



Generating Evidence for Future Skills Needs of Migrant Workers in Nepal Year 2022



Background

Migration is real and its economic contribution is not only limited to households but to the country, contributing to one-third of Nepal's GDP. However, the situation drastically changed after the breakout of COVID-19 in early 2020 followed by second wave in mid 2021 that proved to be a major shift in migration trend specifically when migrant workers returned to their home country.

Reportedly, over one million Nepali migrants returned to country through the land, Nepal – India border and from air flights. Despite government initiatives, the huge influx of migrants to home has created challenges on their reintegration for sustainable economic opportunities.

Given such a scenario, developing successful responses to COVID-19 to recover better needs to understand the impact of it is crucial, specially targeting the returnee migrants including the aspirants because migration momentum is also increasing after declining of COVID-19 cases and lifting up of movement restrictions by destination countries.

Nepal is a signatory to the Global Compact on Migration and is obligated to reintegrate returnees into community by providing them social protection, employment opportunities, and utilizing their acquired skills and transferring that to the domestic labour market so that it will contribute generating economic activities in a sustainable manner.

By recognizing the change in the current migration trend aftermath of COVID-19 IOM Nepal has collaborated with *Dakchyata* Project- a TVET Practical Partnership programme managed by the British Council and funded by the European Union which has aimed to improve reintegration programme as well as spreading key messages for safer migration targeting local communities and aspirants to migrate.

Objective:

To generate evidence-based knowledge to impart demand driven skills in the market to boost up employment and economic growth through TVET.

Activities:

1) Macro Level Supply and Demand Analysis

IOM is conducting an extensive report on macro level supply and demand analysis on skills that provides in-depth information on existing skills training provided, market diagnostics on how trained personnel are recruited by private recruitment agencies in Nepal, demands in destination including identifying new and emerging job markets both in country and overseas.

2) Sensitization and Awareness

Carry sensitizing and awareness raising by reaching to local communities and aspirant migrants through media (TV and Radio) across 7 provinces, generating testimonials of returnee migrants to depict challenges and opportunities and producing a documentary film.

Partnerships:

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST)
- Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS)
- Council for Technical and Vocational Training (CTEVT)
- CSOs, Media and Academia
- Private Sector

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