

Promoting Decent Work through Improved Migration Policy and its Application in Bangladesh

Implementation Agreement signed between the International Labour Organization and the Dhaka Ahsania Mission for the provision of skills training and support services to the Bangladeshi migrant workers and their left behind families

The International Labour Organization (ILO) signed an Implementation Agreement with the Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) for the implementation of a component of the project “Promoting Decent Work through Improved Migration Policy and its Application in Bangladesh”. The actions to be undertaken by DAM would contribute towards the project objective of making the overseas employment process efficient and effective. The planned actions would also enhance social protection for about 500 male and female Bangladeshi workers in the country of destination and their left behind families in Bangladesh.



Unemployed and underprivileged potential migrant workers will be trained with technical skills in vocational training institutes from DAM. Life skills and pre-departure information constitute an essential training focus and include modules on languages, health issues, financial literacy, behavioral requirements and cultural aspects of the country of destination. Migration Advisory and Counseling Centers (MACC) will be established by DAM in Jessore, Jamalpur and

Dhaka area for outreach to potential migrant workers with limited access to overseas employment opportunities and to provide support services to migrant workers and their left-behind families.

In order to ensure successful employment referral, the selection of trainees and the development of training curricula will be closely coordinated with the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) and the Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited (BOESL). Monitoring for decent living and working conditions will be furthermore an essential part of the intervention, with a follow-up support ensured by DAM to the migrant workers in the country of destination through a local partner organization.

Low-skilled services such as domestic work and occupations requiring more technical skills in the RMG and construction sectors will be targeted in the training and support activities, with a priority focus on Malaysia and Jordan. Particularly vulnerable in the migration process and with



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limited access to employment opportunities, women migrant workers will constitute more than 60% of the beneficiaries.



The project “Promoting Decent Work through Improved Migration Policy and its Application in Bangladesh” is being implemented by the ILO in cooperation with the Ministry of Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment (MEWOE) and partner organizations such as IOM, UN WOMEN and workers’, recruiters’ and employers’ organizations. The project objective is to improve the overall management of labour migration

and to ensure protection and decent employment conditions to the migrant workers from Bangladesh. The project is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the implementation will run until June 2015.

The three-year Implementation Agreement on skills training and support services was signed by Mr. André Bogui, Country Director, ILO, and Mr. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director, DAM, on the 1st of October 2012 at ILO Country Office in Dhaka.



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