

BACKGROUND

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is part of the United Nations System as the leading inter-governmental organization promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. IOM has had a presence in Nepal since 2006, IOM plays a key role to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through different areas of intervention that connect both humanitarian assistance and sustainable development. In Nepal, the IOM focuses on Migration Management, Resettlement Assistance, Crisis Response, International Cooperation and Partnership, and the Global Compact for Migration, as well as other cross-cutting issues.

MIGRATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

IOM Nepal and the Government of Nepal signed the Cooperation Agreement in 2007, since then IOM has been conducting health assessment of outbound refugees as well as Nepali migrants through its Migration Health Assessment Centers (MHACs) located in Kathmandu and in Damak. A total of 49,645 clients and 179 refugees have received health assessment and screened services. A considerable number of awareness programmes and screenings were conducted on **World Health Day**, **International No Smoking Day**, and mobile based clinical health services as well. Similarly, the month of October was celebrated to raise awareness about breast cancer, and screening services were provided to 54 UN agencies staff members and dependents. Similarly, equipment has been donated to the District Health Office Kathmandu to strengthen public health capacity.



Breast cancer awareness program



The project “Strengthening Capacity on Data Driven Policy and Planning in Nepal” was implemented in close coordination with the Ministry of Health and Population. The “Migration Health Management Information System ([MHMIS](#))” was developed under the project, the information system will contribute to achieve the outcomes of 15th five-year development plan and for Health and Nutrition 2019-2023, and National Health Policy 2019. The system will be implemented in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) as well as other relevant Ministries. Similarly, a five-year National Migration Health Action Plan (NMHAP) based on the National Migration Health Strategy was produced with the aim of improving migrants' health.

AVRR: IOM Nepal assisted **90 (M:34, F:12) vulnerable migrants** who are victims of trafficking, force labour or victims of abuse or exploitation stranded in the country of destination were assisted for voluntary return support, immediate assistance i.e., cash allowance, onwards ground transportation and in-kind reintegration support.

RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

IOM Nepal has been assisting in the resettlement of refugees since 2007, the overall assistance of IOM in Nepal regarding the resettlement of refugees, primarily Bhutanese refugees but also refugees from other countries requiring international protection and accepted for resettlement. A total of 2,397 individuals including refugees, migrants and very vulnerable third country nationals requiring protection and cases of family reunion have received assistance for resettlement in various countries.



Pre-departure interaction among Brazil Embassy, Afghan family and IOM

IOM Nepal's is managing the **School on Migration Studies (SMS)** in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) to enhance the knowledge base on migration, governance, and sustainable development, as well as capacity-building in Nepal. The summer school concept, initiated by Tribhuvan University's Department of Population Studies (CDPS), has reached significant milestones, including the completion of school room refurbishment and the development and launch of a website for the call for applications. The lessons are set to begin in August 2023.



IRIS training in Dhangadi, Sudurpaschim Province

PROMOTING SAFE MIGRATION AND ETHICAL RECRUITMENT

The International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) is IOM's **flagship initiative** and a global multi-stakeholder engagement that assists governments, civil society, private sector, and recruiting agencies in promoting the ethical recruitment of migrant workers for promotion of safe labour migration. IOM with the funding support from IOM Development Fund (IDF) and Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) - Walmart Foundation regional projects organized a 2-day IRIS training in seven Provinces where, a total of 300 stakeholder were trained representing from CSOs, MRCs, Migrants Community, Private Recruitment Agencies and Ministries. The IRIS program intervention has supported in advancing the SDG Goals and GCM of which Government of Nepal is a Champion Country.

EVIDENCE - BASED POLICY MAKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

IOM Nepal implemented the project “**Generate Evidence for Future Skills Needs of Migrant Workers in Nepal**” in the partnership with Dakchyata, a TVET Practical Partnership Programme managed by the British Council and funded by the European Union. IOM Nepal worked in close coordination with the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MoEST), the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), and the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT).

The capacity and the competencies of stakeholders, returnee migrants, and their families were strengthened through various interventions. As part of this collaboration, a report on **Macro Level Supply and Demand Analysis of Skills of Nepali Migrant Workers** published which delivers a comprehensive understanding of the current migration landscape of Nepal.

Similarly, **testimonies from returnee migrants** representing all seven provinces of the country were collected and published as a coffee table book and **one documentary film** was developed based on the stories of returnee migrants.



60 episodes - 'ShraamShwal' radio program



20 episodes - 'Dakchya Nepal' TV program

Reached over fourteen million people through radio and TV programs

MAPPING OF MIGRANT VULNERABILITIES

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the dimensions of cross-border mobility and the need for key interventions to assist migrants, IOM Nepal and MoHP are conducting mobility mapping surveys at 14 designated ground crossing points (GCPs) between Nepal-India, and Nepal-China and expected to have draft report by end of August.

GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (M4SD)

IOM Nepal and the Government of Nepal signed the Cooperation Agreement, and IOM Nepal successfully implements a reintegration program in Dhankuta and Arjundhara municipality, developing over 210 entrepreneur beneficiaries, focusing particularly on women. Similarly, established the Coordination Center for Migration and Development (CCMD) in Koshi Province and formed the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCC) through joint IOM-UNDP Global Programme.

