

# Safer Migration (SaMi) Phase II



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**ABOUT 5.4 MILLION PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES IN APRIL AND MAY 2015.**

<b>Goal</b>	To contribute to safer and more beneficial migration for men and women.
<b>Target groups</b>	Women and men who prepare to migrate; in-service migrants and returnees, and families of migrants.
<b>Budget</b>	CHF 13.676 million
<b>Geographic focus</b>	19 Districts
<b>Implementing agency</b>	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation / Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS)
<b>Time Frame</b>	16.07.2013 - 15.09.2018

## Summary

SaMi addresses the needs of Nepali men and women who migrate to the Middle East and Southeast Asia on short term labour contracts. To reduce the financial and social costs of migration and to increase its financial benefits, the project facilitates access to relevant information, pre-departure skills trainings, legal and psychosocial support. SaMi also strengthens government's capacity to effectively implement the labour migration policy and protect migrants. Some 170'000 people will benefit from the project over four years.

## Outcomes expected

- Men and women migrants and their families reduce the social and economic costs of foreign employment and increase its benefits.
- The Government of Nepal (GoN) has created systems and mechanisms to effectively implement the Foreign Employment Policy 2012.



## Background

The decade long armed conflict between government forces of Nepal and Maoists and the ensuing fragile transition has led to a stagnant economy. As a result, labour migration has become a central pillar of Nepal's economy and about 400,000 men and women leave the country every year to seek work, mostly in the Middle East and Malaysia. While every second household now receives remittances, the governments' migration management and protection system has remained weak. Recruitment agents provide false documents at exorbitant costs; workers and particularly women are exploited and abused abroad without adequate support from the Nepal government and many migrant families at home disintegrate.

## Outputs

- Men and women migrants and their families in working districts have access to information on safe migration.
- Victims of migration related exploitation and fraud have access to justice.
- Migrants access vocational skills and financial literacy trainings.
- Social costs of migration are addressed.
- Civil society actors effectively advocate for protection of rights of migrants and their families.
- GoN has the capacity to provide information and assistance to migrants and their families at the local level.
- The service delivery capacity of government stakeholders particularly related to complaint handling and regulation of private sector actors (recruitment agencies, providers of pre-departure orientation) is strengthened.
- MoLESS has developed a mechanism to improve the skills level of migrants.
- MOLESS's planning, implementing and monitoring capacity is strengthened.



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