



Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC)

Ensure Humane Treatment of Citizens in Holding Centres

The eviction of informal settlements in various locations across the Kathmandu Valley has raised serious concerns regarding fundamental principles of human rights, social justice, and inclusive development. The Constitution of Nepal, as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights ratified by Nepal in 1991, guarantees the rights to housing, health, education, employment, and a dignified standard of living.

INSEC has conducted monitoring of the condition of citizens placed in holding centres. During this monitoring, it was found that the situation of people in these holding centres is unsatisfactory. There is a lack of adequate shelter, sanitation, healthcare services, safe drinking water, and sufficient food. This process of forced displacement has directly affected the right to housing of the impacted communities, as well as their livelihoods, access to education for children, and access to healthcare services. Losing one's home and shelter is not merely a physical loss; it deeply impacts an individual's social networks, sense of security, and human dignity.

In this context, we would like to draw the attention of the Government of Nepal to the following:

1. To halt forced evictions and initiate meaningful, inclusive, and solution-oriented dialogue with the affected communities.
2. To ensure safe, dignified, and sustainable rehabilitation of displaced families by providing alternative housing, livelihood opportunities, and access to basic services.
3. To improve the humanitarian conditions of individuals in holding centres by ensuring necessary healthcare, sanitation, safety, and privacy.
4. To adopt a human rights-based approach in the implementation of development plans and ensure the participation of concerned communities.
5. To develop clear policies, legal frameworks, and institutional mechanisms for a just and long-term solution to the issue of informal settlements.
6. To prioritize senior citizens, women, children, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities, ensuring the protection of their rights, safety, and specific needs.

Nepal has undertaken legal obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights to ensure non-discrimination, an adequate standard of living, and the rights to housing, health, education, and employment. Any action that deprives citizens of their rights in the name of development is contrary to the Constitution of Nepal and international commitments.

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