

# GOVERNANCE OF LABOUR MIGRATION IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA (GOALS) PROGRAMME

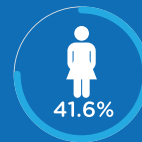


The GOALS programme aims to ensure that labour migration is safe, orderly and regular for all women and men from the Colombo Process Member States through strengthened collaboration and effective labour migration governance. Supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), GOALS is a three-year (August 2020 – July 2023) Joint Regional Programme between the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), International Labour Organisation (ILO), and The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

*"Safe, Regular and Managed Migration: A Win-Win for All"*



## 164 MILLION MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE WORLD



The sub-region with the largest share of migrant workers globally is the Arab States, at 40.8 per cent. The majority of the close to 23 million migrant workers in the subregion come from South and South-East Asia.



## GOALS will:

# 1

Strengthen labour migration governance and policy coherence through multilateral dialogue within the Colombo Process.

# 2

Support the improvement of labour migration policies and practices, in particular on skills development and qualifications recognition, fostering fair and ethical recruitment and sustainable reintegration in South Asia.


# 3


Strengthen the evidence base on labour migration to inform knowledge, dialogue, policy making and action.

## Way Forward:

- Provide technical support for all Thematic Area Working Groups to achieve their goals and objectives and to advance commitments made under the Colombo Process.
- Build the capacity of stakeholder groups so that they can contribute their perspectives and experiences to enrich the discussions of the Colombo Process and the Thematic Area Working Groups, including women and men migrant workers, civil society, social partners (trade unions, and employers' organisations) and industry partners.
- Develop regional frameworks and guidelines on skills and qualifications recognition and reintegration, adapt for operationalization at the national level and support pilots in selected South Asian Countries.
- Increase understanding of how to apply tools, knowledge and best practices to improve the regulation and enforcement of fair and ethical recruitment practices and labour migration cooperation agreements, memoranda and contracts among policymakers and other stakeholders from Colombo Process Member States with pilots in selected South Asian countries.
- Establish a knowledge hub to fill knowledge gaps on labour migration in South and South-East Asia, for use by stakeholders across Colombo Process Member States and countries of destination in the Middle East Migration Corridor.
- Develop reliable and accessible gender-disaggregated data and knowledge and share for use to support informed policy decision making among Colombo Process Member States



 GOALS programme is aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

 The programme will promote equality for women migrant workers using a cross-cutting, gender mainstreaming approach  
Mainstream a gender lens into all working group discussions in order to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women migrant workers, and promote equal opportunities for them.

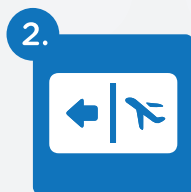
## COLOMBO PROCESS

Founded in 2003, the Colombo Process is a Regional Consultative Process on the management of overseas employment and contractual labour for countries of origin\* in Asia. It is a member state-driven, non-binding and informal forum to facilitate dialogue and cooperation on issues of common interest and concern relating to labour mobility.

### Thematic priorities of the Colombo Process:



**Fostering ethical recruitment**



**Pre-departure orientation and empowerment**



**Promoting cheaper, faster, and safer transfer of remittances**



**Labour market analysis**



**Skills and qualifications recognition**

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