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# Safe Migration in Bangladesh: Attitudes and Intentions



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## Intention towards Europe

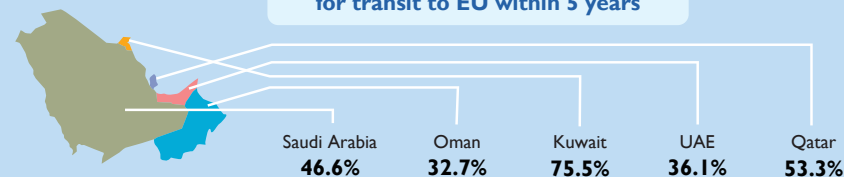


Europe is not considered the primary destination for most migrants, but **56.5%** of the total respondents consider Europe as their secondary destination within the next 5 years



Compared to **42.6%** of female respondents, a significant portion of **male respondents, 63.2%** have an intention to migrate to an EU country within the next 5 years

## Top 5 anticipated countries of origin for transit to EU within 5 years



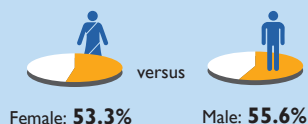
## Main motivations



### Percentage of all respondents who want to migrate



## The majority of respondents want to migrate abroad for higher income



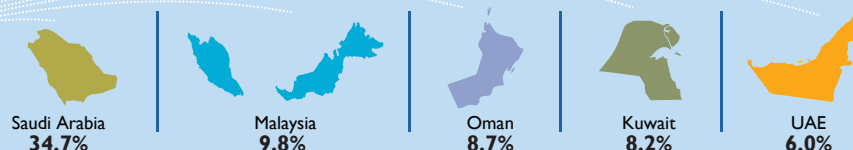
## Anticipated channel of migration



**47.8%** intends to migrate through regular channels (government systems and recruiting agencies)

**42%** intends to migrate through irregular channels with the help of family and friends or brokers

## Preferred countries of destination



## Willingness for training and skill development



**33.8%** of respondents believe they require pre-departure skills training

**74.3%** of those respondents are willing to attend skills training

## Non-financial cost of migration



**18.2%** are willing to engage in sexual activities or sell an organ to pay for the cost of migrating abroad



## Anticipated Benefit of migration



Better work or profit **63.8%**

Support to family members **23.7%**

Permanently moving abroad with family members

## Anticipated need for training and skill development



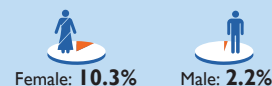
**55.7%** of respondents think they lack the skills to work abroad

Among potential migrants, female: **66.2%** male: **50.6%**

## Intended sector of work

**84.1%** of females intend to work in domestic work/clothes manufacturing

**56.3%** of males intend to work in restaurant/construction/any job available



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• Findings are derived from KAP study administered under 600 potential migrants in 12 districts of Bangladesh (2017)