



MIGRATION, BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME IN ASIA

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

Labour migration is a defining feature of global economy and is a powerful driver for development. However, its full potential can only be realized if migrant workers have access to their human and labour rights, as articulated in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Global Compact for Migration. This includes access to safe and regular labour migration pathways that ensure ethical recruitment, facilitate labour mobility and decent work.

The Migration, Business and Human Rights Programme in Asia (MBHR Asia) is a regional programme by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) aimed at promoting corporate responsibility to respect migrant workers' rights in line with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).

Through MBHR Asia, IOM collaborates with governments, business and civil society to uphold the human and labour rights of migrant workers in key sectors and migration corridors.

Duration	5 years (2024-2028)
Donors	EU, Sweden with contributions from the private sector
Implementing partner	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Geographical coverage	Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
Beneficiaries	Migrant workers, families and communities
Collaboration	Business, governments, civil society, academia, and regional organizations

OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES

Migrant workers within supply chains in Asia experience full respect of their human and labour rights.



PROTECT

Increased business accountability through strengthened labour migration governance to protect the rights of migrant workers.



RESPECT

Strengthened corporate respect of migrant workers' rights at all stages of labour migration.



REMEDY

Migrant workers have access to effective and quality state justice and corporate remediation mechanisms.

FEATURED RESULTS OF IOM'S PARTNERSHIPS IN ASIA TO DATE



40+ private sector partnerships

and projects engaging 1,500+ global multinationals, suppliers, small and medium enterprises and business associations and 500+ labour recruiters across industries and migration corridors



3.2 million people sensitized

on migration, business and human rights



240,000+ migrant workers employed

by our partners benefitting from ethical recruitment, decent work and access to remedy



USD 5.6 million

repaid by our partners to migrant workers for recruitment fees and related costs



Open-source tools

for businesses of all sizes to manage migrant worker recruitment and employment in line with international standards



Strengthened

labour migration governance and multi-stakeholder dialogue informed by data for foresight

FEATURED PARTNERSHIPS

Aligned with IOM principles, institutional policies and commitments, we partner with a wide range of private sector actors to advance corporate respect for migrant workers' rights and leverage individual and collective power of business for positive sustainable change. These include [Responsible Business Alliance](#), [Consumer Good Forum](#) and [Fair Labour Association](#), [Panasonic](#) and [IKEA](#). More partnerships can be found [here](#).

ABOUT IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization and a member of the United Nations System. For over 70 years, IOM has been working with governments, civil society, the international community and private sector to promote safe, orderly and regular migration. In 2023, IOM had 18,934 staff operating in 557 locations, covered by 171 country offices.



Migrant workers working in the factory. © IOM / Javier Vida

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