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## ANMF Emergency Board Meeting

May 15, 2021, Saturday

Meeting Logistics			
Meeting Date	May 15, 2021	Time	8 PM to 11 PM EST
Chair/Facilitator	Bhupesh Khadka	Prepared by	Sandesh Pandit
Purpose:	Emergency Board Meeting re: oxygen plants procurement		
Location:	Online-ZOOM		

Participants		
Anil Suwal-P	Jivan Lamichhane-P	Santosh Sapkota-P
Bhupesh Khadka-P	Ganesh Chaudhary-P	Subodh Mallik-P
Binod Dhungana-P	Julia Shepardson-P	Sunil Sharma-P
Binod Khadka-P	Kalpna Shrestha-P	Sandesh Pandit-P
Bishnu Sapkota-P	Libby Wilson-P	Raju Century-P Dixa Dhital- E
Chandra Prakash Chataut-E	Marvin Brustin-E	E - Excused P - Present A – Absent
Dinesh Subedi-P	Shambhu Aryal-P	
Dick Katzman-E	Prakash Thapaliya-P	

## Minutes of ANMF Emergency Board Meeting on 5/15/2021

### President Bhupesh Khadka's opening remarks

Nepal is facing a significant COVID crisis with cases exploding in the country over the last few weeks. We have the opportunity and responsibility to act quickly on this crisis. The opportunity is to collaborate with MRN ( Mission Rebuild Nepal). This organization also has a Nepal and US chapter just like AMNF. The president of MRN Dr. Madan Uprety is well known to several board members and several board members have worked with him in the past during the earthquake crisis. We are looking to collaborate with MRN to procure 10-15 oxygen plants in total from a French company called Novair. The logistics of all the process is still fluid.

Nepal Oxygen Project					
Project Summary					
<b>Project Name</b>	Nepal Oxygen Project				
<b>Project Scope</b>	Procure, and deliver and install 8 Oxygen plants for Kathmandu				
<b>Project timeline</b>	Install and operate OXYLUS oxygen generators (model Premium RX 270) and High Pressure Cylinder filling system (HP25) from NOVAIR Medical within 6 weeks				
	<b>Ensure timely delivery and equitable free distribution/supply of oxygen produced from the plants we supply</b>				
<b>Partners</b>	ANMF, Various Municipalapalities in Nepal, FNCCI, individual and corporate donors from Nepal and around the world				
<b>Plant end users</b>	government, not-for profit or for				
Project Cost					
	<b>Cost (in EUR)</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Total Cost (in EU)</b>	<b>Total cost in USD</b>	<b>cost per unit in USD</b>
system	91885.6	10	918856	1111815.76	111181.576
<b>Delivery fee:</b>	Option 1: MRN has obtained assurance from Nepal goveremnt to use its Airbus A330 free of cost, landing permit is being submitted to French government				
	Option 2: MRN has requested (through Nepal Partners) French Government to get delivered using military assets.				
	Option 2: As a contingency, charter cargo plane from Europe, normal cost is over \$400K, but we have received commitment from one of our partner to get this at \$250K by using their special relationship with the airlines. Cost will be distributed to each units equally.				
<b>Taxes:</b>	0				
<b>Installation and local mobilization</b>	MRN- Nepal will bear the cost and utilize local partners				
<b>Maintenance and Support</b>	Plant comes with 1 year stadard warranty, we will purchase additional 3-5 years warranty.				
<b>Operation Costs per month</b>	Receipeint Costodian will bear the cost of opeation				
<b>Government Subsidy (if any)</b>	Government of Nepal is willing to provide Nepal Airlines' Airbus A330 to deliver from Europe to Kathmandu				
<b>Total Cost</b>					
Site Selection process					

Please refer to the project summary attached in the email sent to all the board members for the details on the number and the products.

