



Press Release

Nepal and Switzerland collaborate on the Safer Migration Programme (SaMi) with 11.34 million Swiss Francs

The Government of Nepal and the Government of Switzerland signed an agreement amounting to 11.34 million Swiss Francs. The agreement has been signed and exchanged by Mr. Dhani Ram Sharma, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance and H.E. Dr. Danielle Meuwly, Ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal on behalf of the Government of Nepal and the Government of Switzerland respectively.

The overall objective of the upcoming phase of the Safer Migration (SaMi) Programme is to enable the relevant Nepali institutions across the three levels of government to improve the situation of migrant workers and their families. The perspective migrants will be supported to migrate in a safe, regular and orderly manner and gain more income. The programme supports migrants and their families with services accessible at local level like quality information on safe migration, access to justice, psycho-social counselling and skill development.

The programme will be implemented across Nepal through Migration Resource Centers and the Employment Service Centers, by Local Provincial and the Federal Government. The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security is the nodal point of this programme, working closely with the Department of Consular Services, the Foreign Employment Tribunal, the Department of Foreign Employment, and Foreign Employment Board. The newly established National Academy for Vocational Training and the Ministry of Health and Population will play a key role for skilling migrant workers and providing social support services.

After signing the agreement, Mr. Dhani Ram Sharma, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance stated that the Safer Migration Programme is one of the most demanding as this project support Nepali perspective migrants to be safe, informed, skilled and more competitive in their countries of destination.

Similarly, her Excellency Dr. Danielle Meuwly, Ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal said, "Switzerland is extremely pleased to continue supporting Nepal to scale the safer migration services reaching millions of people across the country. It is noteworthy that this programme is fully owned and co-financed by the federal, provincial and local governments."

The Government of Nepal extends its sincere appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for the support and collaboration and looks forward to continue the spirit of a strong partnership.

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