

## Monthly Update March 2021

Bangladesh: Sustainable Reintegration and Improved Migration Governance (Prottasha)

### Project Overview

**Duration:** 60 Months  
(April 2017—April 2022)  
**Funded by:** The European Union  
**Lead Ministries:** The Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment (MoEWOE) and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)  
**Implementing Partner:** BRAC  
**Service Coverage:** 64 Districts of Bangladesh  
**Number of Primary Beneficiaries Reached:** 1,704

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Contributing to the sustainable reintegration of returnees and the progressive achievement of Goal 10.7 to facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed policies

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 01

Irregular migrants returning to Bangladesh are sustainably reintegrated

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 02

The capacities of the Government of Bangladesh and other migration actors are strengthened to manage migration at central and local levels and to ensure reintegration of irregular migrants

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 03

Returnees, potential migrants, families and community are empowered to make informed decisions about migration and adopt regular, safe, orderly and responsible migration behaviours including remittance management

## Sustainable Reintegration

### Returnees Profiled and Screened

	March	Cumulative
EU	36	1034
Non-EU	10	670
Total Number	46	1,704

### Beneficiaries receiving Immediate Cash Grant/ Immediate Assistance

	March	Cumulative
Total Cash Grant received	00	246
Total Immediate Assistance	00	302
Total Assistance Received	00	548

### Beneficiaries receiving Psycho-social Support

	March	Cumulative
Enrolled	150	734
Completed	126	557
Referred for Trauma Counselling	00	10
Received Medical Treatment	00	34
Number of Returnees who received Tele-Counseling Services	00	438

### Beneficiaries receiving Economic Reintegration Support

	March	Cumulative
Completed Reintegration Plans	86	1,470
Received In-kind Support	3	583
Received Stimulus Grant	41	345
Referred for Skills Training	04	127
Referred for Economic Reintegration Support	00	103

### Information Center Services

	March	Cumulative
Men	11	270
Women	06	148
Total Number	17	418

### Social Reintegration Support

	March	Cumulative
Workshops	00	588
IPT Shows	00	1,878
DCC Meetings	02	63
Video Shows	00	3,162
Referred for Social Reintegration Support	00	37

### Hotline Services

	March	Cumulative
Men	78	1,978
Women	07	154
Total Calls Received	85	2,132



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### Identification of returnees:

Since March 2021, 60 volunteers and 10 supervisors have been working to identify returning migrants in 10 districts where Reintegration Service Centers (RSC) are not established. In March, volunteers and supervisors identified a total of 277 returnees while 201 returnees were considered eligible for assistance following the screening process. They reviewed the list and identified 201 returnees as eligible to be profiled as project beneficiaries. Among the 201 eligible returnees, 193 returned from the EU Member States & UK and eight returned from Turkey.

## Migration Governance

### Two-day training for Executive Magistrates:

On 14th and 15th March 2021, IOM Bangladesh in collaboration with the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment (MoEWOE) organized a training to enhance the capacity of the Executive Magistrates to mitigate malpractices in labour migration based on a comprehensive module.



Giorgi Gigauri, Chief of Mission, IOM Bangladesh, addressed the inaugural session of the training



Mr. Imran Ahmad, Minister of MoEWOE, along with other dignitaries talked to the Executive Magistrates participated in the training.

Mr. Imran Ahmad, MP, Honourable Minister MoEWOE, inaugurated the training. Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Secretary of MoEWOE, Md. Shamsul Alam, Director General of BMET, Md. Nazibul Islam, Additional Secretary of MoEWOE, Md. Khalilur Rahman, Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka, and Giorgi Gigauri, Chief of Mission, IOM Bangladesh, attended the event. A total of 27 Executive Magistrates from Dhaka and Mymensingh division joined the first batch of training. The training programme was facilitated by government officials, lawyers and migration experts.

### Advocacy workshop in Sirajganj:

IOM Bangladesh in collaboration with BRAC as the Secretariat of the National Alliance for Migrants' Rights Bangladesh (NAMRB) organized an advocacy workshop on 9 March 2021 in Sirajganj.

Dr. Farook Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of Sirajganj District chaired the workshop. A wide range of stakeholders including government officials, Civil Service Organization (CSOs), media personnel and development practitioners participated in the workshop which provided an orientation on migration governance and reintegration issues.



Percipients of the advocacy working joined a discussion on migration governance and reintegration held in Sirajganj on 9 March 2021

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### Policy brief on strategic guidance on The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on GCM Implementation in Bangladesh:

To support the Government of Bangladesh, IOM in collaboration with Bangladesh UN Network on Migration developed a policy brief on strategic guidance on GCM implementation in light of COVID-19 contextualizing global guidance. The policy brief was presented at a national consultation on 22 February 2021. The published policy brief can be accessed on : <https://cutt.ly/svu2kV3>

## Awareness Raising

### Content for online course on Financial Literacy and Remittance Management:

Due to the limited financial knowledge among migrants and their families, remittance is being used inefficiently. It's also a major challenge that there is no easily accessible platform to learn about financial literacy. To address this challenge, IOM Bangladesh is developing a simple and accessible online training course to educate the migrants and their families, the community and migration-related service providers about financial literacy and remittance management. The content of the online course on financial literacy and remittance management was finalized with preparations for the course material to be made available on an appropriate information platform currently underway.



