



## *NNSM: E-Bulletin: Second Edition*



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**Brief Info about second Edition:** This bulletin basically tries to document key activities and programs implemented by National Network for Safe Migration (NNSM) under Hamro Samman project from March to October, 2019. The bulletin exposes the key accomplishments under NNSM initiatives and those of its member organizations over the period of 7 months. The important highlights of the edition are introduction to NNSM and its project activities including the programs and lobby and advocacy initiatives, consultation programs and news from NNSM network members, campaigns related to counter human trafficking and safer migration.

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## Introduction to NNSM:

National Network for Safe Migration (NNSM) is an umbrella institution of 20 organizations working in migration sector. This network was established in 2008 with a vision to bringing together civil society organizations working for the protection of migrant workers' rights and also creating a synergy among the civil society organizations for safe, orderly, dignified and productive labor migration.

Since inception, the organization has been advocating for the rights of migrant workers through integrated efforts of its diverse member organizations and in partnership with various organizations within and across the Asia Pacific Regions.

Through organizing different focused programs, the organization has been close coordination and cooperation of representing the voice of civil society organizations working in migration sectors majorly at National level and also engaged in regional consultative process such as Colombo Process (CP), Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD), South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Global Compact for safe orderly and regular migration and Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD)

## Key Interventions under Hamro Samman Project:

### ***Annual Organizational Performance Index (OPI) assessment.***

NNSM and the USAID Hamro Samman Project of Winrock International successfully conducted the Organizational Performance Index (OPI) of NNSM in July 2018 and Aug 2019. The OPI was facilitated by Civic Engagement and Capacity Specialist from partner organization.

The purpose of the OPI analysis was to rank the organization by member/staff in four areas: effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and sustainability and develop an action plan to improve the situation/capacity gaps.

Table 2: OPI Analysis of NNSM - August 2019

S N	Areas		Optimum level	Status 2018	Status 2019
1	Effectiveness	Results	4	2	3
2		Standards	4	2	3
3	Efficiency	Delivery	4	2	3
4		Reach	4	2	3
5	Relevance	Target population	4	1	2
6		Learning	4	2	3
7	Sustainability	Resources	4	1	1
8		Social capital	4	3	3
	<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>

As comparative OPI analysis, NNSM overall performance has been increased from 15 (2018) out of 32 to 21 (2019) out of 32 this year. NNSM revised strategic plan reflect the resource mobilization plan. It is good in delivering standard program to the target population. It has good social reputation and recognition from the government of Nepal. NNSM programs are based on the UN convention on Migrant worker and their families, ILO conventions, Dhaka principles and CEDAW. NNSM's activities are in line with SDG number 5 and 8.



Its members are contributing in design and effective monitoring of the programs. However, NNSM lacks clear procedure/tools to monitor the progress. It would be good for NNSM to be more focused on leveraging resources for its program and use the learning's and analyses to influence change in the programs and services at the National and International level through presentations, trainings and publications.

### ***Participant Engaged Capacity Assessment of Network (PECAN):***

An intervention of Hamro Samman project, NNSM members participated in the Participant Engaged Capacity Assessment of Network (PECAN) organized by Hamro Samman Project/Winrock International in December 2017 with participation of member organization of NNSM. Similarly, second PECAN was held on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2019 at ALFA House Kathmandu. For detail information, please visit report prepared by Hamro Samman Project/Winrock International.

### ***Orientation on revised NNSM's strategy:***

An orientation programmed on revised NNSM strategy was held on 8th April 2019 with the objective to share about the updated strategy for 2019-2021 to the member's organization. The representative from MAG, FEONA, Advocacy Forum Nepal, WOREC Nepal, Asian Forum, and People Forum for Human Rights, PNCC, CLASS Nepal, Youth Action Nepal, ABC Nepal, NIDS and POURAKHI Nepal was actively participated



The orientation was done to help the member organizations to understand the overall strategic direction of the network and how their activities can support its implementation. The network members will periodically assess the progress of the strategic plan's activities in regular meetings, review/reflection meetings and monthly/annual meetings.

