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Newcomers and Students Support Taskforce

Highlights of Findings

- 1. Background on Newcomer and Student Issues**
- 2. Rationale**
- 3. Major issues and Potential solutions**
- 4. NRNA Approach - Suggestion**
 - ❖ Checklist for Pre/arrival/post-arrival (webinar)**
 - ❖ Advocacy and Lobby**
 - ❖ Concept of Emergency fund**
- 5. Action Plan**

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Mainstreaming Newcomers and Students Issues

1. Newcomers & Student issues highlighted - day 1 to NRNA Canada for new team
2. Most Board members raised wide range of students and Newcomers issues and agreed to facilitate, making a viable strategy and policies to support them
3. Mainly the Student issues was captured by mainstream media/members/communities
4. Local communities have approached NRNA Canada for facilitating student issues

NRNA Canada - Newcomers and Students Issues

1. One of the mandate of NRNA Canada is to facilitate newcomers and students to integrate into Canadian Culture
2. It is acknowledged that NRNA Canada – helping for emergency cases since long time though different initiatives on ad-hoc basis.
3. Newcomer and Student Support Taskforce was formed at 1st BOD meeting
4. Taskforce have done meetings to find issues, potential solution and NRNA Approach to deal with students and Newcomers issues

Categorizing Major Student/Newcomer Issues



ROOM SEARCH



SETTLEMENT



BASIC EMPLOYMENT

Issues	Potential Solutions
1. Room Search	Contact exiting friends/relatives for finding room
	Facebook marketplace, request your educational agency for room search before coming to Canada
	Kijiji.ca/Rental.ca/Pad mapper, rentfaster.ca (local web portal)
	Apartments in local area / Short-term furnished rentals/Student Group/FB Group
	Reach out to NRNA/Local Nepali Organization's contact person of your landing city
	Platform (Facebook page or websites)/Universities or College housing Facebook group
	Aware on SCAM/Fraud/Identity Theft

Issues	Potential Solutions
2. Settlement	Arrange - airport pick-up (University, friends, relative, Known Uber Driver)
	Learn grocery systems
	Apply For SIN Card (Service Canada – available in Airport within office hours)
	Explore suitable banks (explore newcomer deals) to open bank account
	Purchase mobile (SIM or device) & explore Student/Newcomers discounts/deals
	Contact job placement agencies
	Contact local NRNA Rep/Nepali organizations/Newcomers support Organizations
	Apply health card (each province is different), Please ask NRNA Rep/Your college
	Contact Student Group, college/University Support group etc.
	Connect Food Bank (Various food banks available)
	Connect Food Drive (Various available)
	Fraud awareness (SCAM)/Identity Theft/
	Travel card - bus, TTC, Presto etc.

Issues	Potential Solutions
3. Job Hunting	Tailored Resume - Canadian Style
	Contact your network of friends/relatives/NRRA Rep
	Online job search (Indeed or LinkedIn other job sites)
	Ask friends/colleagues/Senior - submit resume
	Contact list of job placement agencies / Job fair/On campus job bulletins
	NRRA Canada will run seminars in future

Issues

Potential Solutions

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Suggested NRNA Canada Approach

Approach	How	What
Education and awareness	Webinars, social media posts, platforms, pre-arrival, arrival, and post-arrival checklists	Webinar (Tuesday 8:00PM EST)
Advocacy and Lobby	With government (Canada/Nepal), educational consultancies, Business partners (entrepreneurs, employment agencies, uber), Universities, Partnering with local communities	In Progress
Contingency Plan	Emergency fund (guidelines and fundraise)	In Progress

