Shramik Sanjal

IMPACT OF THE AUGUST 26TH FLOOD ON NEPALI CITIZENS

In solidarity with Government of Nepal to addressing the Impact of August 26th Floods

Shramik Sanjal (SS) expresses its deepest condolences for the lives lost in the grave disaster and stands in solidarity with the individuals and families across Nepal and migrant workers, whose families are affected by the devastating floods that occurred on August 26th, 2026. We are particularly concerned about the thousands of Nepali citizens currently residing abroad whose families and homes have been swept away or severely damaged by this disaster.

While the physical destruction is visible in Nepal, a silent crisis is unfolding in labour destinations across the globe. Migrant workers, already navigating the challenges of foreign employment, are now facing immense psychological distress, unable to reach their loved ones or knowing that the homes they worked for years to build have been destroyed.

Shramik Sanjal pledges to support the Government of Nepal, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), and all Nepali Diplomatic Missions abroad to address this issue with caution and sensitivity:

1. **Establish Dedicated Information Hubs**: Diplomatic missions must move beyond routine administrative work and act as proactive information centres. We urge MoFA to coordinate with local authorities in Nepal to provide verified, district-wise updates that missions can share with workers abroad who are desperate for news about their villages. We pledge to mobilize our network to disseminate this information with migrant workers.
2. **Emergency Communication Support:** We request Nepali Embassies to set up 24/7 emergency hotlines specifically for workers to report missing family members or request welfare checks on households in flood-hit areas. We pledge to support concerned authorities to execute this.

Facilitation of Emergency Leave: Many workers may need to return home to support their families during this crisis. We urge diplomatic missions to facilitate leave from the employer, in case any worker reaches the diplomatic missions, so that workers can take emergency leave without fear of losing their jobs or facing legal penalties. Also, an urge to issue a formal notice to the employers, especially in the Gulf Cooperation Council and Malaysia, where millions of Nepali citizens work. We pledge to act as a bridge between Nepali citizens and Nepali missions.

Relief for Migrant Households: We pledge to support the Government of Nepal to identify needy migrant workers' families for smooth execution of relief distribution.

Financial and Insurance Facilitation: We request the Foreign Employment Board and relevant insurance providers to simplify insurance claims or provide soft loans for rebuilding. We pledge our support in identifying such destituted migrant workers and their families.

Shramik Sanjal remains committed to supporting migrant workers, their families, and the Government of Nepal to get out of this crisis. We are currently working to mobilize our members abroad to help navigate information and provide peer-to-peer emotional support.

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