



Campaign ABC: All Ballots Count:

Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) is a recognized election monitoring organization in the country which in addition to its monitoring mandate, has been proactively engaging in contributing to the process of electoral reforms from the time of its inception.

As the newest initiative conducted by CMEV, the two aspects of lobbying for the realization of the political rights of persons with disabilities and the advocacy on the voting rights of the Sri Lankan migrant workers are to be addressed through All Ballots Count (ABC) campaign.

As for the former of the two aspects, CMEV has been engaged in empowering disability organizations to achieve their political rights with special emphasis to voting rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to create an inclusive discourse with that regard ensuring that the popular disability-related slogan 'Nothing about us without us' is given its true meaning. To this effect, CMEV has been conducting a series of programs aimed at the realization of the political / voting rights of the persons with disabilities in parallel with both national level elections held in the previous year.

In order to strengthen and sustain this movement, CMEV took the initiative of creating a youth-led coalition known as 'Enabled Elections' which consists of volunteers representing various organizations working for the betterment of the persons with disabilities around the entire country.

In relation to the latter of the two aspects, the difficulties of facilitating the inherent voting rights of the migrant workers is expected to be addressed through urging the relevant stakeholders to be more proactive in investigating the said difficulties and rectifying them accordingly while ensuring the transparency and accountability of the process of parliamentary select committee which has been appointed in April 2016 to investigate matters related to providing facilities enabling Sri Lankans who are working in foreign countries.

With the view to carrying this initiative forward, CMEV is currently conducting consultations sessions in partnership with DPOs and organizations working on migrant workers in order to obtain the perspectives of the beneficiaries of this initiative.

Furthermore, an interview series is expected to be conducted with Parliamentarians who serve as members in the above mentioned select committee concerning Sri Lankan migrant workers as well.

Therefore CMEV hereby calls upon all concerned parties to send their ideas, proposals on any of the above mentioned focus areas via email or over the phone using the contact details mentioned below.

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