PROTTASHA
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Sustainable Reintegration and Improved Migration Governance

Monthly Update September 2020

Bangladesh: Sustainable Reintegration and Improved Migration Governance (Prottasha)

Project Overview

Duration: 4 years
(April 2017—April 2021)
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: 1,393

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

	September	Cumulative
EU	49	840
Transit	00	553
Total Number	00	1,393

Beneficiaries Receiving Psycho-social Support

	September	Cumulative
Enrolled	04	476
Completed	15	363
Referred for Trauma Counselling	00	09
Referred for Medical Treatment	00	29
Number of Returnees Who Received Tele-counseling Services	32	429

Information Center Services

	September	Cumulative
Men	11	239
Women	03	133
Total Number	14	372

Hotline Services

	September	Cumulative
Men	321	1,590
Women	18	133
Total Number	339	1,723

Beneficiaries Receiving Emergency Immediate Cash Grant Assistance

	September	Cumulative
Men	2	178
Women	0	11
Total Number	2	189

Beneficiaries Receiving Economic Reintegration Support

	September	Cumulative
Completed Reintegration plans	35	695
Received in Kind Support	34	339
Received Stimulus Grant	00	304
Referred for Skills Training	83	123
Referred for Economic Reintegration Support	00	99

Social Reintegration Support

	September	Cumulative
Workshops	00	588
IPT Shows	00	1,878
BAC Meetings	44	44
DCC Meetings	01	51
Video Shows	00	3,162
School Quiz	00	820
Referred for Social Reintegration Support	4	37

189 Beneficiaries Received Emergency Immediate Cash Grant Assistance

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Returnees Identification:
A total of 42 migrants, all men, who returned from European countries after the COVID-19 outbreak were identified by para counselors and field staff. Identification of returnees continues through telephone interviews in coordination with government officials and migration forum members. Cumulatively, a total of 1,194 returning migrants (1,033 men and 161 women) have been identified since March 2020.

Tele-counseling:
Returning migrants from EU Member States due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the existing project beneficiaries are receiving tele counseling instead of in person psycho-social counseling. In September , 32 returnees received tele-counseling services (all men).

Financial Literacy Training:
Two financial literacy trainings were conducted under Sylhet RSC in September 2020. A total of 24 participants comprising 12 beneficiaries and 12 family members of the beneficiaries attended each training. The objective of the trainings was to enhance knowledge and skills of the migrants and their family members for better household financial and remittance management.

Participants during a ToT on financial literacy and remittance management training in Sylhet, September 2020

Business Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting:
Business Advisory Committees (BAC) were formed in 60 upazilas to assist the returnees with self-employment including starting their own businesses and establish community enterprises. A total of 44 Business Advisory Committee meetings were conducted with the objective to guide and assist the returnees with creating market linkages with local market authorities and provide advice on operating their businesses.

Migration Governance

Finalized Training Module for Strengthening the Capacity of Executive Magistrates:
IOM is supporting the Government to strengthen the interventions of the Monitoring & Enforcement Wing of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment (MoEWOE) through strengthening the capacity of executive magistrates appointed in the Vigilance Task Force (VTF) through the mobile courts. This was prioritized by the Government to instill ethical recruitment practices' interventions and curb irregular practices. The training module of the assignment was finalized in collaboration with MoEWOE.

E-workshop on the Strategic Guidance on GCM Implementation in Light of Covid-19 Pandemic:
To support the Government of Bangladesh, IOM has developed a policy brief to provide strategic guidance on GCM implementation in light of COVID-19. Further, IOM Bangladesh is organizing an e-workshop on the strategic guidance on how COVID-19 will impact the implementation of relevant migration governance tools and how well governed migration can act as an essential element in effectively addressing the COVID-19 response. The concept note and programme schedule of the workshop were developed during the month.

Information Management System for BAIRA to Improve the Functionality of Ethical Recruitment Practices:
The digital information management platform developed by IOM will support Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA) to keep records, ensure transparency and improve their ethical recruitment practices. IOM Bangladesh organized the orientation for members of BAIRA and provided an overview of how to operate the system, updating their profiles and activities and troubleshooting. The initiative aims to strengthen recruitment systems for improved migration governance. IOM Bangladesh organized an orientation on information management platform for BAIRA members.

IOM Bangladesh organized an orientation on information management platform for BAIRA members in September.

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Awareness Raising

An Online Platform BDeshJaatra to Build Mass Awareness among Migrants is Ready to Launch:
BDeshJaatra (https://bdeshjaatra.com) platform (web and mobile based) was finalized and and the piloting phase was completed and ready for launch. BDeshJaatra, a self-sustainable online platform to build mass awareness among the overseas migrants, aspirant migrants, returning migrants' families and communities, is being developed by IOM under the Prottasha project. This online platform aims to spread messages on safe migration, reintegration and remittance management for migrants and the communities.

Promotion of ReMiMIS in Print Media and Social Media:
Six advertisements were published in National Dailies and a promotional campaign on Returning Migrants Management of Information System (ReMiMIS) took place on social media in coordination with Communications team. The messages aim to increase the number of online registration of the returnees from their mobile phones or web based platform into the ReMiMIS. The ReMiMIS is being developed under the Prottasha project to support the Government of Bangladesh to create awareness among migrants to register and access in ReMiMIS and access GoB offered/provided support services.

