

# MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BANGLADESH

2011 - 2023

An estimated 15 million Bangladeshi migrants live abroad according to the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) ranking it the 6th largest country of origin for international migrants. Bangladeshis send remittances that account for almost 6 per cent of Bangladesh's GDP, ranking it in the top 10 countries. Migrants thus contribute to socio-economic development and diaspora communities have tremendous potential to contribute through sociocultural, economic, and human capital. However, the multi-faceted nature of migration, harnessing its benefits often faces challenges including: climate- and disaster-induced displacement, unplanned rural-urban migration, exploitation during migration, high recruitment costs and others.

Bangladesh has been part of the **M4SD Programme** since the pilot phase in 2011. M4SD contributed to starting the national conversation around the linkages between migration and development. There is now significant commitment from the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to link migration to other thematic and governance areas, prioritizing climate change, human rights and protection. The GoB also prioritizes "whole-of-government" and "whole-of-society" approaches for improved migration governance and management and continues to have a leading role in regional and global migration processes.

National

## POLICY COHERENCE

### SDGs impacted



#### Indicator 10.7.2

Countries with migration policies to facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration



#### Target 17.14

Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (2015)

Technical support to mainstream migration, in sub-section on "Migration for Development"

#### National Strategy and Action Plan on Migration and Development (2017)

Technical and financial assistance through the Programme; recruitment: financial and social costs; skills development; social protection and rights; irregular migration; remittances; diasporas and climate migration

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Five Year Development Plan (2020)

Technical support, including having specific section on labour migration and supporting the development of the [National SDG Action Plan](#)

#### National Plan for Disaster Management (NPDM) (2021-25)

Inter-linkages reflected between climate change-induced disaster, internal displacements and human mobility

#### The Overseas Employment and Migrants (amendment) Bill (2023)

Technical support provided

#### National Diaspora Policy, draft (2023)

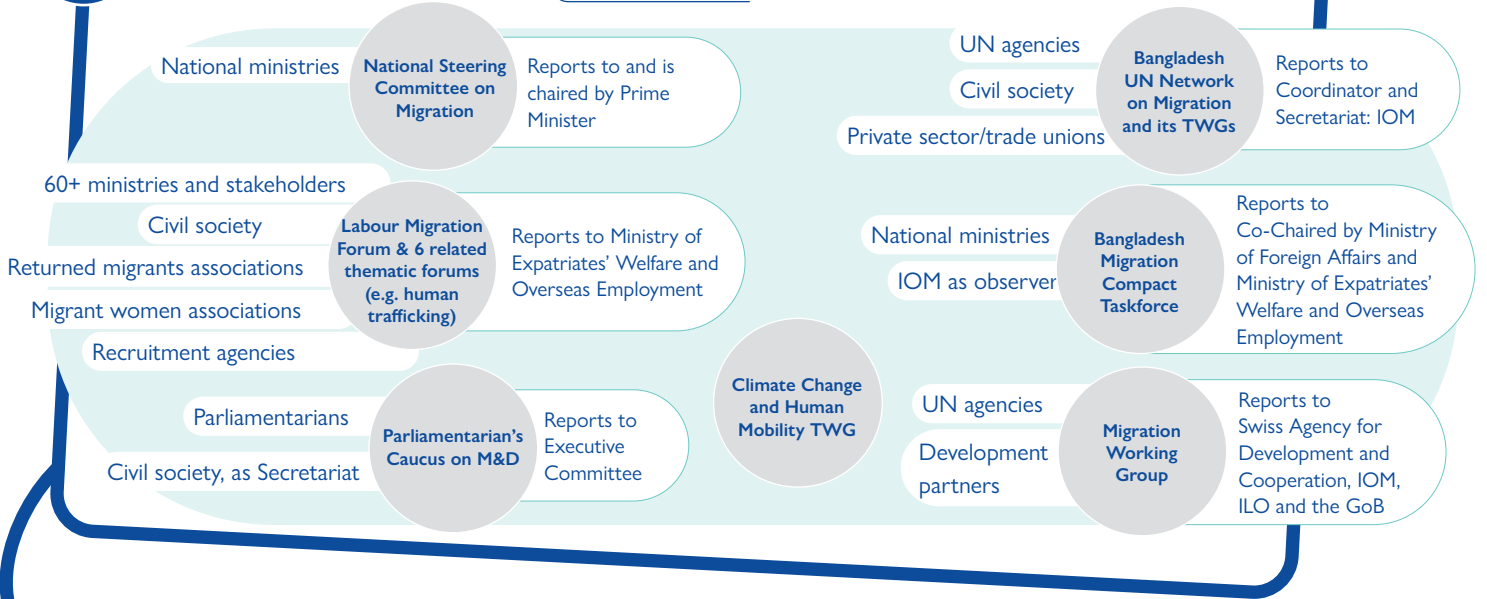
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## COORDINATION MECHANISMS

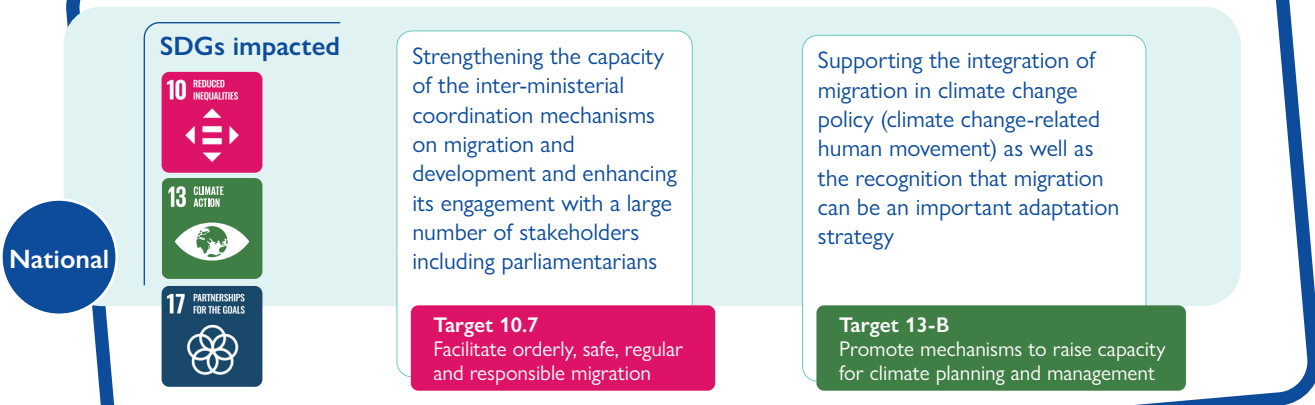
**16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS** Target 16.7  
Ensure responsive, inclusive and representative decision-making

**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

SDGs impacted



## PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF BANGLADESH

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