Strengthened and Informative Migration Systems (SIMS)

Domain of intervention: Safer Migration
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 overall objective of SIMS is to improve well-being of migrant workers and their families, particularly the marginalized men and women, due to safer migration practices and providing greater access to improved quality of services. The project will reach out to 1 million people in high migration prone districts with information related to safe migration. Amongst these communities, the project will support 150'000 people to carry out a cost benefit analysis along with key information on migration provided through orientation sessions to make an informed decision on migration. 12'000 potential migrant workers will be encouraged to undertake skills training before migration through linkages to training institutes. 2'000 migrant workers or their family members will be supported to have better access to improved grievance redressal mechanism provided through public and private agencies.

Lines of action / components
- Raise awareness of men and women about the benefits of safe migration and the perils of irregular migration/trafficking
- Support potential migrant workers in making an informed choice about migration through a cost benefit analysis and provide orientation at different stages of migration
- Raise awareness on the importance of skills training prior to migration and provide referral services to public and private skills training institutes.
- Provide greater access to potential migrant workers and their families to quality services related to pre-employment and pre-departure orientation, financial literacy and grievance redressal.
- 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. The project focuses on providing greater access and improving the quality of services related to pre-employment and pre departure orientation, access to grievance redressal mechanism financial literacy and business linkage services. It will work with public and private agencies to build ownership of service provision and improve the quality of services necessary for migration. Public and private service providers will be supported to have greater ownership and improve the quality of their services.

Results as of December 2019: The project has just started.