

Monthly Update October 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: 1,412

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

	October	Cumulative
EU	19	859
Transit	00	553
Total Number	19	1,412

Beneficiaries Receiving Immediate Cash Grant and Immediate Assistance

	October	Cumulative
Total Immediate Assistance received	0	240
Total Cash Grant received	0	189
Total Assistance Received	0	429

Beneficiaries Receiving Psycho-social Support

	October	Cumulative
Enrolled	34	510
Completed	21	384
Referred for Trauma Counselling	00	09
Referred for Medical Treatment	00	29
Number of Returnees Who Received Tele-counseling Services	09	438

Beneficiaries Receiving Economic Reintegration Support

	October	Cumulative
Completed Reintegration plans	31	726
Received in Kind Support	45	384
Received Stimulus Grant	00	304
Referred for Skills Training	00	123
Referred for Economic Reintegration Support	00	99

Information Center Services

	October	Cumulative
Men	08	247
Women	05	138
Total Number	13	385

Social Reintegration Support

	October	Cumulative
Workshops	00	588
IPT Shows	00	1,878
BAG + MF Meetings	24	779
DCC Meetings	01	51
Video Shows	00	3,162
School Quiz	00	820
Referred for Social Reintegration Support	00	37

Hotline Services

	October	Cumulative
Men	72	1,662
Women	05	138
Total Number	77	1,800

429 Beneficiaries Received Immediate Cash Grant and Immediate Assistance



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Business Advisory Group (BAG) & Migration Forum Members Training:

A total of 24 Business Advisory Group (BAG) & Migration Forum (MF) members' trainings were conducted in October to capacitate the BAG and MF members on safe migration, assets, investments, entrepreneurship and to provide advisory and mentorship support on these subjects to migrants and beneficiaries. Business Advisory Groups (BAG) were formed in 60 upazilas to assist the returnees with self-employment including starting their own businesses and establish community enterprises.



Participants of the Business Advisory Group (BAG) & Migration Forum (MF) joined the capacity development training in Khulna on 17 and 18 October 2020.

Migration Governance

Labour Market Research in Three Destination Countries for International Migration and Prolonging of Returning Migrants and Avenues of Greater Utilization of Their Skills and Knowledge Validation Workshops”:

IOM has supported the Government of Bangladesh with the validation of findings of two research studies on “Labour market research in three destination countries for international migration” and “Profiling of returnee migrants and avenues of greater utilization of their skills and knowledge.” The workshop was convened by The Research and Policy Wing of the Ministry of Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment (MoEWOE) on 18 October 2020. Dr. Ahmed Munir Saleheen, Secretary of the Ministry during the workshop, stated that “As the country aspires to become a developed nation by 2041, the exploration of new international labour market will be very critical.” The labour market study designed medium- and long-term interventions to ensure Bangladeshi labour migrants continue to enter new markets and new sectors. The profiling study explored avenues for greater utilization of their skills and knowledge for better employment, social cohesion, and reintegration opportunities. The studies were commissioned to strengthen migration governance initiatives focusing on evidence-based policy interventions through the Prottasha project, funded by the European Union.



Dr. Ahmed Munir Saleheen presided over the validation workshops on “Labour market research in three destination countries for international migration” and “Profiling of returnee migrants and avenues of greater utilization of their skills and knowledge.” held at MoEWOE on 18 October 2020.

Strategic Guidance on GCM Implementation in Light of Covid-19 Pandemic Planning Workshop:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IOM initiated the development of a strategic guidance for implementation of Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF). The strategic guidance is expected to be a supplement to the GCM National Action Plan which would be finalized through the proposed inter-ministerial coordination mechanism (Bangladesh Migration Compact Taskforce) and Bangladesh would be one of the first countries to focus on both development and crisis situations for GCM implementation. The briefs are expected to be finalized through a workshop in coordination with the Bangladesh UN Network on Migration. The concept note, policy briefs and presentation of the workshop have been developed and shared with the Government of Bangladesh for review and approval.








Awareness Raising

Designing Online Courses on Financial Literacy and Remittance Management, Safe Migration and Reintegration:


The project is designing three online courses to create an easy and accessible learning platform for the migrants and their families, community people and migration related service providers about financial literacy, remittance management, safe labor migration and reintegration. About 50% of the content for one online course (financial literacy and remittance management) was drafted during the month.

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

	October	Cumulative		October	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
			 Financial Literacy Training	24	504

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

	October	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

	October	Cumulative
 Number of people reached through financial literacy engagements (community-based dialogues on access to financial services, capacity building on financial literacy) facilitated:	02	25

Monitoring and Evaluation

Publications of the Bangladesh Migration Profile Report and the Remittances Study:

The first-ever Migration Profile for Bangladesh report was revised incorporating all the feedback from the IOM Research Unit and Regional Office. The final draft version of the report is now under review by the IOM Research unit. The layout and editing of the Remittances Study were completed by the Publications Unit, the final proof reading is underway pending the release of the report in November 2020.



