

Renal Disease in NCP

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The piece on Renal disease in the Dry Zone by my friend Mr. Cecil Dharmasena, who has considerable experience in working with farmers in the dry zone, has indicated very clearly the short term and long term strategies that need to be taken to control Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKDu) which is reported in many parts of NCP, NWP and Uva Province. A steering committee of relevant officers in the affected provinces needs to be functional so that the strategies indicated by Mr. Dharmasena could be effectively implemented. Supplying good quality water is one of the immediate actions to be taken. In this regard people need to be promoted to use rainwater which is relatively better than water from tube wells etc. Unfortunately the provincial ministries of the three provinces appear to be not implementing appropriate actions/programmes to control CKDU which is causing untold hardships to people in NCP, NWP and Uva.

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