

### **OVERVIEW**

## MIGRATION PROGRAMME

One of the main reasons people migrate is to escape poverty and ensure economic well-being. Overseas employment plays a significant role in providing employment opportunity to approximately **35 per cent** of the workforce. Annually, about **500,000 people** migrate from Bangladesh to work abroad with a **34 per cent** failure rate due to irregular migration, financial and sexual exploitation, forced labour, mental and physical abuse and human trafficking.

As a major actor in Bangladesh's development landscape, BRAC is working to Promote safe, regular and responsible migration and combatting human trafficking and has both the credibility and nationwide network to establish itself as a reliable provider of reintegration services to returnee migrants.

Since 2006, Migration Programme has been promoting safe, regular and responsible migration by ensuring migrants know their rights and how to exercise them, facilitating sustainable reintegration, addressing and abating human trafficking and migration vulnerability of people, to achieve sustainable development goal 10.7, 8.7, 5.2 and 16.2.

### PROGRAMME APPROACH

- Raise awareness to sensitize people on the issues of safe and internal migration, irregular migration, human trafficking and reintegration issues.
- Provide emergency and need-based support (Social, Psycho-social and Economic) to returnee migrants for their sustainable reintegration.
- Capacity building of various forums, grass root level organizations, Local Government institutes, policymakers and migrants, their families and relevant stakeholders to strengthen policy advocacy initiatives.
- Lobby for the policy formulation and implementation, to ensure migrants rights.
- Support Ethical Migration through BRAC Probashbandhu Limited (BPL).

### **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

Prottasha

Funded by EU in partnership with IOM

Anuprerona

The Royal Danish Embassy and Swiss Agency for Development and Coorperation

Sustainable Reintegration of Bangladesh Returnees

European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN)

Socio-Economic Reintegration of Returnee Migrant Workers of Bangladesh (Phase 2)

The Royal Danish Embassy in Dhaka

Disrupting Cross-Border Trafficking Networks of Bangladesh Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) in partnership with BRAC UK, JPG, CEP, HRLS

Emergency Support for Vulnerable Returnee Migrant Workers

BRAC

Migration Support Enterprise Project (MSEP)

BRAC





### 2.7 Million

people Reached through awareness activities



### 9,144 returnees

received Emergency assistance at the airport



#### 472 returnees

received In kind and reintegration support for different occupation



### 4,365 people

received Skills training, and Job linkage support



### Database of 35,000

migrants (including stranded) prepared and **4,000** profiled



### **Reached 1,723**

people through Prottasha Hotline services



### 3,958 returnees got

psycho-social counseling



# **1,281 workshops** with **45,685** govt.

official participants



#### 18,717 potential migrants

got support through Migration Social Enterprise



#### BDT 3 crore

as immediate cash assistance for **7,250** returnees during pandemic



#### **Study Conducted-**

'The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Life and Livelihoods of Returnee Migrants'-



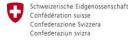
### 2,499 returnees

Received telecounselling during pandemic









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