

ANROEV RESPONSE DURING COVID-19

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ANROEV (<http://www.anroev.org/>)

Asia Network for the Rights of Occupational and Environmental Victims

- ANROEV is a coalition of victims' groups, trade unions and other labour groups across Asia, all **committed to the rights of Victims and for overall improvement of health and safety at the workplace.**
- **Constituted in 1997 and has 42 members from 17 Asian Countries and Territories** including Japan, Korea, China, India, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong SAR, Taiwan, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines and Sri Lanka
- **24 Associated members from 12 countries and Region:** Austria, South Africa, Canada, South Korea, Cambodia, Thailand, EU, UK, USA, India, Netherland, Scotland and WHO etc.
- **WELCOME TO ANY INTERESTED GROUPS (Campaign/Support).**



ANROEV Activities

1. Conduct **research** on OSH and Environmental Health
2. Regular **inform the members** with any new studies and news
3. Quarterly **Newsletter** “OSH Rights”
4. Update and maintain the network **website** <http://www.anroev.org/>
5. Increasing the network **online presence** (maintaining Facebook page, Twitter etc.)
6. Preparation and Conduct the ANROEV **conference /meetings / programs** & reporting
7. Undertaken **Campaigns and Solidarity Actions** / Action alerts
8. Regular **interaction with the members** and sharing of information among the members
9. Inviting/Making **new members** to the network
10. **Any other activity** as recommended by the ANROEV members etc.



Issues facing Asian workers under Covid19

- **Pandemic threatens to upend labour relations**
- Differential but Common issues faced by Workers (e.g. female & disabled)
- **Unpaid Work** (7 Months without pay-Amnesty International, FIFA World cup Stadium of Qatar <https://tkpo.st/3cTFY3L>)
- Loss of Job/employments
- Loss of Income /Sustaining regular income
- **Mental Health (Stress , Depression) and Moral Injury**
- Increased suicides (Around 500 only in small country like Nepal)
- **High rate of Infection among certain sector of workers (Bangladesh 73% RMG, 184 out of 251 from 129 factory), 57% of Infection among Poor Settlement in Mumbai India(BBC News), 88% Singapur.**
- Deaths and Damages (> 1000 km travel on bare foot)
- **Curtails of Freedom of opinion and expression**
- long-term livelihoods and wellbeing
- **Extra burden for workers with disabilities to maintain SSMS**
- **Increased industrial incidence (13 alone in India till June) causing death of workers etc.**