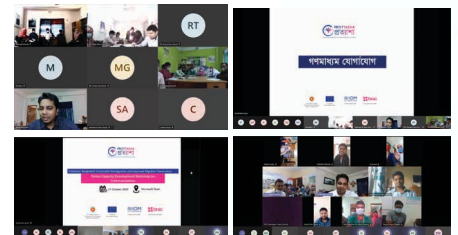
Piloting and Deployment of the Returning Migrants Management of Information System (ReMiMIS):

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 reintegration and planning purposes. The ReMiMIS was finalized after incorporating feedback received during training and two weeks of piloting of the prototype. The configurations into the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) server were completed and the final version will be fully deployed in November 2020, ahead of the official launch in December 2020.

Communications

Online Capacity Development Workshop on Communications:

With the immense impact of the Prottasha project on the lives of the migrants and the communities, it is more important now than ever to collect and develop innovative content from the grassroots level. The staff working in the field have been playing a vital role in collecting information and content to intensify the visibility of the project. To strengthen their capacity, IOM, in association with BRAC organized a two-day capacity development workshop on Communications on 28 and 29 October 2020.



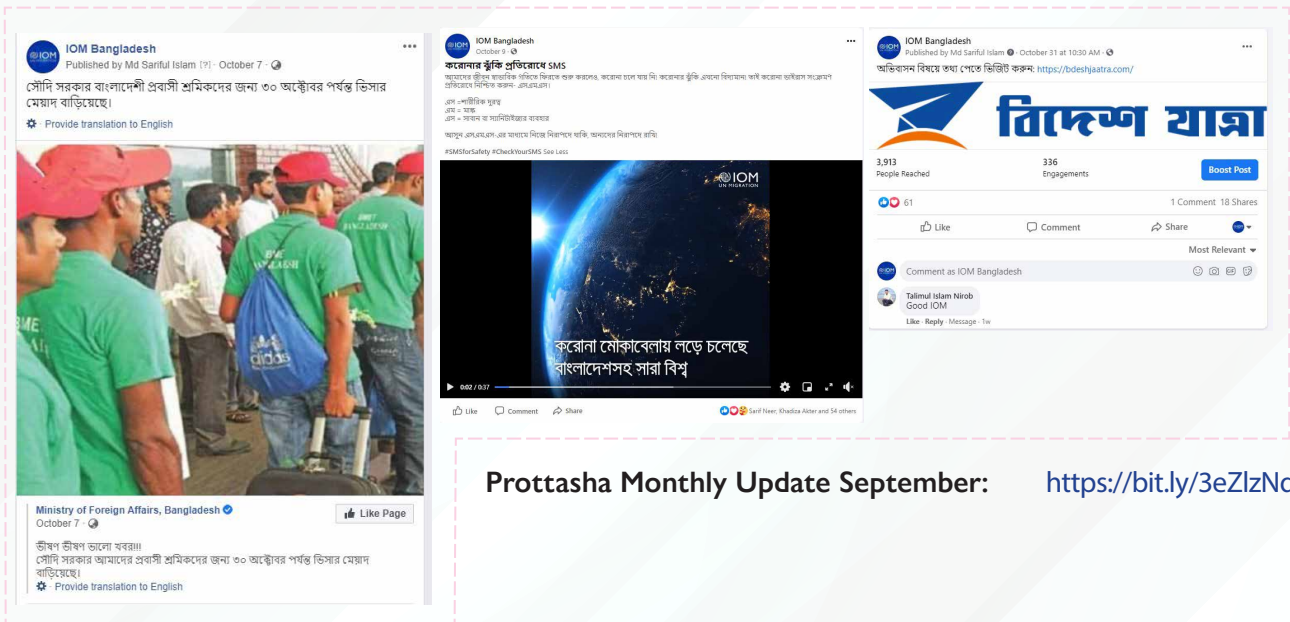
The online workshop strengthened the capacity of the field staff of the project on photography, videography, story writing, media relations, social media mobilization, and branding of the Prottasha. More than 80 staff from 10 Reintegration Service Centers (RSC) attended the interactive workshop in two groups and got in-depth knowledge of Communications.

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Number of Content Developed: 10

Reached through Digital Media

	October	Cumulative
 Facebook	32,100	1,171,722
 Twitter	8,279	219,774



The image shows three screenshots of social media posts from IOM Bangladesh. The first is a Facebook post from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh, dated October 7, regarding the 10th anniversary of the 2010 Bangladesh cyclone. The second is a video post from October 9 with the text 'করোনা মৌকাবেলায় লড়ে চলেছে বাংলাদেশসহ সারা বিশ্ব' (Bangladesh and the rest of the world are fighting the coronavirus pandemic). The third is a Facebook post from October 31, 2020, with 3,913 people reached and 336 engagements, featuring a graphic with the text 'বিদেশ যাত্রা' (Foreign Travel).

Prottasha Monthly Update September: <https://bit.ly/3eZlZnQ>

Project Areas

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