### Number of people reached with messages on Safe migration, Reintegration and Remittance Management

	March	Cumulative		March	Cumulative
IPT Shows	00	518,425	School Programme	00	87,231
Financial Literacy Training	202	1,377	Video Shows	00	621,647
Tea Stall Meetings	00	25,952	Pot Song	00	88,551

### Increase capacity of migrants and their families on financial literacy and their awareness of available products and services

	March	Cumulative
Number of financial literacy engagement (community-based dialogues on access to financial services, capacity building on financial literacy) facilitated:	08	64



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### Monitoring and Evaluation

#### Reintegration Assistance Sustainability Survey (RASS) and Reintegration Sustainable Survey (RSS):

The data collection under the Reintegration Assistance Sustainability Survey (RASS) and reintegration Sustainable Survey (RSS) was conducted between December 2020 to January 2021. The data analysis and draft report of the surveys were completed and the report was reviewed in March and will be finalized in April 2021.

The survey reached 1093 beneficiaries under the RSS and 965 under the RASS, respectively. It aimed to measure the sustainability of the reintegration services received by the returnees as well as the satisfaction of beneficiaries after accessing reintegration services under Prottasha project. IOM introduced RSS to standardize the measurement of sustainable reintegration support and satisfaction with surveys in line with its Institutional Guidance on M&E of Assisted Voluntary Return/Reintegration (AVR/AVRR) and Post Arrival Reintegration Assistance (PARA) projects.

#### Prottasha Management Information System (ProMIS)- Phase 3:

With the revisions introduced to the Prottasha project including the time line extension, the M&E tools were also modified in line with the revised Description of Activities (DoA). Accordingly, the ProMIS platform - an android based interface for digitizing the entire M&E system of the project - will be modified and revised to reflect the said changes. As part of the ProMIS - phase 3, IOM Bangladesh commissioned a service provider to update the system by incorporating new M&E tools on telecounselling and stimulus grant to report against relevant output and outcome indicators.



### Communications

#### Number of Content Developed: 8

##### Social Media Reach

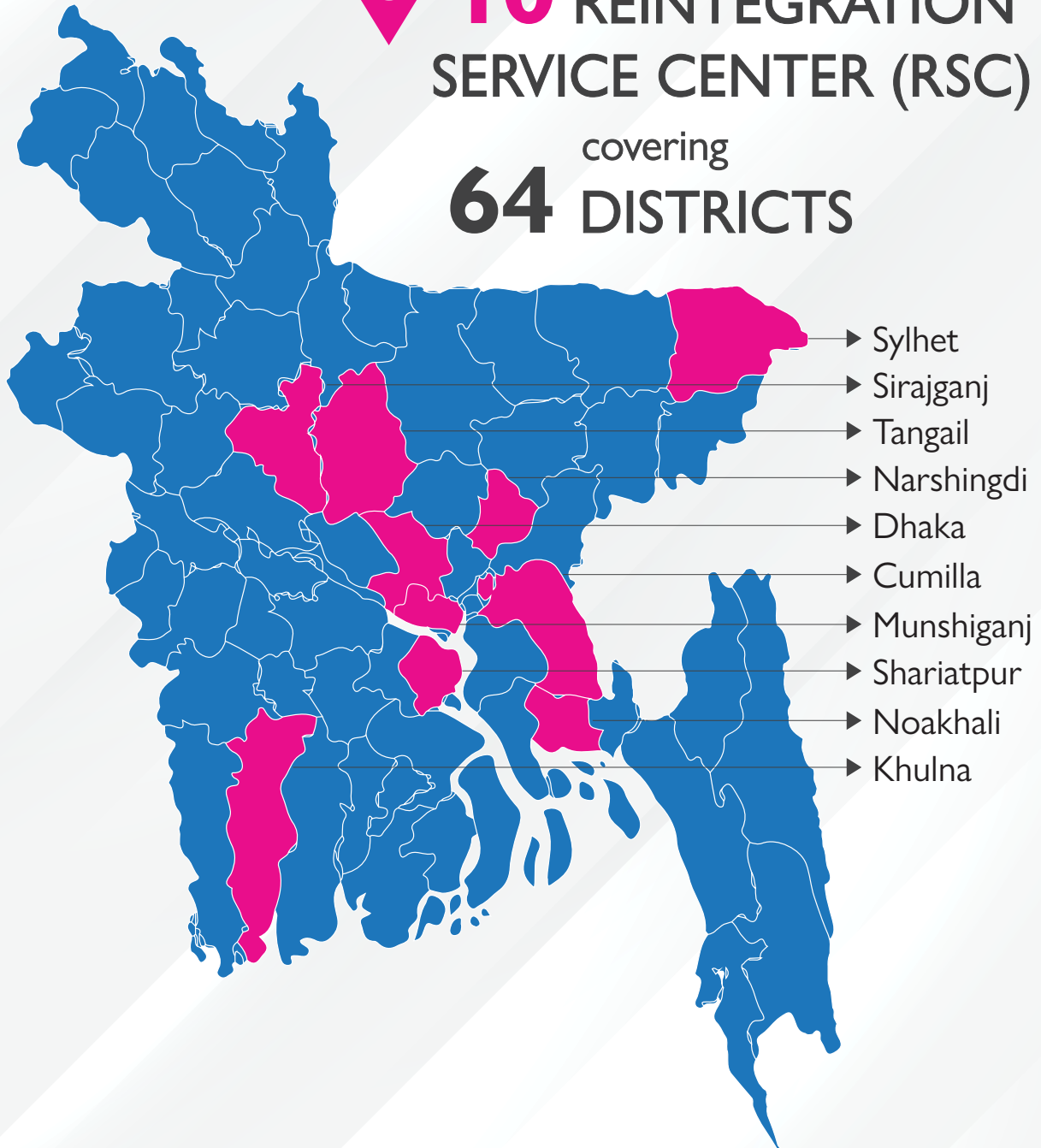
	March	Cumulative
Facebook	7,987	3,527,796
Twitter	1,750	281,312



**Prottasha Monthly Update February 2021:**  
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Project Areas

 **10** REINTEGRATION  
SERVICE CENTER (RSC)  
covering  
**64** DISTRICTS



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