

Migrant Information Centre: Increasing Information and Access on Safe Migration and Anti-Human Trafficking

4 migrant information centres (MIC) have been operating in coordination with District Administration Offices in Doti and Kanchanpur districts by the project. Out of 4 MICs, two MICs have been established and operated at the premises of DAO, Kanchanpur and Doti districts. One MIC is at the buspark of Mahendranagar Kanchanpur district and the rest is at Punurbas Municipality, Kanchanpur district. An 11-member management committee (comprising representatives from the hotel association, an association of transportation, local police, etc.) has been formed to manage the MIC of Mahendranagar, Buspark. MICs have been providing information/messages about safe migration, anti-human trafficking and preventive measures to be safe from COVID to the potential migrants as well as migrant workers who are travelling to their destination. The project has assigned a MIC counsellor in each centre to disseminate information and provide necessary supports to the migrant workers. In the case of Mahendranagar, the management committee also supports MIC for the management of the centre. The Management committee conducts meetings every quarter and shares issues around the bus station of Mahendranagar Kanchanpur and updates the progress of the migrant information centre (MIC). Rest of 3 MICs have been functioning in coordination with respective DAO and Municipality.

The project has mobilized counsellors in each MIC. They provide information to potential migrants, migrants, and spouses. The MIC of bus-park Mahendranagar Kanchanpur regularly provides information/message on safe migration, anti-human trafficking, what migrants do and don't in transit and travel to destination. The MICs also support the stranded migrants based on humanitarian perspectives like; food, travel tickets to reach the source community. Two MICs that have been established at District Administration Office operate in coordination with the Chief District Officer (CDO) of respective districts. The potential migrants who come to DAO to process for developing passport and citizenship receive information/message on foreign employment, safe migration, and the possibility of human trafficking and transportation facilities. Likewise, the MIC of Punurbas municipality also operates in coordination with Punarbas municipality and provides information/message on safe migration, and anti-human trafficking to the potential migrants who come for various services at the municipality office.

The MIC management committee has been supporting the smooth operation of MIC at bus-park Mahendranagar, Kanchanpur. Likewise, NEEDS Nepal is doing coordination with respective DAOs, district stakeholders, and respective municipalities where MICs are operating. 9,360 (1,837 F, 7,523 M) target beneficiaries have received information and message on safe migration, foreign employment, safe remittance and anti-human trafficking through four MICs from 1st Jan 2020 to 31st July 2021.

Major services that are providing by MICs shows in SmartArt below;