### ***Development of NNSM's Communication Plan:***

NNSM has develop NNSM's Communication and Advocacy plan. Orientation on NNSM's Communication and Advocacy was organized from 13-14 May 2019 to member organization with the technical assistance of SAN. NNSM has prepared its advocacy and communication plan for advocacy to counter trafficking in persons. AATWIN and NBI were also provided their inputs during program. Majorly, discussion was based to identify the advocacy issues, relevant authorities/stakeholders and NNSM roles in detail. Drafts of the advocacy and communication plan have been submitted to NNSM by SAN and are in process to finalize. The specific objectives of this strategy are:

- Fair, responsible, inclusive and transparent recruitment practices in foreign employment.



- Efficient and adequate state response, protection and assistance to the migrants and their families in Nepal and foreign land.
- Accessible, low cost, efficient and friendly justice system for migrant workers and their families.
- Empowered and Organized voices of migrant workers and their families at all level of governance.

Furthermore, NNSM has identified major issues that have been affecting the lives of migrant workers, their families and potential migrant workers in Nepal. The identified issues are mainly policy concerns and enforcement that are as follows:

1. Responsible Recruitment Policies
2. State Response to Undocumented Migrant Workers
3. Inclusion of CTIP Provision in Foreign Employment Act
4. State Recognition and Response to Migrant Workers in India
5. Equal Opportunities and Rights for Men and Women
6. Safe Return, Reintegration and Rehabilitation
7. Representation and Participation in Policy Making Process
8. Access to Social Protection Schemes

#### ***Quarterly updates to website:***

NNSM website contents were upgraded quarterly and issues based. NNSM's website design upgraded and the first e-bulletin shared through the website and through official face book page on 1st March and 5th March, 2019 respectively has made CSOs, international CSOs, development partners and trade unions aware about NNSM advocacy initiatives.

A brief report on Program Management Training was posted on 23 May, 2019. Similarly a brief report on National Civil Society Consultation on the implementation of GCM was posted on 7th July, 2019 as well. A three days ToT on Human Right-Based Approach to Counter Human Trafficking in the Foreign Labor Migration Process was posted 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, A stakeholder Consultation workshop to share preliminary finding of 51 case study was posted on 15 Aug, 2019 a brief report on learning sharing program on foreign employment information management system was posted on 15 Aug, 2019, Interactive workshop on existing policies and provision related to foreign Labor migration and TIP Prevention, protection and prosecution was posted on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 and Technical Coordination Meeting was posted on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



### ***Program Management Training to NNSM Members***

Hamro Samman Project has intervened managerial capacity building of organization. A three day non-residential training on programme management was organized from 23-25, April 2019 with the objective to strengthen the managerial capacity of the members/staff with particular focus on project cycle management.

The participants represented from POURAKHI Nepal, Sakriya Sewa Samaj Nepal, PNCC, Asian Forum, ABC Nepal, AATWIN, People Forum, WOREC Nepal, FEONA, Youth Action Nepal, NIDS and FWLD. Majorly they have learnt about Program planning, Appraisals, Financing, Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism in detail.



### ***A study to analyze the cases involving human trafficking in the foreign migration process (Study 51 cases)***

NNSM has done a study analyzing the cases involving human trafficking in the foreign migration process. It was initiated the objective to find out relationships between human trafficking and labor migration, identify the risk of human trafficking during labor migration process and the factors intensifying those risks, and determine the overlap and distinction between the labor migration issues and human trafficking cases is being conducted. The final report is posted on its website.

The study used a qualitative research design using data collection methods as focus group discussions, key informant interviews, semi-structured interviews with TIP survivors, and review of case documents. The USAID Hamro Samman project's objective for this specific activity is to improve CSO data collection, sharing and usage to strengthen policy, coordination and policy reporting.

### ***Consultation workshop to share preliminary findings of the 51 case study on human trafficking:***



Stakeholder Consultation workshop to share preliminary finding of 51 case study was conducted by NNSM under the USAID Hamro Samman Project on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 at Union House, Anamnagar in Kathmandu.

