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INFORMATION AND NOTICE TO All (WOMEN, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES , PEOPLES WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES)

Toward a gender, indigenous and disability Inclusive COVID19 Response

NIDWAN's Key Recommendations for COVID 19

- 1) Follow the information provided by the government and civil society organizations and ensure all the information should address and be inclusive to the diversity of all peoples.
- 2) Women, Indigenous Peoples and Persons with Disabilities must receive information about infection mitigating tips, public restriction plans, and the services offered, in a diverse accessible formats (plain, sign, simple and in mother tongue/local language) with use of accessible technologies.
- 3) Priority protective measures must be taken/given for women, people with different types of impairment and indigenous peoples from highly marginalized communities who are risk and vulnerable at normal times and during the emergency and critical time.
- 4) All preparedness and response plans must be inclusive of and accessible to women, peoples with disabilities, indigenous peoples and other minority groups.
- 5) Quarantine spaces, self-isolated spaces, hospital space, open space determined by government should be physically accessible with support services, personal assistance for peoples with disabilities, physical and communicative language, privacy and safety must be ensured.
- 6) Public restrictions measures must consider persons with disabilities, elderly peoples, children, women and indigenous peoples on an equal basis with others.

7) Any person in need of health services due to COVID19 cannot be deprioritized on the ground of their disability, age, sex, ethnic and class identities.

8) Women, Indigenous and Disabled Peoples led organizations can and should play a key role in raising awareness to right holders, their families, communities, including other stakeholders in this crucial time keeping safety as a major priority.

9) All the Indigenous and Disabled Peoples organizations can and should play a key role in advocating for gender, disability and indigenous inclusive response to the COVID19 crisis.

10) During the lockdown and emergency state, certain time hours should be provided/allocated to persons with disabilities, women, children and elderly peoples to buy their priority needs required for daily lives. Those needs should be available for them everywhere and in normal rates as usual.

11) The government, UN agencies, other stakeholders including civil society need to mobilize the local networks to disseminate precaution, and preventive measures about COVID 19 in truthful manner at community level and allocate budget to address the priority needs and safety of these groups.

STAY SAFE ALL AND REMAIN IN COMMUNICATION WITH US.

Thank you

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