Checklist for Webinar



**1. PRE-ARRIVAL
CHECKLIST**



2. ARRIVAL CHECKLIST



**3. POST-ARRIVAL
CHECKLIST**

Pre-arrival Checklist

- ❖ Plan in advance (2 months) to search room, job prospect, connect people
- ❖ Contact exiting friends/relatives for finding room (FB marketplace, Kijiji.ca, rental.ca and apartment, university housing
- ❖ Search and arrange accommodation before flying (even temporary is fine, Air B&B)
- ❖ Try to find network of friends in your area or seniors at your university
- ❖ Arrange in advance for airport pick-up (friends, family, university) and send them flight tickets. If airport is far from your destination, arrange for overnight stay
- ❖ Prepare all the academic documents, including a letter of acceptance
- ❖ A study permit, proof of financial support documents, original passport/Visa
- ❖ Remember to bring seasonal clothes and no food or meat in luggage please
- ❖ Pack hand-carry and luggage (see limit e.g.- 23kg*2 + 7 kg hand carry), keep international adapter, vaccination card (COVID)
- ❖ Ensure to carry the sum of funds covering at least six months of expenses
- ❖ Note exact address of University/College, availability of transportations.
- ❖ Aware on SCAM/Fraud/Identity theft.

Arrival Checklist

- ❖ Keep your passport and documents at your handbag, not in luggage
- ❖ Arrive at airport about 3 hours in advance for check-in
- ❖ Print ticket and confirmation of email etc. for showing to immigration officer
- ❖ Remember to note address of your university, contact person and your destination with full address
- ❖ Bring international adapter, Vaccination card (COVID), don't bring any plant or animal products
- ❖ Allow extra time in Transit to catch connecting flight
- ❖ Allow extra time in port of entry to Canada where you will get study permit
- ❖ In transit, find gates and go to the gate on time for catching connecting flight
- ❖ Some port of entry allow you to make SIN number in airport within office hours
- ❖ Complete declaration form at airport arrivals (mostly online).

Post-arrival Checklist

- ❖ Prepare for weather (mostly cold most of the times)
- ❖ Go to Service Canada for SIN if not applied before
- ❖ Apply for health card (every province is different)/for students Contact your college Immediately for Health care card (Make sure its active, call and ask)
- ❖ A copy of your medical records and ongoing prescriptions
- ❖ A Canadian bank account – To open a bank account, you usually require the following documents:
 - ❖ Your passport
 - ❖ Student permit (IMM 1442) or Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)
 - ❖ Proof of enrollment (optional, but recommended; can be acquired from your university)
 - ❖ Social Insurance Number (SIN)
 - ❖ proof of residence (A letter or rental agreements).
- ❖ Be extremely careful to share your personal information to anyone
- ❖ Transportation Cards (Bus Card / Presto/Monthly pass)
- ❖ Purchase mobile/SIM card, learn grocery system, connect with communities
- ❖ Prepare Canadian style resume and drop resume for job hunt/get familiar with Canadian Culture/lifestyle etc.
- ❖ Aware on SCAM/Fraud/Identity theft.

Emergency Fund and Guidelines

Create Newcomer and Student Support Emergency Fund – Target amount 100K

- ❖ NRNA Canada will provide seed money to the fund
- ❖ **Fundraise**
 - ❖ Request Nepal/Canada-based educational consultancy to contribute to the fund
 - ❖ Request Nepal/Canada-based business/entrepreneur
 - ❖ Request Canada based Local Organizations to Support
 - ❖ Request all stakeholder, members to contribute to this fund
 - ❖ Request ICC members to contribute the funds
 - ❖ Explore Governments funds for the cause
 - ❖ Any other sources

Develop Emergency Fund Guidelines

- 1) Support for food drive to local communities across Canada
- 2) Emergency Support (Please contact Local NRNA Rep for more details)

Emergency Fund and Fundraise

Action Plan - Steps

1. **Create Newcomer and Student Support team in Each major Cities partnering with Local Organizations (In Progress)**
2. **Create Emergency fund – Target amount \$100,000 (In Progress)**
3. **Prepare press meet (Completed)**
4. **Series of Webinars (Tuesday 8:00 PM EST) – coordination by Youth Coordinator Pratik Bhandary**
5. **Meeting with all Community organization (1st round Completed)**
6. **Meeting with Canada/Nepal based educational consultancies (1st round completed)**
- 7) **Finalize emergency fund guidelines**
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 - B) Emergency Support (Please contact Local NRNA Rep for more details)

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND
SUGGESTIONS

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