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Network on Migration
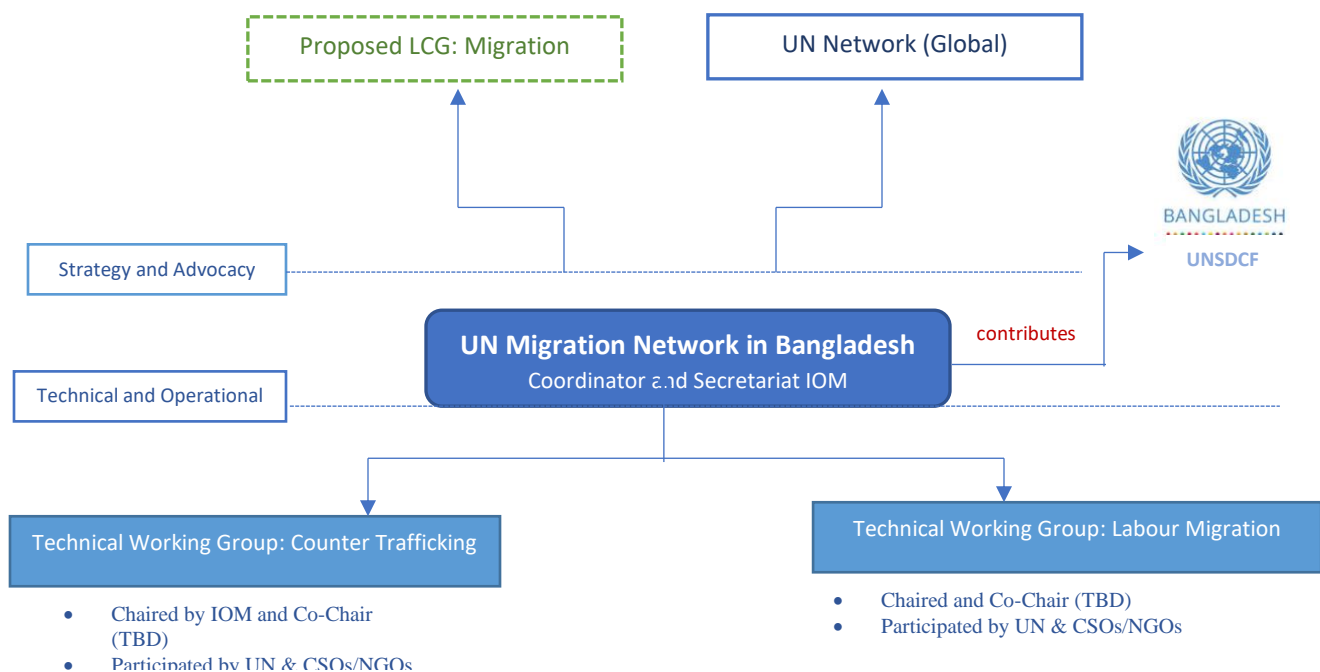*Working Better Together*

Terms of Reference for the UN Network on Migration Bangladesh

Background

On 10-11 December 2018, recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and determined to make an important contribution to enhanced cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, Member States endorsed the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)[1]. The Global Compact is intended to set out a range of principles, commitments and understandings among Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions.

To this end, the United Nations established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States. In carrying out its mandate, the Network will prioritize the rights and wellbeing of migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit. It will place emphasis on those issues where a common UN system approach would add value and from which results and impact can be readily gauged. In Bangladesh, the UN established a national Migration Network to ensure coordinated UN Country Team-wide support to the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) in implementing the GCM and other relevant policies.

UN Migration Network in Bangladesh

Whilst being tailored to local needs and priorities, the terms of reference (ToRs) of the UN Migration Network in Bangladesh in Bangladesh are fully aligned with the global Network ToRs.

Objectives:

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[1] Full text available at: https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711_final_draft_0.pdf

1. Ensure effective, timely, coordinated UN country team-wide support to the Government of Bangladesh in their implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, for the rights and wellbeing of all migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit;
2. Support coherent action by the UN Country Team (UNCT), including coordination and linkage with regional and global initiatives in support of GCM implementation as well as preparation, implementation and monitoring of a GCM Action Plan for the country;
3. Prepare an annual work plan in line with the priorities of the GoB to support implementation of GCM and other migration related developmental agendas;
4. Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanism established in the GCM;
5. Ensure Network actions promote the application of relevant international and regional norms and standards relating to migration and the protection of the human rights of migrants, and engagement with UN human rights mechanisms relating to migration[2];
6. Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration by the UNCT, including by speaking with one voice as appropriate, in accordance with the UN Charter, international/ national laws, and mandates/ technical expertise of relevant UNCT entities;
7. In carrying out these objectives, the Network and its TWGs will ensure close collaboration with other existing UNCT and LCG coordination mechanisms (including ones on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), Human Rights, Gender Equality and so on) addressing migration-related issues, actively seeking out synergies and avoiding duplication;
8. Ensure effective, open and ongoing engagement with external partners, migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, parliamentarians, National Human Rights Commission, human rights-based organizations, trade union/employers' association, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders at national and local levels to feed into national, regional and global processes for GCM;
9. Update the UN Network on Migration at the global level, relevant GoB committees and UNCT on migration issue on a regular basis.

Coordinator and Secretariat: IOM (in line with global ToRs, IOM wills serve as the Coordinator and Secretariat of all constituent parts of the Network).

Members: UN RCO, UNHCR, ILO, UNDP, IOM, UNWOMEN, UNODC, UNICEF, UNOHCHR and other interested UN agencies.

Participation Level: Deputies/Senior PMs.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly and as needed.

Technical Working Groups

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[2] e.g. the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers, the Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteurs on Migrants, on Trafficking, and other special procedures, and the Universal Periodic Review.

The thematic Technical Working Groups (TWGs), established during the first meeting[3] of the network will support the objectives of the UN Network. The TWGs can be abolished and new TWGs created based on changing needs and consensus.

Objectives:
1. Identify priority areas for joint programming (delivering as one), including joint research, advocacy, programmes, etc., to support implementation of GCM and advance the migration/ mobility related initiatives/discourses;
2. Ensure operational coordination and synergies on key issues, such as, *inter alia*, migration and development, labour migration, counter-trafficking in human beings, social cohesion, addressing root causes of displacement, diaspora & remittances, etc.;
3. Periodically share updates about programme delivery and identify impediments for the Network to address with the GoB;
4. Provide technical support to the Migration Network by developing policy briefs, policy papers, action plans, etc.;
5. Establish synergies with district/local level forums for effective service delivery (e.g. counter-trafficking taskforce of the Rohingya operation in Cox's Bazar)

(Co)Chair(s): Rotating annually (TBD) and selected based on consensus.

Members: UN and NGO/CSOs[4].

Participation Level: Programme Managers (operational and technical).

Meeting Frequency: as needed/TBD.

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[3] The first meeting was held on 7th July 2019
[4] The Network will encourage CSOs to have a consortium/alliance and nominate their representative(s) for the different TWGs.