

Awareness for safe, orderly and dignified migration

On a Sunday afternoon, Anil Kumar Chowdhury, the Case Management Officer of Kapilvastu Integrated Development Services (KIDS), screened three youths from Pyuthan who were travelling to India for work, at Krishnanagar Ground Crossing Point in Lumbini Province.

"We are going to India in search of work. We have travelled from Pyuthan, our home, to look for employment opportunities. In Pyuthan, there are limited opportunities for work and our families mostly engaged in agriculture that earns to only meet our daily meals. We want to do something that will help us earn and save money for our future", said Gobind Kunwar, young migrant in his early twenties. In conversation with them, Mr Chowdhury briefed them about potential risks during travel across border and provided them with emergency numbers and contact details of agencies who can support them if they are in need or need to return home. They were also informed about migrant worker's right, laws and regulations they need to abide by, cultural practices they need to respect and basic measures to follow to protect oneself during extreme heat in the place of destination.

Under the project implemented by IOM in financial support from the European Union European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations in implementing partnership with Save the Children (SCI), KIDS, a local partner, has been engaged in disseminating information to migrants. Through screenings of migrants, interactions with them and placement of various messaging tools such as posters, distribution of wallet books with emergency contact numbers, the project has promoted right to information and reduced the potential risks during travel that may arise due to lack of information and awareness.