Representatives from Ministry of Labor Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), Foreign Employment Board (FEB), Civil Society Organizations, Police Beuro, media, member

organizations and staff have deeply engaged throw-out program.

Consultant had presented preliminary finding of 51 cases and discussions were based on findings that showed the nexus between labor migration and human trafficking in detail. Suggestions and recommendations from participants have captured to visualize in final report.

***Capacity building training on human rights-based approach to counter human trafficking in the foreign migration process:***

A three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on Human Rights-Based Approach to Counter Human Trafficking in the Foreign Labor Migration Process was conducted by National Network for Safe Migration (NNSM) under the USAID Hamro Samman Project on 18-20 August, 2019 at Hotel View Bhrikuti in Godavari, Lalitpur. The objective of this program was to enhance the capacity of member organizations and develop resource persons on Trafficking in Persons within and outside of the organization.

Majorly, participants have enhanced and sharpen their existing skills and knowledge about CTIP issues, fundamentals of human rights-based approach, tools and techniques and role advocating to CTIP in local and state governments was discussed in detail.

***Interactive workshop on existing policies and provisions related to foreign labor migration and TIP prevention, protection, and prosecution***

An interactive workshop on existing policies and provision related to foreign labor migration and TIP prevention, protection, and prosecution was held on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019 for network's member organizations. The objective of this event was to strengthen CSO monitoring and reporting of policies related to labor recruitment and TIP prevention, protection, and prosecution.

Representatives from POURAKHI Nepal, Sakriya Sewa Samaj Nepal, PNCC, Asian Forum, ABC Nepal, People Forum, WOREC Nepal, FEONA, Youth Action Nepal, NIDS and FWLD. Majorly, contents were focused on to identify existing national policies, issues and challenges related to foreign labor migration and TIP prevention, protection and prosecution. During interaction, sharing different types of monitoring plans and data collection tools to develop Monitoring Plan based on identifying issues and challenges to monitor in province 3, 5, 7 of Hamro Samman's working districts. Such as Makawanpur and Kathmandu Province-3, Banke and Rupandehi Province-5 and Kailali and Kanchanpur – Province- 7 was discussed in detail. Three major issues were identified during whole day rigorous discussion that is as follows:



1. Quality service and security issue of migrants
2. Labor Permit



### 3. Recruitment process.

Based identified issues, monitoring methodologies, respondent and indicators also discussed and drafted. For further monitoring process, NNSM will finalized the monitoring visit plan, checklist with close coordination with Winrock International.

#### ***Quarterly technical coordination meetings with member organizations***

Considering the objective of the Hamro Samman project, this activity was to build CSO networks for effective engagement with government of Nepal and private sectors to prevent, protect and prosecute TIP.

During the meeting it was realized that on re-labor permit has been issuing in Pokhara of Province 4, Butwal of Province 5 and Janakpur of Province 2. Nepal Government is working on the provision to take complaints and grievances of the migrant workers at the CDO Office of the respective Districts.

A supreme level judge is deemed necessary to handle the human trafficking and labor migration cases in the provincial level. All the collected data regarding the number of trafficking cases, types of trafficking, methods of trafficking and so forth should be archived district-wise and should be



submitted to the provincial government for their sensitization. In case of human trafficking, complaints can be filed in Nepal police and ministries but for the rescue of trafficked victims, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the legitimate body.

Major agenda for discussion was recent study of 51 cases done by NNSM which showed the nexus between labor migration and human trafficking. Preliminary findings of the case studies was further decided to share with concerned government and non-government stakeholders through

consultation workshop, recently developed NNSM communication and advocacy plan for CTIP advocacy and the current situation of labor migration and human trafficking in federal context, current recruitment practices and NNSM's advocacy and outreach.

Moreover, it was agreed by all members that during the board meeting's monitoring visit to the Hamro Samman Districts, the monitoring plan prepared jointly by NNSM and Winrock International will be followed.

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