

Evidence Generating and Community Sensitization for Safer Migration



IOM Nepal has collaborated with *Dakchyata* Project- a TVET Practical Partnership programme managed by the British Council and funded by the European Union which aimed to improve reintegration programmes and spreading key messages for safer migration in response to changed migration trend after COVID-19 pandemic.

The project is initiating an extensive study from July on macro level supply and demand analysis on skills. The study

will identify market and skills demand in country and destination countries including new and emerging job markets. The project is also organising sensitization and advocacy activities by reaching to local communities and aspirant migrants through media (TV and Radio) across 7 provinces and generating testimonials of returnee migrants.

Nepal's Participation in 2nd Global Board Meeting of M4SD



The second Board meeting of the Global Programme on Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development was held in Rabat, Morocco from 12-15 June; where, representatives from Ministry of Labour, Employment & Social Security (MoLESS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IOM and UNDP were present. Addressing the event, Mr. Dandu Raj Ghimire, Joint Secretary of MoLESS stated that migrants will play a significant role in Nepal's economy as the country is graduating to middle-income country by 2026.

UNSCDF Consultation in Province 1



On 27 June, as part of the process to formulate the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF) 2023-2027 for Nepal, IOM Nepal as lead Agency in Province 1 facilitated a consultative meeting in Biratnagar, Province 1.

Consultation was made with Government representatives and concerned stakeholders to solicit priorities to ensure the lasting contribution to national and sub-national development priorities and SDGs.

COM's meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs & updates on GCM



On 23 June, Ms. Lorena Lando-Chief of Mission of IOM Nepal met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Hon. Dr. Narayan Khadka at his office and updated him about IOM activities in Nepal supporting the Government's efforts in addressing migration issues of the country through implementation of Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

IOM Nepal is supporting the government on formulation of the National Implementation Strategic Framework of the GCM. As a result, a final draft has been prepared based on the recommendation from the concerned stakeholders that was organised on 7 April. The Framework will provide a comprehensive policy guide to address some of the most pressing issues around migration.

Diaspora Engagement

On 20 June, Ms. Lorena Lando, Chief of Mission addressing an interaction programme organized by IOM Nepal to engage Nepali diaspora emphasized on the importance of diasporic partnerships to improve migration situation. Ms. Geertrui Lanneau, Senior Labour Mobility and Social Inclusion Specialist, IOM Regional Office for Asia-Pacific addressing the event virtually highlighted the importance of diaspora engagement that could bring reciprocal benefit for both countries of origin and destination. Mr. Prajwal Sharma, Head of Labor Mobility and Human Development Unit of IOM Nepal made a presentation on key areas of engagement of Nepali diaspora and shared IOM's experience in diaspora mappings. Mr. Kul Acharya, President of Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA) stated that IOM's such initiatives would promote a safe and dignified working environment for migrants. Giving closing remarks, Dr. Badri KC, President of NRNA appreciated IOM's partnership with Nepali diaspora.

Dhankuta Municipality's Mayor Addresses the World Urban Forum



On 28 June, Mr. Chintan Tamang, the Mayor of Dhankuta Municipality addressed the webinar session on a side event of the 11th session of the World Urban Forum held in Katowice, Poland and shared his local level experience on managing & providing support to the returnee migrants during COVID-19 Pandemic. During the event- IOM, UN Habitat and the EU discussed on the support they provided.

Training on IRIS in Sudurpaschim Province



The two days (22-23 June) capacity building training on International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) was organized by IOM Nepal targeting

CSOs, migrants' networks and staffs of Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) in Sudurpaschim province that are working towards safer labour migration and anti-trafficking initiatives. Twenty-eight participants from the province attended the program. The participants were sensitized on promotion of international ethical recruitment practices as per IRIS standard to ensure the rights of the migrant workers who are exposed to risks and vulnerabilities during the labour migration cycle.

MoLESS Participation in Colombo Process



Representatives from Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) participated in the Colombo

Process Thematic Area Working Group Meetings on Skills Recognition and Qualification; Faster, Cheaper and Safer Remittances; and the Capacity Building Workshop organized by IOM in Bangkok, Thailand from 21 – 23 June 2022. During the event, Mr. Ekadev Adhikari- Under Secretary of MOLESS and Mr. Ramesh Aryal- Joint Secretary of Foreign Employment Office shared the experiences of working in above mentioned sectors and made a presentation on the National Update on Remittances for 2020-2022.

School on Migration Studies



On 10 June, a MoU signed between IOM Nepal and the Central Department of Population Studies (CDPS) of Tribhuvan University (TU) to conduct School on Migration Studies (SMS). The SMS will organise the session in coordination with the Ministry of Labour Employment and Social Security. Participants from the Government Officials, civil society, academia, researchers, and students interested in migration and sustainable development will attend two week-long course. The SMS will train on different dimensions of migration and sustainable development including context and policies, governance, climate change, protection, gender; and engagement of government, private sector, civil society, and academia to manage the migration cycle.

Nepal's Participation in IMRF

The International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) took place in New York from 17-20 May; where, government official from Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and a CSO representative participated. IMRF is the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development where Nepal as the champion of GCM presented the country's status.

IMCC Meeting in Province 1 Highlights Relevancy of GCM

On 27 June, the second meeting of the Inter-ministerial Coordination Committee on Migration and Sustainable Development was held in Biratnagar, Province 1 in leadership of the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Employment (MoILE) where representatives of six ministries were present. During the meeting, Mr. Madav Prasad Pokharel, Secretary of MoILE briefed on status of migration and reintegration including Global Compact for Migration's relevancy in the province. Mr. Prajwal Sharma, Head of Labour Mobility & Human Development Unit of IOM Nepal shared the findings of various research conducted in support of IOM Nepal.

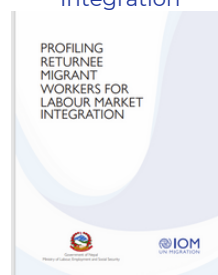
Capacity Building Training on Reintegration



IOM Nepal organised a three-day (28-30 June) training on "Integrated Approach to Reintegration" in Biratnagar, Province 1 in coordination with the Ministry of Industry, Labour and Employment (MoILE) in Province and Rural Enterprise Remittances Programme (RERP). The training was provided to focal persons of provincial ministries, local government representatives and RERF staff who are involved in implementation of the reintegration program.

IOM Nepal's Recent Publications

Profiling of Returnee Migrant Workers for Labour Market Integration



Mapping of Reintegration Services in Nepal



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