



Strengthened and Informative Migration Systems (SIMS)

Swiss Portfolio Outcome:	Sustainable and more inclusive economic development
Implementation Period:	15.12.2019 - 14.12.2023
Implementing Partner:	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation
Swiss Contribution:	CHF 7.8 million
Modality:	Mandate

General Description

The Strengthened and Informative Migration System (SIMS) is a four year project focused on providing greater access to information and quality services for potential migrant workers and their family members, so that they are able to make an informed choice about migration. SIMS will provide increased accountability and capacity of public and private service providers to ensure better quality and access of services for the migrant community. The project is expected to work in some of the high migration prone districts of Chattogram and Dhaka division.

Objectives

The aim of SIMS is to improve well-being of migrant workers and their families, particularly the marginalized men and women, and provide access to improved quality of services. The project will reach out to 1 million people in migration prone districts with information related to safe migration. Amongst these communities, the project will support 100'000 people to carry out a cost benefit analysis along with key information on migration through orientation sessions. It will help the communities to make informed decisions on migration. Potential migrant workers will be encouraged to undertake formal skills training prior to departure to destination countries. The migrant workers or their family members will be supported to have better access to improved grievance redress mechanism that will be provided through public and private agencies.

Lines of Action / Components

- Raise awareness of men and women about the benefits of safe migration and the perils of irregular migration/trafficking.
- Support potential migrant workers in making an informed choice about migration through a cost benefit analysis and provide orientation at different stages of migration.
- Raise awareness on the importance of skills training prior to migration and provide referral services to public and private skills training institutes.
- Provide greater access to potential migrant workers and their families to quality services related to pre-employment and pre-departure orientation, financial literacy and grievance redress mechanism.
- Work with public and private agencies to build ownership of migrant service provision and improve the quality of services necessary for migration.

Intended Impact in terms of Systemic Change

SIMS initiatives are aimed at raising the awareness on safe migration practices amongst potential migrants and/or their family members at the grassroots level. The project focuses on providing greater access and improving the quality of services related to pre-employment and pre departure orientation, access to grievance redress mechanism, financial literacy and business linkage services. Public and private service providers will be supported to have greater ownership and improve the quality of their services.

Intervention Targets

- 800'000 men and women of the community are made aware of safe migration processes.
- 80'000 potential migrant workers and their family members will be supported to make a cost benefit analysis to understand the benefits of migration
- 12'500 interested migrant workers will be encouraged and referred to undertake skills training through recognized training service providers.
- 1'500 cases will be identified and provided with access to effective grievance redress mechanisms.