



Government of Nepal

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Following decisions were made by the 16th meeting of the High-Level Coordination Committee for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 convened under the chairmanship of Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Defense Mr. Ishwar Pokharel on 2 April 2020:

1. Development projects, industries that produce daily essential food items, sugar and tea industries, industries to produce feed for livestock and poultry, brick kilns and Janak Education Materials Center shall be allowed to operate by ensuring full compliance to the following provisions:
 - a. Workers and other human resources shall mandatorily stay within the workplace, food and accommodation for them shall be arranged within the workplace, they shall not be allowed to go out and come into contact with their family members and any other persons outside;
 - b. Minimum physical distance between the persons shall be maintained in the workplace;
 - c. Shall comply with the health protocol issued by the Ministry of Health and Population;
 - d. Shall manage to perform daily thermal check-up and regular health check up of everyone at the workplace including the workers, use and make others use masks, sanitizers, soap and water,
 - e. Shall arrange for standby ambulance;
 - f. Responsibility to make all concerned follow the above-mentioned provisions shall be on the project manager or department head in the case of development projects and on the promoter or director in the case of industries run by the private sector.
 - g. Provincial governments, local administrations and local levels shall monitor the implementation of these provisions.
2. Shall allow the plantation or harvest of seasonal crops. While doing so, all concerned shall maintain minimum physical distance, wear mask, use sanitizer and regularly wash hands with soap and water. Local level and local administration shall monitor this matter in coordination.
3. Workshops that are near the petrol pumps in every 100 kilometres distance in the highways shall be allowed to open for general repair of vehicles. Local units of security agencies shall monitor this.
4. Relevant ministries, departments, provincial governments and local levels shall designate nodal officers in order to ensure the implementation of the provisions from paragraph 1 to 3 above and for necessary coordination thereof.
5. Additional surveillance of the movements shall be done with stricter checks-up.
6. Distribution and delivery of services such as selling of vegetables, fruits, foods, drinking water, milk, medicine shall be done by making necessary arrangements of health safety (not allowing crowd, use of masks and sanitizer by the buyers and sellers, cleaning and sanitizing the places of service delivery by phenyl/dettol etc. and by



- maintaining minimum physical distance. Local administration shall coordinate with local levels for this task.
7. Stop the movement of people through the border points. Provincial governments and local levels shall work in a coordinated manner for the surveillance and testing of those who have already entered into Nepal during the period of contagion and for the arrangement of quarantine, testing of the infected persons, making arrangement of isolation and to make treatment related works more effective.
 8. Arrange to refund as per the rules from the Corona Virus Infection Prevention, Control and Treatment Fund to the Nepal Army the amount of expenditure incurred for the operation of quarantine at Nepal Electricity Authority Training Centre, Kharipati and for air-shipment of medicine and equipment to different provinces.
 9. Food expenditure of quarantines established at local levels shall be borne, within the specified standards, from the fund established by concerned provincial government and local level.
 10. Arrange the supply of essential consumable goods and services for general public. For this, the Ministry of Home Affairs shall make necessary coordination.
 11. The Ministry of Health and Population shall arrange to procure medicine and equipment necessary for prevention and control of COVID-19 infection from private sector through competitive bidding. In case the private sector could not supply adequate medicines, equipment and materials through competitive bidding within the stipulated time, procurement shall be made by adopting Government to Government process.
 12. In case visa obtained by foreign tourists is expired due to COVID-19 pandemic, arrangements shall be made as per the rules for the extension of an equivalent period of visa to those tourists.
 13. Thanking the persons, organizations, institutions and various entities who have enthusiastically contributed to the Corona Virus Infection Prevention, Control and Treatment Fund, call upon everyone to make contribution to the Fund.