Here is the tentative math-

Cost for 1 plant = Euro 91,885.6= USD 111,181.57

Possible Transportation cost = USD 390,000

Cost per unit with transportation cost added= USD 137,000

Cost for 3 in case we decided to go for three plants= USD 412,000

MRN is raising fund in Nepal for 10-12 oxygen plants and the project is looking very feasible at this point. ANMF President Dr Bhupesh Khadka has planned to bring MRN president to the Board meeting and discuss the collaboration in further detail. Negotiations have been going-on with the Nepal Government as well as the French government to see if arrangements can be made to airlift the cargo with no cost to MRN/ANMF.

## **Financial Update**

Currently ANMF has roughly USD 200,000. Based on the above math ANMF would need USD 200,000 more if ANMF is to procure 3 oxygen plants.. This will need active and aggressive fundraising from ANMF. ANMF expects that the oxygen plant that is going to be installed in Koshi Zonal Hospital will be up and running in about 7-10 days. This will also help create some momentum for further fundraising.

## **Dr. Bhagawan Koirala's remarks about the project and the situation in Nepal**

There is a need for a higher supply of oxygen currently in the country. There is no tangible solution coming from within the country to address this situation yet. The country needs rapid increment in the production of oxygen. The concentrators are not a long-term solution for the crisis that we need to address. Currently options of procuring oxygen plants from China and India do not seem feasible for multiple reasons. ?( The French Company that ANMF will be working with has working relationship with MRN) .

This kind of joint venture by multiple nonprofit organizations coming together for tangible collaboration is a very welcoming idea. The negotiation with the government of Nepal to let Nepal Airlines pickup the plants from Grande would decrease transportation cost. These oxygen plants will be very useful for Nepal post- COVID period as well.

## **Anticipated issues**

- Even if the oxygen plants are procured, it will still take 4-6 more weeks for them to actually produce oxygen.
- Allocation of the plants is a sensitive issue and ANMF Nepal will collaborate with the Government of Nepal to make sure that the allocation will be fair and equitable based on the data on the need on the ground.
- Also there is an issue about how long to wait while keeping the donated fund idle? When it will trigger a no go for this project.
- Cost for the plants is subject to change based on transportation fees/custom fees etc and they will be waived or not.

-Dr. Bhupendra explained that the organization that will actually receive the consignment is not decided yet.

-Several of the above problems are good problems to have which means that ANMF is able to procure the plants. The whole process needs meticulous decision making in the coming days.

## **Action items.**

### **First motion**

The first motion for the board was to approve ANMF/USA to disburse the fund inside or outside USA as needed for the oxygen plants given the unusual circumstances.

Seconded and passed unanimously (19-0)

### **Second motion**

Second motion was - ANMF will give verbal assurance to MRN that ANMF will help procure 2-3 oxygen plants in Nepal in collaboration with MRN.

Seconded and passed unanimously (19-0)

### **Third motion**

Third motion states - how many days is ANMF giving for the project to go through?

The board did not take action on this motion today. The board felt that it needs to hear from MRN's team members/executives who will be joining tomorrow's board meeting before taking action on this item.

## **Other updates**

1. Bhupesh met with Senator Brown's office and brought to the attention that the Westchester Ohio area has 30 million AZ vaccines sitting idle and if that can be used for humanitarian purpose in Nepal.
2. Bhupesh also had a meeting with Dept of State office staff about a compassionate relief package that includes PPE, testing kits and cylinders.
3. There is a meeting planned with Senator Rob Portman's office on Monday 5/17.
4. Libby Wilson is in touch with vice president Harris and Senator Diane Feinstein about possible collaboration to help the crisis situation in Nepal.
5. Grant writing to submit grants to USAID and Coca-Cola Foundation is underway and further updates will be coming in next few days

6.. Talks have been ongoing with Nick Simons Foundation about possible collaboration.

7. Collaborating Organizations in different countries/continents are being kept in loop by regular phone calls.

## **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Bhupendra welcomed the action taken by the board. He also informed that ANMF/ Nepal cannot take any contribution in Nepal. However there may be work around where all the money can be collected and directly given to the vendor.

Next emergency board meeting will be planned for tomorrow 5/16.

Meeting Adjourned in 3 hours.