



Migration Policy for Decent Work of Migrant Workers

Domain of intervention:	Safer Migration
Implementation period:	01.01.2019 – 31.12.2021
Implementing partner:	International Labour Organization (ILO)
SDC contribution:	CHF 3.99 million
Modality:	Contribution to the ILO

General description

Migration is important for the economy of Bangladesh but often migrants face frequent violations of their human rights. Many of these violations occur because the legal framework for migration does not adequately protect them. The project addresses the need to improve the existing migration governance through technical assistance and it is jointly funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB). The project provides technical assistance to the GoB to improve migration governance and takes into account the recommendations by the Government, trade unions and employers, for sustainability.

Objectives

The project objective is to protect the human rights of Bangladeshi migrant workers, by supporting the reform agenda of labour migration governance and making systemic changes with technical assistance. The project will review and update the regulatory framework and build the capacity of public and private agencies, to contribute to decent work and safe migration. Such practices will improve the well-being of migrant workers. 3 million Bangladeshi men and women migrants who are expected to migrate between 2022–2027, will be better protected and the policy framework will ensure that these migrant works are not paying high costs for migration through fraudulences. Through this programme, 300'000 migrant workers will benefit annually by having access to information prior to their departure.

Lines of action / components

- The Government of Bangladesh and stakeholders, have the capacity to adopt and implement 5 new frameworks pertaining to labour migration.
- Bangladeshi officials (from public and private agencies) are able to apply International Labour Standards principles and good practices in labour migration in bilateral agreements with other countries.
- The GoB improves the scope and quality of services for migrants in Bangladesh and in destination countries.

Intended impact in terms of systemic change

The intended impact of the project is an effective and transparent migration system that protects Bangladeshi men and women migrants. These improvements in the legal framework of migration will protect Bangladeshi men and women migrants by ensuring that they face less fraudulence and receive with justice and compensation, should they face any mistreatment in Bangladesh or in the destination.

Intervention Targets:

- The Government of Bangladesh adopts and implements legislation and rules pertaining to labour migration.
- Bangladeshi officials are trained on International Labour Standards principles and good practices in labour migration in Memorandum of Understanding and Bilateral Agreements.
- The government and recruitment agencies are able to improve the scope and quality of services, such as ethical recruitment and providing guidelines to returnee migrants, for effective use of remittances.