



PRESS RELEASE

The Government of Nepal and the Government of Switzerland have agreed to continue its successful cooperation in the field of labour migration for a period of another four years. The Government of Switzerland will provide a grant assistance with the amount of CHF 18.12 million (equivalent to approx. NPR 2 billion) to the Government of Nepal to implement the Safer Migration (SaMi III) project from 16 September 2018 to 15 July 2022.

In view of the importance of foreign employment for Nepal's economy and for its people, Switzerland has been supporting the GoN/Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) since 2011 through the Safer Migration (SaMi III) project.

Based on the successful past collaboration between the two governments and the recent changes in the governance structure, this phase will support the Government of Nepal at all levels to address the need of Nepali labour migrants leaving for foreign countries.

The project will focus its support on the local governments to deliver migration related services, as elaborated in the Local Government Operations Act (LGOA). Such services include the provision of relevant and accurate information to aspiring migrants and their families, vocational skills trainings, legal support, financial literacy to migrants and their families as well as psychosocial counseling to families in distress.

At the federal level, the project will closely work together with the Department of Foreign Employment (DoFE) for the continued upgrading of the Foreign Employment Information Management System (FEIMS) and its adaptation to the federal system. It will also support DOFE for the strengthening of the complaint handling mechanism at the different levels.

Similarly, the project will cooperate with the Foreign Employment Promotion Board (FEPB) to develop a National Resource Centre for Migrant Resource Centres (MRC), with the aim to develop relevant information material and update municipalities about relevant developments in the destination countries as well as changing government rules regarding foreign employment.

The project will be implemented in 39 selected districts from all provinces, selected on the basis of criteria of more than 5,000 DoFE-approved migrants per year on an average of last three years. Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation will provide the technical assistance to the project.

Dr. Rajan Khanal, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and H.E. Elisabeth Von Capeller, Ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal have signed and exchanged agreements to this effect on behalf of their respective governments.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for this grant assistance and the continued support to address labor migration issues of Nepal.

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