

Project Title: Support Internally Migrated Student for Education

Project Summary:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has created devastating effect in the education including other multi sector. From March 2020, Nepal officially announced lockdown and all educational institutions are closed aiming to protect all students from the spread of COVID-19. Thousands of students who have migrated to Kathmandu (capital of Nepal) for their higher education got stuck without any financial backup. Those who were working part time to cover their personal expenses and education fees have no job due to lockdown. They are facing problem to have food on their table and pay for their living.

Furthermore, due to the lockdown they are not being able to go back to their hometown where they can be with their family during such pandemic situation. If they somehow manage to go back then, the landlord pressurizes to empty the flat before they leave. Hence, students are facing both mental stress and financial burden as the rent is very high and also, they have to manage for the food expenses and other daily essentials for living. Most of the student who have migrated to Kathmandu are the children of small farmers who themselves have problem for their living and cannot send money to their children during this outbreak which also attended problem to the student.

Therefore, Community Self-reliance Centre (CSRC) has taken an initiative to support for severally affected jobless students for their bright future. The staffs of CSRC had collected 3-5 days salaries and provided support of 10 thousand to at least 25 such students whose family are associated with land rights forum for their living. The support was provided in April and again they are facing same problems to manage their daily necessity and also the house owner are pressurizing and asking to pay room rent repeatedly.

CSRC has been facilitating land rights campaign in 59 districts. It is supporting Land Rights Forum (LRF), a forum which has been formed by CSRC to lead the national land rights campaign in Nepal. The landless, land-poor and tenant farmers of Nepal are the members of LRF. In this regard most of the students who have migrated from rural area to urban like in Kathmandu are the daughters and sons of the members of Land Rights Forum (LRF). We will contact with LRF members and also coordinate with the local government to identify such needy students and provide financial support to pay for their rent and daily essentials.