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Do not stop distributing the social security allowance to single women as well as persons with disability

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention seriously towards discontinuing distribution of the social security allowance distributed from the past years to single women below 60 years of age and blue card holder persons with disability by the Government of Nepal at a time when the Nepal has been badly affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The government's program to distribute the allowance under the social security may have economically and socially positive impact to the community and also diminish the discriminatory treatment and violence over them. In the current dire situation, the government should have implemented announcing the relief package including other social security programs but decision of deducting the social security allowance distributed from the past years to the single women and persons with disability may restrict their right to dignified lives and is also against the provision of the Article 43 right to social security as provided by the Constitution of Nepal. In addition to this, the persons with disability are facing difficulties to receive drugs, health and physical equipment, and the persons with visual and hearing impairment are also facing difficulty to receive relief package and the information as well as the banking facilities due to lockdown so that they are even deprived from enjoying the fundamental human rights.

Thus, the Commission draws attention of the Government of Nepal to continue distributing the social security allowance provided from the past years to the single women below 60 years of age and blue card holder persons with very severe disability, and ensure availability of the drugs as well as the health and physical equipment to the persons with disability.

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