



ANDAMAN RETURNEES NOW HAVE THEIR OWN JOINT STOCK ENTERPRISES WITH SUPPORT FROM IOM.

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Donor: Danish Embassy
Partners: Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Association for Community Development (ACD), AID Foundation and Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP).
Government Partners: Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment (MoEWOE); District Employment and Manpower Offices (DEMOs) in the target districts; Technical Training Centres (TTCs);
Location: Cox's Bazar, Jhenaidah, Nosingdi, Sirajganji.
Beneficiaries: Returning migrants from the Andaman Sea crisis, female migrants, families and community members. 5000 Direct beneficiaries.

BUILDING RESILIENCE OF RETURNING MIGRANTS: ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The Andaman Sea Crisis has brought to light the ongoing tragedy of thousands of Bangladeshi and Myanmar nationals trying to migrate via irregular channels mainly towards Malaysia and falling into the hands of people smugglers or traffickers. With 1,025 Bangladeshis returned to Bangladesh as of 12 July 2015 and many more to come, it is clear that the motivation to migrate outweighs the perceived danger of the trip and the uncertainty of success at destination. The project aims to raise awareness around safe migration amongst returnees and target communities and support them with income, livelihood and employment opportunities.

This project aims to provide individual assistance to at least 100 returnees, including women, for skills development and reintegration in the community and create opportunity for the potentials for remigration; provision of community infrastructure in 8 communities to strengthen economic reintegration of the returning migrants and livelihood conditions in the communities; increase awareness and understanding of Safe Migration Information and create accountability of local authority and civil society in five project locations for 3600 returning migrants, family members and target community members.

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THE BUSINESSES RANGE FROM FOOD CHAINS TO AGRIBUSINESSES

Objective: To support Andaman Sea returnees and female migrant workers through sustainable economic reintegration assistance, increased livelihood opportunities and improved availability of pre-decision support, thereby decreasing the appeal of irregular migration.

Outcome 1: skills development and individual reintegration assistance including small-scale business set-up support and job placement.

Outcome 2: community infrastructure support for boosting economic activities among the returning migrants and selected communities in the target