

# **Progress Report on ANMF-NCCDF Scholarship Award for Infection Control Nurse Training Program**

## **Introduction:**

Infection prevention and control is an essential part of the infrastructure of health care, especially patient safety programs. Prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections is an important focus at the local, national and international level. Infection prevention and control is an issue of health and safety; a necessary component of safe, high quality patient care and it is essential for the wellbeing of patients and staff.

## **Organization Background:**

Nepal Critical Care Development Foundation (NCCDF) is Not for Profit, tax exempt social organization established at 2012 with an objective of developing Critical Care Medicine in Nepal and helping upgrade ICU services in the country. The foundation aims to improve the availability of Critical Care Services in Nepal and facilitates education and training which assist to improve the care for critically ill patients. NCCDF has been active in numerous events and activities. Namely, the foundation conducts various CME's and workshops, has been running 'BASIC for NURSES', 'Infection Prevention and Control', 'CPR for Nurses', 'Tracheostomy Care', 'Ventilator Associated Pneumonia' workshop for nurses and BASIC ICU Course for doctors through the Simulation Center and supports the care of patients with ICU care box. In addition, NCCDF organizes a number of awareness activities like Sepsis Rally and Hand Hygiene Campaign.

## **Program Description:**

Nepal Critical Care Development Foundation (NCCDF) has applied and approved a grant from ANMF on a title ANMF-NCCDF Scholarship Award for Infection Control Nurse Training Program for ten nurses outside Kathmandu valley.

The three months Infection Control Nurse Training Program has been started on Grande International Hospital from June 13, 2023 and will end after 3 months.

In this training at Grande International Hospital, NCCDF has selected ten nurses from outside Kathmandu Valley, which is listed as below

SN	Name	Institution	Address
1	Nisha Chand	Bheri Hospital	Nepalgunj, Lumbini Province
2	Ambika Kathayat	Amda Hospital	Jhapa, Koshi Province
3	Binu Limbu	Amda Hospital	Jhapa, Koshi Province
4	Puspa Gurung	Nepalgunj Medical College	Nepalgunj, Lumbini Province
5	Ramita Sunar	Manipal Medical College	Pokhara, Gandaki Province
6	Rabina Rana Magar	Bharatpur Hospital	Chitwan, Bagmati Province
7	Renuka Chaudhary	Koshi Hospital	Biratnagar, Koshi Province
8	Kantika Shahi	Karnali Hospital	Jumla , karnali Province
9	Lata Shahi	Karnali Hospital	Jumla , karnali Province
10	Uma Nagila	Army Field Hospital, Dhangadi	Dhangadi, Sudharpassicm Province

We are at the end of approval process of the grants for this project from Social Welfare Council (SWC) at Nepal. This time SWC unknowingly ask for different documents from us, which takes a time for the approval so after the approval from SWC we will update to ANMF.



**Dr. Binod Bijukchhe, Medical Director of Grande International Hospital at opening ceremony of training.**



**Ten Scholarship Candidate from different hospitals at opening ceremony**

### **Conclusion:**

In Nepal, the training and education are concentrated in Kathmandu and thus this scholarship award aims to include nurses from different hospitals across Nepal outside Kathmandu Valley.

Infection Control now days has been a major concern in all over the world. Nepal lacks proper infection control protocol and most healthcare professionals are not serious regarding this issue. In Nepal, there are no more certified courses on Infection Control and Prevention so from this training there will be the pool of Infection Control Nurses all over the country, which improves the quality care as well as patient safety.

