

# Application of Migration Policy for Decent Work for Migrant Workers

## AT A GLANCE

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## Overview

The initiative builds on the success of the earlier ILO project "Promoting Decent Work through improved Migration Policy and its Application in Bangladesh", which from 2011 to 2015, supported Bangladesh to launch and accelerate development in three areas: policy frameworks; operational effectiveness; and social protection.

The new project will help the Government of Bangladesh to operationalize the policy and legal measures developed with the assistance of the earlier initiative, including, the Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Policy 2016 and the Overseas Employment and Migrants' Act 2013.

It will help strengthen the institutions responsible for managing migration to deliver quality labour market information, occupational classification, pre-departure training accreditation, and welfare services abroad. It will also provide research and technical advisory support for strengthening labour negotiations for decent work as well as facilitate the engagement of stakeholders including workers and employers organizations in all processes.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

Men and women migrant workers are better protected through improved policy.

Public and private institutions contribute to safe migration and decent work for men and women migrants.

## PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1.1. The Government of Bangladesh and stakeholders, including social partners and employment service providers, have the capacity to adopt and implement 5 new frameworks pertaining to labour migrants including an improved complaints mechanism; social security legislation; and support services for migrants.

Output 1.2. Bangladeshi officials are able to apply International Labour Standards principles and good practices in labour migration in MoUs and Bilateral Agreements.

Output 2.1. The Government and stakeholders are able to develop and apply an integrated migrant worker information and management system (MWIMS) and implement a labour market information system.

Output 2.2. The government and employment service providers are able to improve the scope and quality of services for migrants in Bangladesh and in destination countries through evaluation of those services already established and creation of new services.

Output 2.3. The government and stakeholders are able to deliver skills training, assessment and recognition relevant to labour migration.

Output 2.4. The government and Recruitment Agents improve the quality of their client services for migrant workers.