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National Dialogue calls for collective action to combat trafficking in persons, and uphold victims' rights



To observe the World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2023, the Public Security Division (PSD) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), with technical support from the Counter Trafficking in Persons Technical Working Group (CTIP-TWG) of the Bangladesh UN Network on Migration (BDUNNM), organized a National Dialogue in Dhaka on 02 August 2023.

The theme of the Dialogue was "Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind," and it emphasized the need for a holistic approach to addressing trafficking in persons. The discussion emphasized commitment to comprehensive responses to combat trafficking crime and protect the rights of the victims.

Speakers at the dialogue reiterated the importance of enhancing government efforts to address the root causes of human trafficking, including poverty, inequality and lack of education. Building awareness among communities as well as enhancing the capacity of investigators and prosecutors are also prerequisites fighting the heinous crime.

"Human trafficking and illegal migration cannot be solved by a single entity rather it demands cumulative effort from all sectors."

Mr Asaduzzaman Khan
Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs



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Government upholds the commitment made at IMRF 2022 to engage the diaspora for national development

The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has developed a National Diaspora Policy 2023 with a focus on diaspora engagement in national and local development efforts by encouraging their participation and involvement. A validation workshop was organized in Dhaka by the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment (MOEWOE) on 26 July 2023.

The workshop, supported by IOM was chaired by Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Senior Secretary, MOEWOE, with Honourable Minister, Imran Ahmad MP, present as Chief Guest. Participants, including members of the BDUNNM and its TWGs, lauded the initiative and reiterated the need for an operational framework to implement the Diaspora Policy. This Policy builds on the GoB's commitment to engage diaspora in national development, further to their commitment as a signatory to the Dublin Declaration at the Global Diaspora Summit 2022, and through their pledges during the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) Pledging Initiative.



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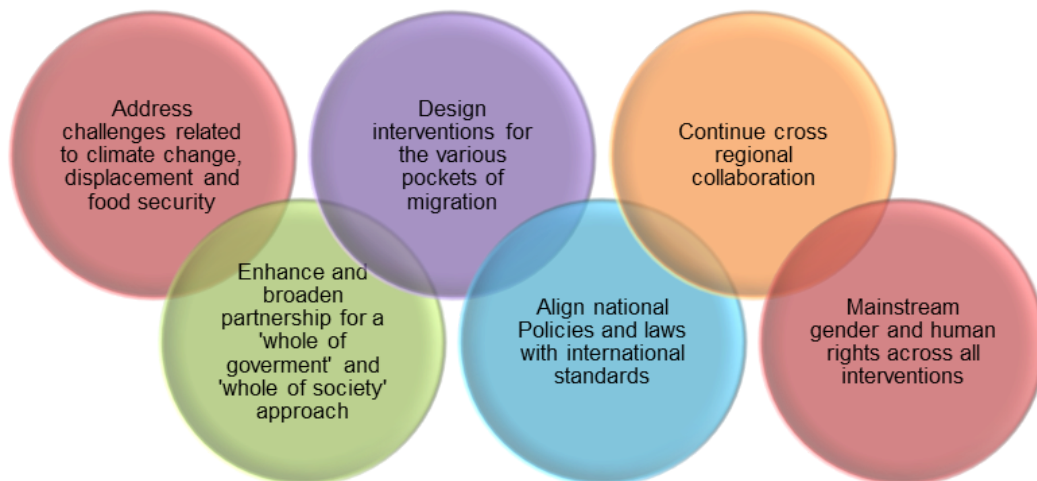
Dialogue on Contemporary Challenges of Migration Governance in Asia

On 09 May 2023, the BDUNNM organized a “Dialogue on Contemporary Challenges of Migration Governance in Asia,” with members of BDUNNM and its TWGs. The objective of the Dialogue was to provide an opportunity to discuss emerging challenges in the region, with a special focus on the different national contexts, and explore the way forward to strengthen multi-level migration governance.

The Dialogue was graced by Ms. Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, and Ms. Gwyn Lewis, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh. Approximately 40 members of the Bangladesh UN Network on Migration and its Technical Working Groups attended the Dialogue.



The following recommendations were put forward following the discussions as ways forward to improve migration governance.



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Workshop on Mainstreaming Human Rights and Gender Equality to Address Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants held

A workshop on Mainstreaming Human Rights and Gender Equality to Address Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants was held on 19 July 2023 in Dhaka. It aimed to enhance the understanding of mainstreaming human rights and gender equality indicators to take stock of



existing resources of the CTIP-TWG towards addressing human rights and gender equality in trafficking in persons (TIP) and smuggling of migrants (SOM) response, as well as identifying strategies and concrete action points for the CTIP-TWG in terms of policy advocacy on promoting mainstreaming human rights and gender equality indicators in the response of TIP and SOM.

The workshop forms part of the joint workplan of the CTIP-TWG, and was designed to ensure operational cooperation and coordination on key trafficking issues with global, regional and national level forums.

A third TWG proposed on Climate Change and Human Mobility (CCHM)

The GCM recognizes that climate change is an increasingly important driver of migration and proposes collective action to mitigate impacts for communities most at risk, and for those on the move. Given this and Bangladesh country context, members of the BDUNNM at the meeting held in June 2023, agreed to establish a third TWG on Climate Change and Human Mobility (CCHM).

The BDUNNM unanimously agreed on United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as the Chair of the newly proposed TWG for the upcoming tenure (2024). UNDP will work in coordination with the BDUNNM Secretariat for the establishment of this TWG.

Brainstorming session of Labour Migration Technical Working Group held

A brainstorming session of the Labour Migration Technical Working Group was held on 20th February 2023 in Dhaka.

The main objective of the session was to finalize the TWGs position in two key priority areas: the cost of migration; and technical support to government to develop an overseas employment market roadmap. These two objectives will be prioritized under the annual TWG workplan for 2023.





BDUNNM celebrates its 4th year

On 07 July 2023, the BDUNNM celebrated its fourth year. The BDUNNM - the first national network in the world - continues to strengthen efforts to support the GoB in the implementation and review of GCM and other migration interventions.



About BDUNNM

BDUNNM, established in July 2019, currently includes members from UN RCO, UNDP, UNHCR, ILO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, UNAIDS, UNODC with IOM as the Coordinator and Secretariat.

It also comprises two Technical Working Groups on Counter Trafficking in Person (CTIPTWG) and Labour Migration (LMTWG), whose membership includes UN agencies, Civil Society Organizations, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders.

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