MIGRANT COST SURVEY
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CONTEXT

* Government of Nepal has announced Free Visa and Free Ticket system on 6 July 2015.

* After 6 July 2015, All migrant need to pay maximum 10,000 NPR to Recruitment Agencies as an official service charge, including **GCC** countries and **Malaysia**.

1.OBJECTIVE

METHODOLOGY

To find out the actual cost incurred by migrants, 352 respondents who met criteria were selected. These respondents were selected **randomly**.

The survey was conducted in ***two phases***:-

The first phase was based on the interview with migrants whereas the second phase was totally based on the telephonic interview with households member of the same migrants with whom first round interviews were taken.

The second phase of **telephonic interview with family members was carried out after 15 days of the departure of migrants.**

<u>Sample Selection Criteria:</u>

The survey encompassed the respondents who
1. Were going to KSA, Qatar and Malaysia,
2. Were going to aforementioned countries within two `weeks' period of time,
3. Were going through formal channels or qualified as regular migrant workers,

4. Were going through Recruitment Agencies not from individual system **(Nepal govt has system to provide permit)** or with unofficial channel,

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5. Were going to work (contractual work) not for study or other purposes,

6. Whose families were ready to provide the information of migration cost through telephonic interview.

MAIN SURVEY SITES

1. Tribhuvan International Airport
2. Gongobu Buspark area & Guesthouses
3. Sundhara and
4. Chabahil

SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

1. The questionnaire was developed in the framework of KNOMAD with close consultation of WB group and ILO team.

2. The Survey Solution (CAPI) version 5.7 (now version 18.04 has launched) was used to collect information in the survey which had reduced the cost, time and effort of data entry.

3. The questionnaire of the survey was quantitative in nature whereas some questions had multiple responses.

PRE-TEST

1. Ten Pre-tests were conducted to check the efficiency, effectiveness, correctness of questionnaire. After the pre-test necessary improvements were made accordingly.

2. As well as pre-test helped to know the time taken to fill up a questionnaire and to identify the sequence of the questions in the questionnaire.

DATA COLLECTION, ENTRY AND CLEANING

1. Since the Survey Solution tools helped to collect information related to migrant cost effectively in smooth way but the user or researcher do not have the access to export the data directly.

2. The burden of data entry had eliminated by Survey Solution tools.

3. The cleaning of data is also feasible to data analyst /researcher because data can be obtained in the excel form.

PROBLEMS/CHALLENGES

1. Afraid with Local Agents/Recruiting Agencies to provide the real cost.
2. Potential Rescue Problems
3. Receipt of NRS 10,000 only
4. Ignorance of cost by heading with Family Members (told lump sum amount only)
5. There is complication in questions (especially in skip cases)in CAPI Survey Solutions.

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7. One of the most difficult challenges for the survey was to find the respondents meeting the required criteria.

8. Since, the data were being conducted using tablets, Interviewers should have computor skills, which was limiting factor in Nepal.

10. Because most of the Migrants had paid in lump sum to the agents/ brokers, they did not know about the break downs of the payments.

LESSON LEARNED

1. **LOCATION OF THE INTERVIEW:** Airport, hotel in Kathmandu or Bus stops were not the most appropriate places to interview. Their home tome towns before they fly would have been the best place.
2. **INCENTIVES:** Add incentives like gifts to give to the respondent as a reward for providing the time for the interview.
3. **INTERVIEW TO FAMILY MEMBERS:** The telephonic interview with migrant's family member would better to make more efficient by visiting the households which ensures the reliability.

