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## Sharing Best Practices of Bangladesh: Recent Regulatory and Policy Initiatives



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# Introduction



- The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman established the foundation of overseas employment.
- Directive of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is to send 1000 Migrant Workers on average per year from every Upazila.
- Migrant Workers provide labour and skills into the overseas labour market.
- They boost the economy of both CoOs and CoDs.
- Migrant Workers enhance CoDs' productivity and contribute to the global exchange of local know-how and technology.



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# Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)



- Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina proposed for the GCM in the United Nations General Assembly in 2016.
- In August 2020, Bangladesh was selected by the Global UN Network as “Champion” country for GCM.
- Bangladesh is the “Chair” of the Thematic Area Working Group (TAWG) on “Fostering Ethical Recruitment Practices” (GCM Objective-6) under Colombo Process.
- “Smart Cards” and “Fingerprint” for all migrant workers to ensure proof of legal identity and adequate documentation (GCM Objective-4).



## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



- 2% Incentives were declared in 2019 for sending remittances through formal channels (SDG Indicator 10.C.1)
- Recruitment costs and service charge of 16 countries of destinations including Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Singapore fixed (SDG Indicator 10.7.1).
- MoC signed between Bangladesh and Japan to send technical interns and care givers in zero recruitment costs (SDG Indicator 10.7.1).
- A Survey was conducted on “Cost of Migration” by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the ILO (SDG Indicator 10.7.1).
- Legal and Policy Framework has been formulated (SDG Indicator 10.7.2).



## Legal and Policy Frameworks of Migration Governance



- The Overseas Employment and Migrant Act, 2013
- The Wage Earners' Welfare Board Act, 2018
- Probashi Kollyan Bank Act, 2010
- The Migration Management Rules, 2017
- The Overseas Employment and Migrants (Recruiting Agents' License and Conduct) Rules, 2019
- The Overseas Employment and Migrants (Recruiting Agents' Classification) Rules, 2020



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- Health Examination of the Aspirant Migrant Workers Policy, 2008 (revised 2019)
- CIP (Overseas Employment) Rules, 2021
- The Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Policy, 2016
- Probashi Manual
- Action Plan under Policy 2016
- Post-Pandemic Strategic Roadmap for the Labour Migration Sector





# Digitization of Migration Governance



- Databases for Returnee Migrant Workers (PROMiS) and Aspirant Migrant Workers (REMIMiS).
- "Ami Probashi App"- A Digital Platform and App.
- 1 July-30 September 2021, total 4,82,690 Migrant Workers registered for COVID-19 Vaccination using this App.
- Integrated Online Based Labour Migration Information System.
- IT Based Recruitment Agents Information System.



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- IT Based Labour Attaché Reporting System.
- Online Complaint Mechanism.
- Probashi Helpline.
- Probashbondu Call Center.
- Mission Call Center in Jeddah and Riyadh.
- Telemedicine Service.



## Financial Support



- Collateral Free 4% Interest Rate Soft Loan for COVID-19 affected Returnee Migrant Workers and their Family Members.
- Investment Loan to Returnee Migrant Workers at the Interest Rate 9% for Male and 7% for Female.
- Mandatory Insurance Policy for Migrant Workers.
- BDT 5000 Each On Arrival Immediate Assistance at the Airport.



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- BDT 20,00 Each Cash Payment to Returnee Female Migrants Workers.
- BDT 300, 000 Each Cash Support to Family Members of Deceased Migrant Workers.
- BDT 1,00,000 Each to Returnee, Severely Injured and Sick Migrant Workers for treatment.
- BDT 35,000 Each Cash Assistance for transportation and burial of dead bodies.
- BDT 1,00,000 Each to the Disable Children of the Migrant Workers.



# Covid-19 Test, Vaccination and Quarantine



- “Quick Response Team” to oversee health, vaccination and quarantine services.
- BDT 98.53 million for distributing medicine, relief and emergency products through the Labour Welfare Wings of Bangladesh Missions.
- Rapid PCR Machine for COVID-19 Test at the Airport.
- 50,000 Migrant Workers paid BDT 25,000 Each for bearing Quarantine Cost in KSA.



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- COVID-19 Test Fee (BDT 1600 Each) at the Airport paid by the GoB to the Migrant Workers going to the UAE.
- Free hand sanitizers, masks and gloves are being provided at the Airport.



## Educational and Training Support



- “Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Centennial School” in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Riyadh and Dammam in KSA, Athens in Greece and in Bahrain .
- BDT 301 million Scholarships Awarded to Meritorious Children of Migrant Workers.
- Reservation of Admission Quota for the Children of Migrant Workers.



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- Training Course in 55 Trades through 64 Technical Training Centers (TTCs).
- Diploma in Engineering through 6 Institute of Marine Technology (IMT).
- E-RPL Infrastructure.
- Approval of a 10-level Bangladesh National Qualifications Framework (BNQF).





# Protection of Migrant Workers



- 35 Probashi Kollyan Desks at Airports. 12.63 million Migrant workers received services.





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- 30 Labour Welfare Wings.
- Complaint Management Cell at BMET.
- 5 Safe Homes for Female Migrant Workers at the Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh and Jeddah in KSA, Jordan and Oman.
- Social Security Programme of the GoB.
- Legal Aid to Migrant Workers in CoDs through the Labour Welfare Wings.
- Vigilance Task Force and Mobile Court.
- Corona Virus Monitoring Committee.



# Projects & Programmes



- Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants.
- Permanent Reintegration Support Centre, Shelter House, Dormitory and Briefing Centre near Hazrat Shahjalal Airport, Dhaka by the WEWB.
- Modern Diagnostic Centre and Hospital being established at Vatara, Gulshan in Dhaka by the WEWB.
- 40 New TTC under construction at Upazila Levels.
- 42 District Employment and Manpower Offices (DEMOs) at 4 Divisional Offices.



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- “Bangladesh: Sustainable Reintegration and Improved Migration Governance (Prottasha)”.
- “Promoting Recruitment Industry Reform to Achieve Ethical Recruitment (Prosper) in Bangladesh and Nepal”.
- ILO-DFID Partnership Project “Fair Recruitment and Decent Work for Women Migrant Workers in South Asia and the Middle East Phase II”.
- Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (REMAP)-Asia and the Middle East.



**Thank You**

**Questions?**