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Pasa Puchah Guthi UK (PPGUK) Activities to support the crisis in Nepal due to COVID-19 pandemic

What are we doing?

- Raising funds to send medical equipment such as Concentrators, oximeters, PPE, etc
- We are also facilitating in 5 different helplines:
 - i. Mental and Physical Helpline,
 - ii. Financial Information Helpline,
 - iii. Business Support Helpline,
 - iv. International Student Helpline,
 - v. Nepalese Nurse helpline
- We are working with COVID-19 alliance pressure group to advocate for surplus vaccine, testing kits and other equipment to Nepal.
- We are collecting data to see how we can help on the ground in Nepal and forming coalition and partnerships with active alliances in Nepal
- We are having dialogue with government and diplomatic personnel in and out of Nepal to maintain credibility and transparency with all the transactions.

OUR FOCUS: 10 Concentrators to Nepal

PPGUK has pledged 10 Concentrators in response to the appeal of '100 Concentrators to Nepal' made Ambassador of Nepal to the UK.

Why are we focusing on concentrators?

- Covid patients suffer heavily with loss of breath who need oxygen. Hospitals in Nepal have shortage of oxygen and the oxygen plants are not producing enough to re-fill empty cylinders.
- Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal Government, has listed concentrators as the priority equipment at the moment **because the concentrators filter and generate medical grade oxygen at an infinite supply.**

2. Why are we not working towards oxygen plants?

- Oxygen plants are very expensive and we might not be able to get them by the peak of the on-going 2nd wave. It's transportation and set-up is comparatively more challenging.

3. Why are we working with Nepal Government?

- Public health is a very sensitive matter, we don't have enough knowledge, skills, funds and resources to do everything as needed. Ministry of Health is the right body to deploy government level strategy and policies. They have the resources and structure in place.
- Nepal government has also scrapped the tax and excise duty on the equipment transported through them.

4. Why are we working with NRNA?

- NRNA already has the worldwide network and infrastructure to support all the logistics and supply chain issues.
- Embassy of Nepal in the UK has urged for 100 concentrators for Nepal and all the Nepalese Associations in the UK are working together towards it.
- They also have the list and contacts of the potential vendors to expedite the process.
- It is also easy to negotiate with the vendor if we buy in bulk and transport, it together. It will make it easy to transport the cylinders by chartering a single flight.

5. How are we transporting?

- Nepal Government shall endeavour to get the equipment shipped for free to Nepal.
- NRNA ICC will do all the groundwork in China and ship the number of concentrators bought by organisations in the UK.
- Government of Nepal will deal with the custom at diplomatic level and will be shipped to Nepal.

6. When will this happen?

- The target is to ship these as soon as possible, hopefully, in the week ending 23 May 2021.



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PS. This is dynamic times, so please bear in mind that some information and situations may change, we shall try and update you whenever possible.