



Strengthened and Informative Migration Systems (SIMS)

Domain of intervention:	Safer Migration
Implementation period:	15.12.2019 - 14.12.2023
Implementing partner:	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
SDC contribution:	CHF 7.8 million
Modality:	Mandate

General description

The Strengthened and Informative Migration System (SIMS) is a four year project focused on providing greater access to information and quality services for potential migrant workers and their family members so that they are able to make an informed choice about migration. The project also works to provide increased accountability and capacity of public and private service providers to ensure better quality and access of services for the migrant workers and their families. The project is currently in the procurement phase and expected to work in 3-4 high migration prone districts in Chattogram and Dhaka division.

Objectives

The aim of SIMS is to improve well-being of migrant workers and their families, particularly the marginalized men and women through safer migration practices and providing greater access to improved quality of services and information. Furthermore, the migrant workers will have greater access to information on safe migration, legal aid to workers and their families, financial literacy for effective use of remittances and also strengthen the government's capacity on service delivery. The project will be implemented in multiple phases over a period of 10 years.

Lines of action / components

- Raise awareness of men and women about the benefits of safe migration and the perils of irregular migration/trafficking, and support them in making an informed choice about migration through a cost benefit analysis.
- Raise awareness on the importance of skills training prior to migration and provide referral services to public and private skills training institutes.
- Provide pre-employment and pre-departure orientation, financial literacy and grievance redressal to potential migrant workers and their families.
- Work with public and private agencies to build ownership of migrant service provision and improve the quality of services necessary for migration.

Intended impact in terms of systemic change

SIMS initiatives are aimed at raising the awareness on safe migration practices amongst potential migrants and/or their family members at the grassroots level. It will facilitate quality service delivery of both public and private agencies to build synergy and ownership of service provision and improve the quality of services necessary for migration.

Intervention Targets

- 1 million men and women of the community are made aware of safe migration processes.
- 150'000 potential migrant workers and their family members will be supported to make a cost benefit analysis to understand the benefits of migration
- 12'000 interested migrant workers will be encouraged and referred to undertake skills training through recognized training service providers.
- 2'000 cases will be identified and provided with access to effective grievance redressal mechanisms.