

Webinar 2: The Case Support to the Migrant worker and their Families

The Migration team of Rural Enterprise and Remittance Project, Samriddhi conducted a second round of webinar with the staffs of Migration Resource Center and Migration Information Desk of 14 various local levels of Province 1 &2 in the presence of officials from Center for Migration and International Relations (CMIR) on 13th May, 2020. This webinar titled “**The Case Support to the Migrant worker and their Families**” conducted via Zoom app. The attendees of the meeting were as follows;

1. Mr. Yuvraj Nepal, Director, CMIR
2. Ms. Anjali Shrestha, Case Handling Officer, CMIR
3. Ms. Bibhuti Kiran Ghimire, Research Assistant, CMIR
4. Mr. Jiban Shrestha, Migration Coordinator, RERP
5. Ms. Samvidha Pathak, Economic Development Supervisor, RERP
6. Mr. Ujwal Dahal, Migration Supervisor, RERP
7. Ms. Manju Rai, Information Officer, MRC Dhankuta
8. Ms. Om Kumari Dhungana, Counselor, MRC Dhankuta
9. Mr. Surendra Rai, Information Assistant, MID Chaubise
10. Mr. Khagendra Khadka, Information Officer, MRC Bhojpur
11. Ms. Manisha Shakya, Counselor, MRC Bhojpur
12. Ms. Ambika Rai, Information Assistant, MID Shadananda
13. Ms. Anju Khapung, Information Assistant, MID Myanglung
14. Mr. Dil Bahadur Kangdangwa, Information Assistant, MID Aathrai
15. Ms. Nilu Jha, Information Officer, MRC Gaur
16. Ms. Priyanka Mehta, Counselor, MRC Gaur
17. Ms. Sushila Chaudhary, Information Assistant, MID Chandrapur
18. Ms. Uma Chudhary, Information Assistant, MID Kohlabi
19. Mr. Prabhat Kumar Verma, Information Officer, MRC Kalaiya
20. Ms. Kaushila Pathak, MID Jeetpur Simara
21. Ms. Yamuna Dhamala, Information Assistant, MID Okhaldhunga

Agendas:

1. Update on the recent changes in policies and other information in Nepal and destination Countries.
2. Discussion about the aspirant migrant workers who were in the process and planning before Covid-19 lockdown in Nepal
3. Discussion regarding those migrant workers who came to Nepal on their holidays and stuck due to Corona virus

4. Migrant workers to return Nepal from destination countries.
5. Death of Migrant workers in destination countries during corona impact period.
6. Services provided by FEB, DOFE, Nepal Embassies and Consular Department.
7. Other curiosities from MRC/MIDs.

Briefing of the Meeting:

- As MRC/MIDs run at the 14 local levels of Province 1 and 2 have started online counseling via phone and other online measures it was important to provide MRC/MID with the new counseling discourse. The main objective of this webinar was to facilitate the MRC/MIDs staff with the new trends of **The Case Support to the Migrant worker and their Families.**

The Webinar was supported and guided by Mr. Yubraj Nepal, Director of CMIR and facilitated by Ms. Anjali Shrestha, Case support officer.

Methodology:

- Presentation
- Question and Answers

Discussions:

- Ms. Anjali Shrestha gave the presentation on the new plans and policies made in Nepal and the destination country amidst COVID-19. She replicated the press releases made by the Department of Foreign Employment, Foreign Employment Board, Counselor Department, and Nepalese Embassies abroad for the support and welfare of Migrant labours and their families. Moreover the plans and policies made by the destination country was discussed which could track the necessity of bringing back Nepalese migrant labours who are vulnerable on the following grounds- undocumented, end of contract and forced job loss. The Nepalese Government have been identifying the vulnerable migrant labours to get back to the country via their Missions abroad which has been delayed now.
- The MRC/MIDs staff also discussed on the new cases they had been dealing post COVID-19. Most of them included the settlement of dead bodies of migrant labour destined abroad. Ms. Anjali shrestha addressed it via the Affidavit Letter issued by the Foreign Employment Board Secretariat.

Decisions:

- MRC/MIDs would be using this Webinar learning to handle the online counseling.
- CMIR would be guiding the MRC/MID individual cases further.
- The migration team of RERP would be preparing the additional and updated document further for counseling support.

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