Further, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA), IOM conducts diaspora mapping efforts in 15 countries across Australia, America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, leveraging the skills

and potential of the Nepali diaspora for national development. Multi-stakeholder consultations with the Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security on the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration and the draft National Implementation Strategy for GCM adopt a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, ensuring inclusive discussions. Additionally, IOM organized 10 consultations on migration and sustainable development and conduct four trainings on an integrated approach to reintegration, providing training to government officials, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Migration Resource Centers (MRCs), and Migration Resource Desks (MRDs).



Women returnee migrant engaged in business



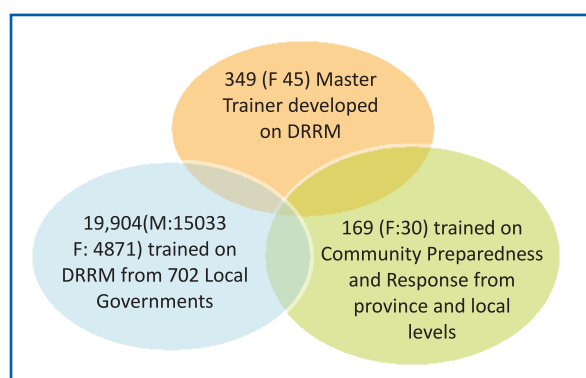
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In coordination with the Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security (MoLESS), IOM organized a **multi-stakeholder consultation** with a **whole-of-government and whole-of-society** approach to discussing the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the draft **National Implementation Strategy for GCM**. IOM supported the Government of Nepal in the development of the National Framework which will provide a comprehensive policy guide in addressing some of the most pressing issues around migration. IOM supported developing the migration profiles

for Gandaki Province and reintegration policies for Dhankuta and Arjundhara municipality as well.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

Since 2018, the IOM Nepal has been supporting the Government of Nepal in developing resilient community through improved federal, provincial, and local disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) legislative regulatory framework that facilitates timely and comprehensive disaster management. The project [Promoting Action for Disaster Risk Governance and Working to Achieve Preparedness for Risk Reduction through Technical Assistance in Nepal \(PARIWARTAN\)](#) project, implemented under the leadership of Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration. A comprehensive Disaster Risk Management



(D R R M) operational training manual was developed and rolled out the capacity building training to all 753 local levels and the training program was implemented with the consortium of National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) – Nepal, Practical Action Consulting (PAC) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Nepal. Developed master trainers at Provincial level and mobilized at local level capacity building on DRRM.



Group Photo, Training on Disaster Risk Management Localities: Mahabub, Munda, Karnali, © 2022 IOM Nepal

IOM launched 'Strengthening Institutional Knowledge and Capacity of Provincial and Local Governments to Embark on Disaster Risk Management Actions and Implementation' (SIKAI) project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) in April 2023. The project aims to ensure that the momentum created by the previous disaster governance project–PARIWARTAN is continued and that the Provincial Government has developed capacities, tools, procedures and strategies for improved disaster resilience, preparedness and response. The project is implemented under the overall guidance of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA) at the federal level and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Law at the Provincial level. The project will be implemented over the period of 18 months until October 2024 in Sudur Paschim and Karnali Province and four selected local levels namely, Mahabu Rural Municipality, Gurbhakot Municipality, Sanphebagar Municipality & Beldandi Rural Municipality.

PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Government designated GCPs were strengthened in Koshi Province, Inarwa, Birgunj in Madhesh Province, Krishnanagar and Jamunaha in Lumbini Province, and Gauriphanta and Gaddachauki in Sudurpaschim Province [through the project](#) - “Effective Case Management by Strengthen Isolation Centres and Ground Crossing Points (GCP) Management for Rapid Response and Preparedness against Covid-19 Project”. In order to promote the safe, regular and dignified migration at selected ground crossing points amid Covid -19 strengthened the capacity of isolation centers and ground crossing points to ensure the improved service of health-based facilities, wash facilities and protection mechanism.

The project strengthened the health facilities through the distribution of essential medical and non-medical equipment, human resources support, capacity building training that benefited 147 frontline staff (F:64). Similarly, gender and disability friendly toilets were constructed, managed for the Safe drinking water, breast feeding corners, safe waiting spaces, Wi-fi connections, complains/Suggestion response mechanisms, surveillance through CCTV cameras and solar energy power back up were set up at all 6 GCPs. Protection screening and referral system was also ensured at all 6 GCPs. Additionally, altogether **909,414** migrants were screened, and referral service was provided to **121,677** migrants.

The project was implemented under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), with the funding support of European Commission Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection-ECHO.



PROTECTION AND RESPONSE TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

IOM has a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual exploitation and abuse by all personnel employed, extends to IOM third party contracted staff, service providers and implementing partners. IOM belief to create the environment of free from sexual harassment and every conduct on PSEA and developed the mechanism for all staff members and related personnel should feel respected and empowered to deliver assistance and services. IOM recruited a designated officer to address PSEAH and to integrate PSEAH prevention and response for the mission.

IOM Staff and the vendors received PSEA awareness messaging in various capacity development and knowledge forums, through in-person training as well as the mandatory online courses on PSEA. The robust PSEAH complain handling mechanism established and all the IOM staff and personnel are obligated to report all forms of misconduct, including PSEAH, which also includes suspicions or rumors, attempts or threats of any sexual misconduct are enough for to report.

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