High Infection among migrant workers

Koh D. *Occup Environ Med* 2020;**0**:1–3. doi:10.1136/oemed-2020-106626

Workplace

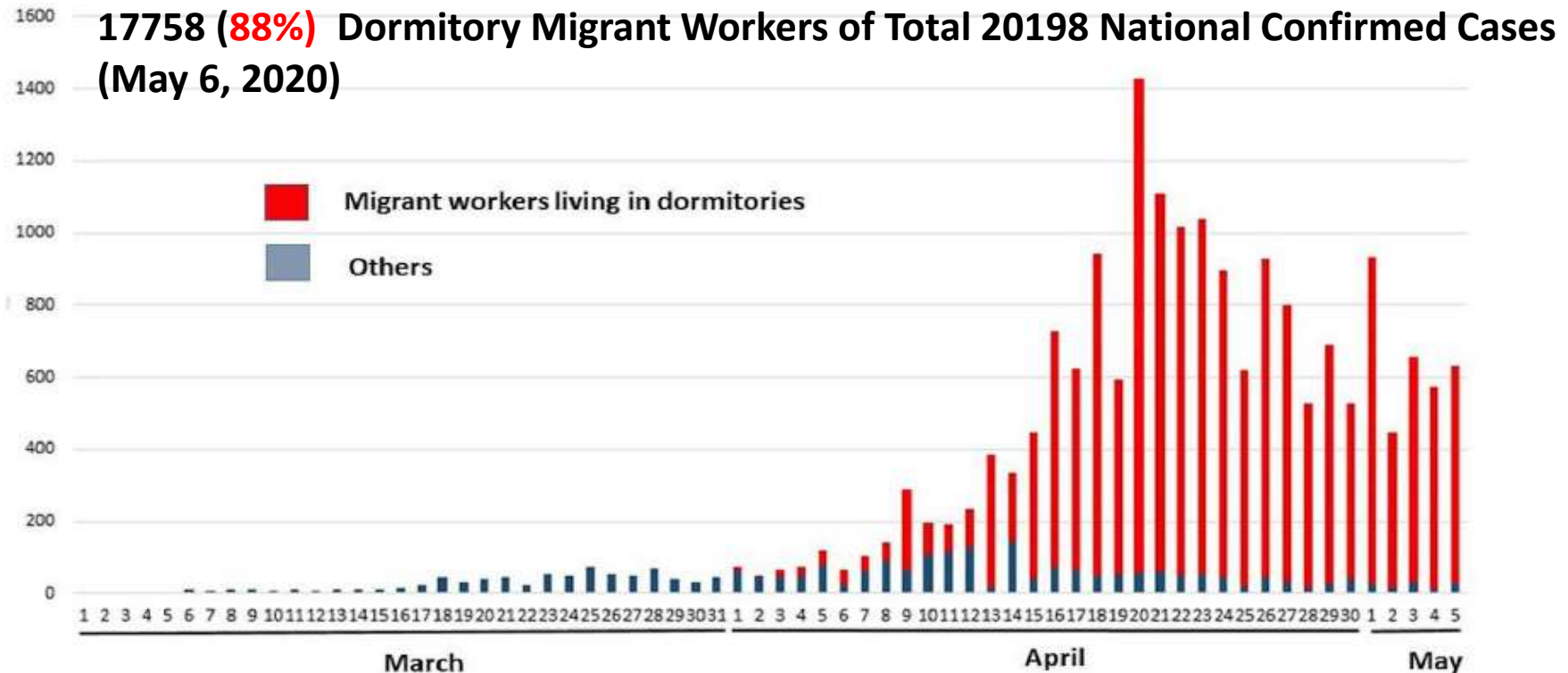


Figure 1 Number of new cases of confirmed COVID-19 in Singapore, 1 March–5 May 2020 [Source: Ministry of Health].

The protest against ill treatment & demanding justice for:

1. Died in an **isolation center**

2. Other in police custody.

<https://tkpo.st/3eSWUJB>

3. Died without treatment at an isolation

4. **Sexual Abuse in Quarantine**

5. Migrant Workers Died in Boarder Area without Food and Shelter



UAE based Nepali Embassies' ill-treatment of workers continues even during pandemic <https://tkpo.st/37xKKTk>



Similar fate of Job cuts in all Migrant Workers supplying Asian countries.

JOB CUTS DURING PANDEMIC

Countries	Number of Nepali workers	Estimated job loss
Malaysia	500,000	30 %
UAE	400,000	30 %
Qatar	425,000	20 %
Saudi Arabia	380,000	20%
Kuwait	80,000	15 %
Bahrain	35,000	12%
Oman	17,500	10%

Source: Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies

Responses from ANROEV and workers

- Advocacy campaign for Recognizing COVID as Occupational Diseases
- Organize training on OSH, Factory inspection and COVID
- Negotiate with Government, Labour Ministry, Trade Union, Private Sectors , Police force etc.
- Distribution of relief package to the workers who can not afford for their livelihood
- Distribution of PPEs for Frontline Waste Workers in Nepal
- Distribution of Sanitizer, mask , food : Bangladesh
- Training on Handling the Personal Safety in COVID-19” : Pakistan and Nepal
- Training on Mental Health and Stress Management among workers : Nepal
- Action for Save Workers lives
- OHENI asked government to test all 82.8 million workers for Covid 19.
- Filed a complaint with the Labour department and also made contact with police department officials –Pakistan
- Back-to-Work hotline establishment in Philippines .
- Free Mass Testing Bill or House Bill 6848 in Philippines
- [Solidarity Action/Press Statement/Press Conference on Styrene Gas Leak industrial incidences : Many Asian countries](#)
- [Series of LG GAS LEAK Campaign both in India and South Korea etc.](#)



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WEBINAR

**REMEMBERING VIJAY KANHERE:
THE EVOLVING OHS GRASSROOTS
MOVEMENT**

JUNE 20, 2020 | 10:00 AM



Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder, President, PRIA

Dr. R. Sreedhar, Director, Envrionics Trust

Dr. Shyam Pingle, Indian Institute of Public Health

Dr. Yogindra Samant, Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority

Mr. Neel Collina, Asia Monitor Resource Centre

Mr. Jagdish Patel, Peoples Training & Research Centre



बालबालिका रकुलमा, ठुला मान्छे काममा

COVID-19:
Protect children from child labour
Now more than ever

World Day Against Child Labour
13 June 2020

General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT)

kumusta ang pagbabalik trabaho?

