhancement of overall Blood Transfusion System of Nepal. Therefore, on behalf of NRNA Academy and myself, I soundly appreciate the exemplary work done by BTS Committee, its members, and most importantly its leader Mr. Fanindra Panta. Our congratulations!

Sincerely,

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Chair, NRNA Academy

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