Number of People Reached with Messages on Safe Migration, Reintegration and Remittance Management

	September	Cumulative		September	Cumulative
IPT Shows	00	518,425	School Programme	00	87,231
Migration Fair	00	14,450	Video Shows	00	621,647
Tea stall Meetings	00	25,952	Pot Song	00	88,551

Develop curriculum and other materials for community dialogues on safe migration, reintegration, and remittance management	September	Cumulative
Number of capacity building curriculum	00	02
IEC materials developed	00	11
Number of App/Portal developed	00	01

Increase capacity of migrants and their families on financial literacy and their awareness of available products and services	September	Cumulative
Number of financial literacy engagement (community-based dialogues on access to financial services, capacity building on financial literacy) facilitated:	02	23

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Monitoring and Evaluation

Returning Migrants Management of Information System (ReMiMIS) Piloting and Training:
IOM Bangladesh is supporting the Government of Bangladesh in developing and deploying the ReMiMIS to collect, collate and analyze returning migrants' data and information for planning purposes. The piloting of the beta version of the prototype was completed in September 2020. Prior to the piloting phase, in collaboration with the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), 42 DEMOs, and twenty-two Technical Training Center (TTC) officials were trained on ReMiMIS.

Participants from BMET, DEMO and TTC joined the training on ReMiMIS

Report Publication on Migration, Family Remittances, Assets and Skills Categories study in Bangladesh:
The study on Migration, Family Remittances, Assets, and Skills Categories in Bangladesh was completed and the layout, editing, and cover page were finalized by the IOM Publications Unit. The study was conducted to identify the gaps in remittance utilization and informed the development of advocacy messages on financial literacy and remittance utilization at household and community levels.
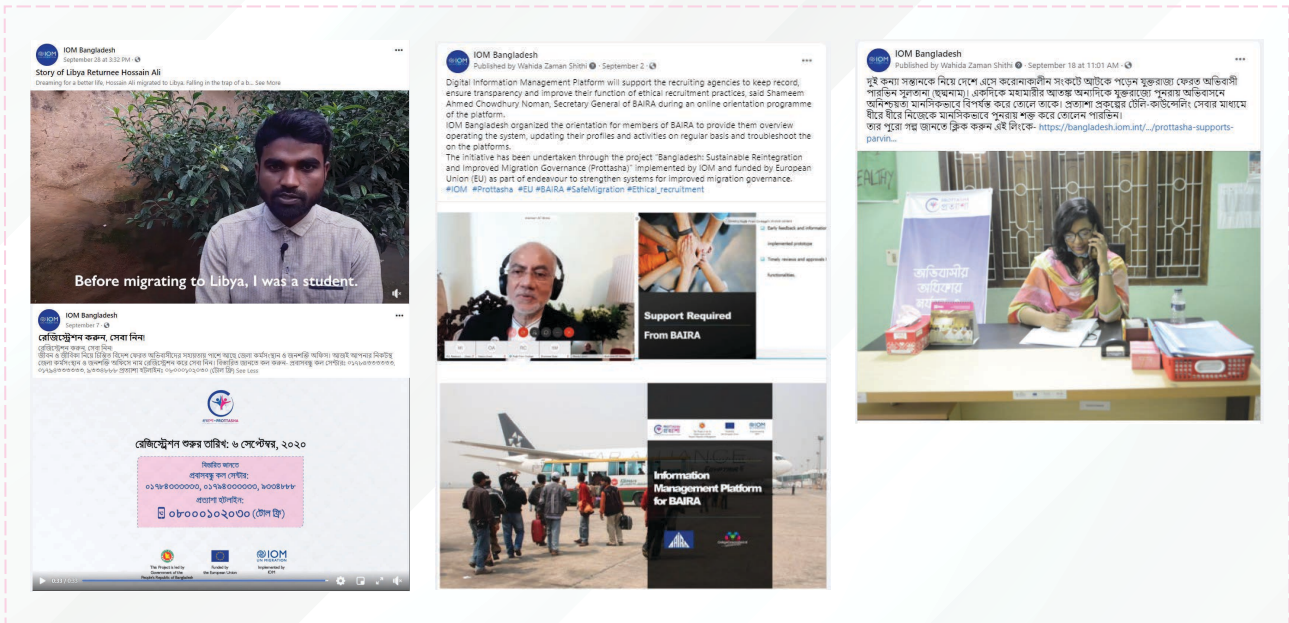
Annual Programme Review:
The Annual Programme Review (APR) of the Protthasha project was convened jointly with the implementing partner, BRAC on 3 September 2020. The APR reviewed the annual achievements, challenges, and learnings of the project and identified a set of action points. The APR also planned for the fourth year of project implementation. The action points of the event were recorded and shared with the team to act accordingly.

Communications

Number of Content Developed: 10

Reached through Digital Media

	September	Cumulative
Facebook	30,769	1,139,622
Twitter	7,319	211,495

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Prottasha Monthly Update August:	https://bit.ly/3lHSpV4
Story of Hossain Ali, a Returnee from Libya:	https://bit.ly/352Tr7A
Animation Content on ReMiMIS:	https://bit.ly/370Tvap

Project Areas

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

- Sylhet
- Sirajganj
- Tangail
- Narshingdi
- Dhaka
- Cumilla
- Munshiganj
- Shariatpur
- Noakhali
- Khulna

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