

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: 1,338

#### - 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

Irregular migrants returning to Bangladesh are sustainably reintegrated

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

02

03

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

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			
	· · ·	Cumulative	
( iii) EU	07	785	
Transit	00	553	
Total Number	07	1,338	
Beneficiaries Receiving Psyc	ho-socia	l Support	
	June	Cumulative	
Enrolled	01	463	
Completed	06	329	
Referred for trauma counselling	00	08	
Referred for medical treatment	00	28	
Number of returnees who received tele-counseling services	96	358	
Information Center	r Service	s	
	June	Cumulative	
Men	04	211	
Women	04	125	
Total Number	08	336	
Hotline Services			
	June	Cumulative	
Men	218	1,380	
Women	26	129	
Total Number	244	1,509	

### Beneficiaries receiving Economic Reintegration Support

	June	Cumulative
Completed reintegration plans	00	646
Received in kind support	01	288
Financial Literacy trainings conducted	00	21
Referred for Skills Training	00	40

### **Social Reintegration Support**

	June	Cumulative
Workshops	00	588
IPT shows	00	1,878
Forum meetings	00	712
DCC meetings	00	50
Video Shows	00	3,162
School Quiz	00	820

238 beneficiaries received immediate assistance to date





the European Union





### 82 Returnees Identified:

A total of 106 migrants (95 men and 21 women) who returned from EU member states and other approved transit and European countries following the COVID-19 outbreak were identified by project staff and volunteers, in coordination with government officials and migration forum members, via telephone. Based on their needs and preferences, the identified returnees meeting the eligibility criteria of the project will be provided with immediate and long-term reintegration support.

### 198 Returnees Provided with Tele-counseling Services:

Returning migrants from EU Member States due to the COVID 19 outbreak and the existing project beneficiaries are being provided with tele-counseling services instead of in person contact. In June, 198 returnees received tele-counseling services under the project.

### Virtual Capacity Building Session on Tele-counseling Services:

A virtual capacity building session was conducted by Nasirullah Psychotherapy Unit (NPU) between 14 and 17 June 2020. The aim was to equip psychosocial counselors with the best skills they need to provide tele-counseling services. The sessions supervised counselors and provided them new skills on tele-counseling prepared them for continued provision of support to both new and existing beneficiaries over the phone.



## **Migration Governance**

### Finalization of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) Booklet for Publication:

The project is supporting the Government to develop a reader-friendly and simplified booklet version of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) document. The booklet will be used to continuously sensitize stakeholders about the key components of the GCM and facilitate its implementation to strengthen the migration governance architecture in the country. The layout of the booklet is ready for publication.



# Enhance Capacity to Implement the 'Overseas Employment and Migrants Act 2013' and 'Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act 2012' :

In close coordination with the Government of Bangladesh, the Project has enhanced the level of understanding of migration-related policies and legal frameworks among 669 key stakeholders as part of strengthening migration governance. The trainings were completed, and the training evaluation report was drafted during the month.

### Improve Skills and Knowledge to Create Effective Bi-lateral Partnerships and Maintain Market-led Migration:

IOM through the Prottasha project is supporting the Government of Bangladesh to conduct an international labour market research in three destination countries to promote labour migration. Based on the primary and secondary data and multi-stakeholder consultations, the study report has been drafted delineating the labour market perspective and the economic and employment opportunities in these countries as potential new labour market.





the European Union



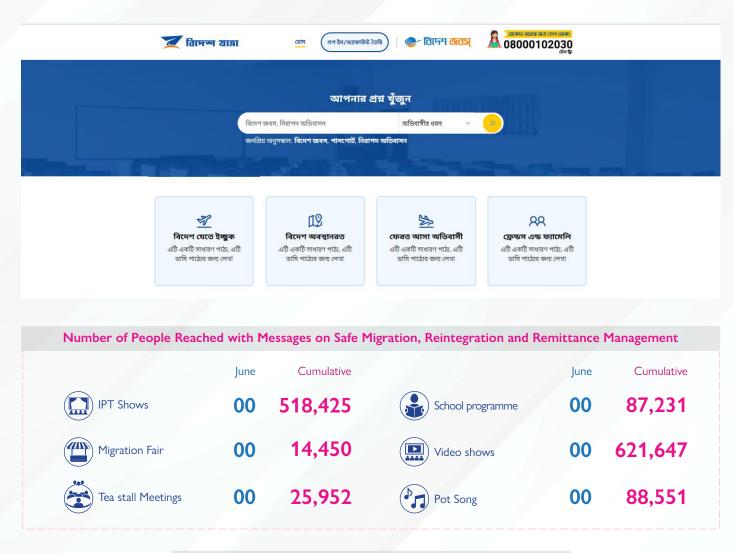




# Awareness Raising

### Developing an Online Platform to Build Mass Awareness Among Migrants:

Under the Prottasha project, IOM is developing a self-sustainable online platform called BDeshjaatra to build mass awareness among the overseas migrants, aspirant migrants, returnees migrants' families and community. Final review of the content and design of BDeshJaatra platform (web and mobile based) was completed. This online platform aims to spread messages of safe migration, reintegration and remittance management to aspirant, returning and overseas migrants and the community.



Develop curriculum and other materials for community dialogues on safe migration, reintegration, and remittance management

	June	Cumulative	
Number of capacity building curriculum	00	02	
IEC materials developed	00	11	
Number of App/Portal developed	00	01	

This Project is led by Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Funded by

the European Union

In Partnership with BRAC



# **Monitoring and Evaluation**

### Revising M&E Tools to Reflect New and Modified Activities:

The project introduced new and, in some cases, modified existing activities to facilitate the responses to migration due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The M&E team developed and finalized four tools on tele-counselling, identification matrix for potential beneficiaries, Immediate cash grant and stimulus grant tools to document and facilitate monitoring of the new and modified activities. The tools were deployed and will be integrated into the Prottasha Management of Information System (ProMIS) at the appropriate time.

### Prottasha Management Information System (ProMIS):

ProMIS is an app and web-based platform which successfully automated the MIS of the Prottasha project. The last two and a half years of excel-based data of the project was migrated to the system. ProMIS is now a fully functional system to collect, collate, analyze and store the data from the field and will be modified once the new activities are finalized based on the current discussions with the Donor.

### **Developing Animated Video on Remittances Study:**

An interactive animated video was developed and published on 16 June 2020, summarizing the findings of a study titled 'Migration, Family Remittances, Assets and Skills Categories in Bangladesh' conducted under this project. The aim of the study was to identify the gaps of remittance management and develop advocacy content and messages for financial literacy and remittance management. The video was shared widely within Bangladesh and from IOM Headquarters https://youtu.be/IE1WQejNeso



## Communications

## Number of Contents Developed: 12

Reached th	rough Digital	Media	
	June	Cumulative	
Facebook	42,767	950,053	
<b>S</b> Twitter	8,205	178,668	

CRM App Video Link: Prottasha Monthly Update May: https://bit.ly/3fngNsl https://bit.ly/3hcCZpN





the European Union



IOM



Contact Us: DhakaProttasha@iom.int



