



Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)

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PROGRESS REPORT OF NRNA FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE

NRNA is established with the motto of “For Nepali By Nepali”. Since its establishment it has been working for the welfare of Nepal and Nepali. To work on the diverse areas for development it has formed various task force, committees and subcommittees. Foreign Employment Relief Fund Committee 2017-19 is one of such entity which was formed by 61st ICC meeting of NRNA.

The Committee was formed to fulfill following objectives.

- Create separate fund to work for the welfare of Nepali Migrants and Safe Migration.
- Raise required funds by organizing different programs and events and collecting contribution from generous groups and individuals
- Reduce vulnerabilities and provide services to Migrant Workers.
- Collaborate with Nepal government including Foreign Employment Promotion Board, Legal Defense Foundations and other national and international stakeholders to make synergy to meet the objective
- Conduct research and collect data of Nepalese serving in Prison abroad.
- Support Nepalese Migrants who are serving in prison in possible ways be it legal, financial or psychosocial counseling.
- Organize awareness program, skill based trainings and orientations to the potential Nepalese migrants.

Committee comprised of NRNA members and individuals who are working in the sector of foreign employment and welfare of migrant workers. The committee members includes: convener, advisors, regional conveners, fundraising coordinators, associate advisors, member secretary and honorary members from all regions and diaspora.

On 2 May 2018 FERF conducted its first meeting where all participants showed their commitments to work together for the fulfillment of set objectives of the committee . Target amount of the fund is 5 crores where it is assumed that all regions, NCCs and individuals will contribute for this good cause. In the first meeting three of the members committed total of Rs. 3,25,000 and other members have promised to pledged their commitment in written form in coming days. Next meeting will be held on 2 August 2018.

Since the formation of new tenure of 2017-19 many victims of foreign employment were supported by NRNA. FERF has directly and indirectly played important role in providing monetary support to the victims or their families in following cases.

S.N.	Beneficiary	Country	Supporting entity	Amount	Remarks
1.	Thaneshor Bhusal	Saudi Arabia	NRNA Relief Fund NCC Saudi Arabia NCC Malaysia	Rs. 12,50,000 Rs. 2,50,000 Rs. 50,000	
2.	Top Bahadur BK	UAE	Dolma Fund NCC UAE	Rs. 3,00,000 Rs. Approx. 29,00,000	NCC UAE played important role to collect the amount and send back Top BK to Nepal.
3.	13 families of Kabul victims	Afganistan	NRNA Charity	Rs. 13,00,000	



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4.	Family of Pradip Rana Magar	France	NCC France	Rs. 8,12,445	
5.	Family of Posta Bdr. Budathoki	Uganda	NCC Uganda	Rs. 23,00,000	NCC Uganda was able to provide above mentioned amount of compensation and insurance from the company.
6.	Nagendra Lama	Saudi Arabia	NCC Saudi Arabia	2000 Saudi Riyal	From NRNA
7.	Tika Ram Sapkota	Saudi Arabia			NRNA supported Tika Ram Sapkota to help him win the case. He was released from prison as court found him not guilty.

Along with the above cases,

- ICC meeting of NRNA has agreed to support 10% of needed amount for the following cases.
 - a) Prem Bahadur Rai, Saudi Arabia : Ongoing
 - b) Dharma Nath Paswan, Saudi Arabia: FERF Convenor and Mayor of Panauti Municipality has agreed to use 37 lakhs 18 thousand, from Ramchandra Bachou Abhiyan for the welfare or rescue of other migrant workers in need. The money is with Panauti Municipality and will be released to support the case of Dharma Nath Paswan of Saudi Arabia.
 - c) Upendra Karki, Saudi Arabia: Ongoing
- On 20 June, 2018 FERF convener and other members conducted meeting with Mr Rohan Gurung, Chairman of NAFEA and Advisor of FERF to discuss pertaining issues of foreign employment and migrant workers. NRNA and NAFEA decided to work together to minimize problems of migrant workers and promote safer migration. Both entities agreed to work in coordination for the welfare of migrant workers.
- On January 2018, FERF convener circulated email to different NCCs of NRNA for the team to provide necessary support to conduct survey and facilitate in collecting data on the Nepalese serving in the jails of respective country. Format of data collection was provided along with the email.
- FERF team is intensively working to collect data on Nepalese serving in different prisons in foreign countries. Tentative list of Nepalese citizen in various jails was collected which shows that 1040 number of Nepalese are in jails in fifteen countries. The list is circulated among NCCs and FERF members for its verification.

- FERF with the support of NCCs is coordinating with Foreign Ministry, Nepalese embassies and other different agencies like Janaudhar Kendra, Malaysia for identifying Nepalese in various jails, studying their cases and rescuing innocent citizens.

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