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Human Security Forum
(Non-Profit Organization)



Recommendations

< No One Should Be Left Behind > In Coping with the Corona Crisis

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we face a serious situation that is more a “human crisis” than a “health crisis”. There is concern that even the past progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 may be greatly compromised if the crisis lingers.

No one should be left behind in coping with the corona crisis. To this end, it is imperative that medical experts as well as all individuals and stakeholders in the government, municipalities, private firms, institutions for education and research, and civil society organizations act in solidarity and with a sense of commitment.

The Human Security Forum calls on the government and municipalities to take immediate and unprecedented, bold measures that are finely tuned to specific needs of people so that in addressing the corona crisis, the life, livelihood and dignity are guaranteed for every person placed in vulnerable positions such as children, women, irregular workers, persons with disabilities, and foreigners not fluent in the Japanese language.

We urge the government and municipalities as well as scientists and specialists to provide swiftly the latest information on coronavirus and be accountable to the people by giving clear and through explanation and enhancing dialogues.

In addition, close collaboration with other countries and the United Nations organizations is imperative for an effective crisis response. International cooperation should be further strengthened from the perspective of human security.

Realizing Human Security in Addressing the Corona Crisis

LIFE

Protecting the Life of the Vulnerable

We urge that

- all people, the young and elderly alike, take prudent and responsible action to stem the spread of infection to protect as many lives as possible.
- all people have a strong sense of ownership and collaborative spirit to protect those exposed to high-risk of infection; such as front-line medical personnel, people with chronic disease, the elderly, people with disabilities, foreigners not fluent in Japanese, and workers exposed to frequent contacts with people.

LIVELIHOOD

Protecting the Livelihood of People in Precarious Employment

We urge that

- well-tailored public support be provided to reduce anxiety about their livelihoods harbored by the vulnerable.
- above all, private firms make the utmost effort to protect existing jobs.
- government and municipalities take bold measures to provide security of livelihood to the unemployed, irregular workers, freelancers, self-employed persons and single parents who lost or are losing stable source of income.

DIGNITY

Building a Society with Dignity

We urge that

- all individuals eliminate discrimination and stigma against medical workers and infected persons, while human rights be fully respected by public organizations.
- government and municipalities take measures to fill in the regional gaps in the access to information and communication technology so that children's opportunities for education are guaranteed in an equitable way.
- authorities concerned strengthen their efforts to prevent increase in abuse, domestic violence, and bullying.