FINDINGS

Origin of Migrant by Ecological Belt
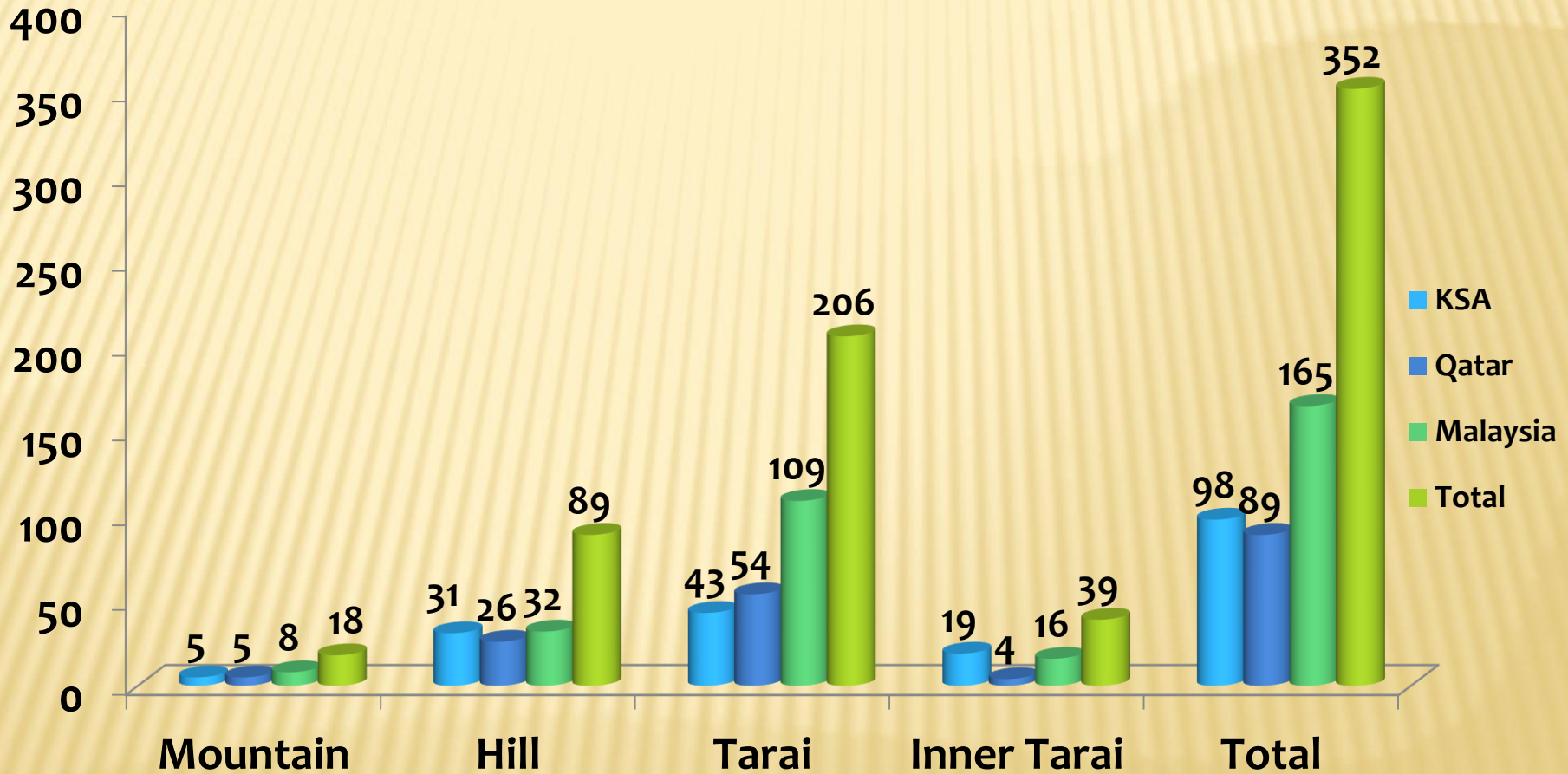
Minimum and maximum cost paid by Migrants after free visa and free ticket system, (6 July 2015)

Country	Sample Size	Lowest Cost	Highest Cost
Qatar	89	28,500	160,000
KSA	98	27,000	165,000
Malaysia	165	30,000	170,000

AVERAGE COST INCURRED BY MIGRANTS AFTER FREE VISA AND FREE TICKET SYSTEM (6 JULY 2015)

Country	Sample Size	Average Cost (in Rs.)
Qatar	89	79707.86
KSA	98	82624.49
Malaysia	165	77743.64

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MIGRATION COST INCLUDES

Cost of:

1. **Passport**
2. **Visa**
3. **Fees for local Agent**
4. **Fees for Recruitment Agencies**

5. **Medical Exam**
6. **Police Report**
7. **Pre-departure Training (orientation)**
8. **Insurance**

MIGRATION COST BY COMPONENTS AFTER FREE VISA AND FREE TICKET, 6 JULY 2015 (21 ASHAD 2072)

Components	All Sample (Rs.)	Qatar (Rs.)	KSA (Rs.)	(Malaysia)
Passport	8,144	7,962	8,101	8,269
Visa	5,706	6,586	1,637	8,651
Fees for Recruitment Agent	14,272	11,071	13,048	15,131
Fees for Recruitment Agency	39,209	4,7447	49,558	28,826
Skill Certificates/Testing	21,48	1,836	2,804	1,655
Medical Exam	5,815	5,365	5,026	6,485
Police Report	1,136	1,788	787	1,680
Pre-departure Training	609	8,40	438	621
Health/life insurance/social security	5,822	5,289	6,764	5,579
Domestic Transportation	2,653	3,127	3,052	2,127
Living Cost in Kathmandu	7,788	7,453	7,513	8,122

TIME TAKEN TO CONNECT WITH A JOB OPPORTUNITY IN THE DESTINATION

Time in Month	KSA (%)	Qatar (%)	Malaysia (%)	All Sample (%)
1 Month	13.4	9.7	13.6	36.7
2 Months	10.5	12.5	28.1	51.1
3 Months	3.1	1.7	4.3	9.1
More than 4 Months	0.9	1.4	0.9	3.1
Total	27.9	25.2	46.9	100.0