



Project Overview

In recent years, migrants have made a significant contribution to the socio-economic landscape of Nepal. However, as migration and sustainable development is an issue which has not yet been addressed in the curricula of Nepali universities, a gap exists in academic knowledge and there is a small number of policymakers with expertise on the matter. As a result, stakeholders such as academicians, policymakers and practitioners have limited exposure on an overarching comprehensive and harmonized approach to migration for development. Migration governance thus remains to be mainstreamed in the policies of all three tiers (federal, provincial and local level) of government.

The project aims to enhance knowledge base on migration, governance and sustainable development and capacity-building in Nepal, through the launch of the School on Migration Studies (SMS). IOM Nepal is well placed to assist Nepal in developing educational modules providing a multi-disciplinary approach to migration.

The project envisaged that the government, civil society actors, researchers and post graduate students demonstrate enhanced knowledge on migration to better enable them to develop evidence-based responses to migration challenges in Nepal. As part of the project, IOM Nepal in coordination with MoLESS together with related Ministries:

- Build partnership with Universities/Colleges in Nepal willing to be part of the project.
- Develop and deliver comprehensive course building on past experiences of migration for two editions of the School on Migration studies.
- Strengthen regular dialogue in a range of issues on migration and sustainable development.
- Provide research grants for Masters' and PHD students of Universities in Nepal on research in the field of migration.

Project Description

The objective of this project is to support the Government of Nepal in addressing migration issues in a comprehensive manner for the benefit of sustainable development through the acquisition of migration knowledge. This can be achieved through the following outcome and outputs:

Outcome 1: Government, civil society actors and members of academia work collaboratively in the field of migration and improve their understanding on the complexity of migration impacts and migration for sustainable development in Nepal.

Output 1.1: Course curriculum for School on Migration Studies (SMS) developed and available to the Government, civil society actors and members of academia.

Output 1.2: Government, civil society actors and members of academia have strengthened their knowledge on migration issues and migration for sustainable development in Nepal through the two editions of the SMS held.

Output 1.3: Novel and local migration research is produced through grant assistance for post graduate students and young researchers.

Output 1.4: Recommendations are produced to identify and address knowledge gaps and assess training needs in the field of migration research.

Theory of Change

The current gaps in academic knowledge and training on migration and the limited availability of policymakers with expertise on the matter prevents the adoption of effective policy responses and contribution to the Government's priority of mainstreaming migration for sustainable development in Nepal. This project's expected outcome is that the government, civil society actors and members of academia work collaboratively in the field of migration and improve their understanding of migration impacts and migration for sustainable development in Nepal.

Cross Cutting Considerations

The project aims to contribute to a deeper understanding on the realities of migration in Nepal through the organization of the SMS, academic research and round table discussions by combining insights from policymakers, civil society actors and members of academia on thematic areas of migration with the inclusion of political, economic, sociological, legal, environmental and gender perspectives.

Project type:	PR - Migration Research and Publications
Secondary project type:	MD - Mainstreaming Migration into Development
Geographical Coverage:	Nepal
Executing agency:	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Target :	Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), officials and policymakers representing the federal, provincial and local level of government, students and other members of academia, professionals working on or interested in migration issues in Nepal, including civil society actors, media with experience in the field of migration and related issues.
Partner(s):	Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA), Government and/or private universities, think tanks and civil society actors.
Management site:	Nepal-CO-Kathmandu-NP10
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Budget:	300,000.00 US Dollar



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