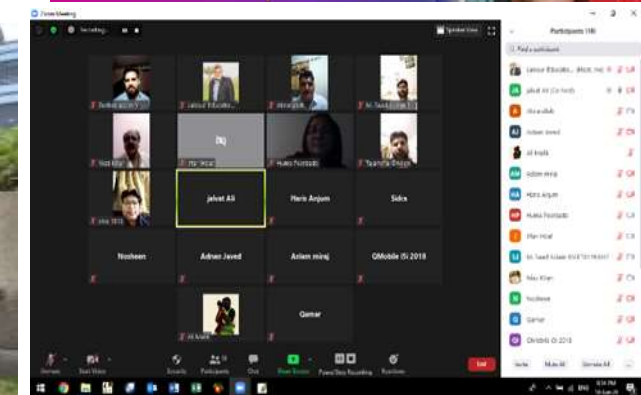
Para sa mga tanong at/o reklamo, tumawag sa Back-to-Work Complaints Hotline:

0949-146-5632 (Smart)
0915-629-8682 (Globe)

or maaring mag PM sa  IOHSAD Philippines

CLASSIFY COVID-19 AS AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE NOW!

IOHSAD



Global Solidarity Action against LG GAS Leak



LG | **Another Bhopal**
Life's Good

Global Standard Murderer
LG Chem Killed 14 Indians & 1 Korean

14 Indians
Gandiboina Kundana Sreya 6 Female
Nagulapalli Greeshma 10 Female
Annepu Chandra Mouli 19 Male
Nibbarthi Nani 30 Male
Sivakoti Govindaraju 35 Male
Ravada Narayanamma 35 Female
Pennupolu Varalakshmi 38 Female
Smt Yelamachili Appala Narasamma 40 Female
Yelamanchili kanakaraju 45 Male
Pitta Sankara Rao 45 Male
Chinni Ganga Raju 48 Male
Ratnala Gangadhar 64 Male
Pala Venkayamma 65 Female
Meka Krishna Murthy 73 Male

1 Korean
Lee Sang Hun 40 Male

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Asian Network for the Rights of Occupational and Environmental Victims



Justice for Victims of Vizag Gas Leak
#NotoDoubleStandard

LG, Be Responsible
#NotoDoubleStandard

LG, No To Double Standards

The Guardian



Another Bhopal

Global Standard Murderer
LG Chem Killed 15 Indians



LG Life's Good Mr. Ganesha Karthika Sree 6 Yrs



LG Life's Good Ms. Nagajyothi Greenchra 18 Yrs



LG Life's Good A. CHANDRA MOULI 19 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Neeharthi Nani 37 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mrs. Ravula Parvathamma 35 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Sivakoti Govindaraju 37 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mrs. Penugunta Saraladevi 38 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mrs. Suresh Babu Suresh Babu 40 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Pilla Shankara Rao 45 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Taranvathi Kanakappa 45 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Chavvi Ganga Raju 40 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Karthi Sanyamanna 58 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Anu Gopalan Chaudhary 64 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mrs. Pala Venkatesamma 69 Yrs



LG Life's Good Mr. Moka Krishna Murthy 73 Yrs



Korea PRESS STATEMENT to HOLD **LG ACCOUNTABLE**

Bad responses from Governments

- Not many government has recognized COVID as Occupational Disease
- Not good humanitarian treatment of Domestics & Migrant workers in many countries
- Increased violence and ill treatments by Government and even by their own Diplomatic missions abroad.
- Delay response of Industrial incidence (E.g. Arresting of 12 LG management team including Korean Officials after 2 months of industrial incidence in VIZAG INDIA)
- Still thousands of Workers are struggling in foreign ground (without food, shelter, medical assistance) & Waiting to return home.
- Governments are not able to manage and harness the returnees Workforce potential in National building, etc.

Future Course of Actions

- Remember the dead and fighting for **Survival`s Rights and Justice**
- Strengthening Information Sharing and Capacity buildings
- **Continue promoting DUE DILIGENCE w.r.to OSH and COVID**
- Continue fighting for Safe Workplace and EOSH
- Organize Webinar Series for the LG victims and set the president of responding the industrial incidences among Asian countries etc.
- Boosting Networking , Solidarity Actions and Legal supports.

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