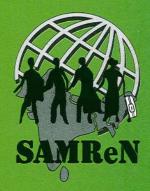
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Residential Training Workshop on

Migration, Globalisation, Security and Development

Objectives

This workshop is designed to enhance understanding of migration processes in South Asian and international frameworks, and to equip young academics and professionals in migration research and governance. It will examine migration dynamics in the context of globalisation, security and development. Furthermore, the workshop will highlight recent issues facing the international migration regime, impact of globalisation on migration, and migration challenges faced by sending and receiving countries.

Participants

The course is designed for those working on migration research, management and governance at national, regional and global levels. They may include development practitioners, young academics and professionals, government functionaries, and practitioners from labour and human rights organisations. Applications will also be considered from those working in other sectors whose work may impact on migration policy.

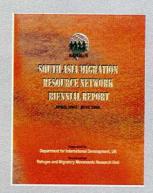
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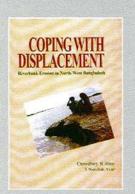
Conceptualisation and Global Migration Experience

The course will begin with an overview of migratory patterns, identification of various types of migration and exploration of migration theories and causes and consequences of contemporary migration. The course will provide a historical overview as well as data on current trends on internal, regional and international migration. It will particularly focus on migration of men and women within and from the South Asian region.

Governance of Migration

Governance of migration has become a major concern of the interanational community. Individual countries have their own emigration and immigration laws, while a number of regional and international initiatives are being undertaken to govern migration. These initiatives and existing instruments will be examined. In this respect, the course aims to look at the evolution of migration regimes globally with a particular focus on South Asia.





Migration: Development and Security

In this globalised world migration has become an important livelihood option for some. Restrictions imposed by receiving countries on regular migration, without appreciating the demand side, in many cases, have contributed to increased irregular flows. In recent times migration has increasingly become securitised, both in developed and developing countries. This part of the course will concentrate on the concept of globalisation and the consequences of 9/11 on the international migration regime. Contribution of migrants to the development of both sending and receiving countries will be examined. Diaspora linkage and transnationalism will be key concepts in this regard.

New Challenges

The final part of the course focuses on the future of the international migration regime, and the changing dynamics of migration including irregular migration and the emergence of transnational communities. Challenges facing South Asian countries in terms of accessing the international labour market and the opportunities posed by returning migrants will also be covered.

Further Details Methods

Training will be imparted using different participatory techniques - lectures, panel discussion, group work, presentations, film-shows, field trip and role play.

The faculty will comprise of:

- SAMReN migration experts from South Asian countries
- Faculty of RMMRU, University of Dhaka and Nepal Institute of Development Studies
- Faculty of the DRC on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty, University of Sussex
- Faculty of the Asia Pacific Migration Research Network and Migrant Forum in Asia
- Experts from International Labour Office (ILO) and other international agencies working on migration

Cost

The course fee is US\$ 1,500. A substantial portion of the amount has been supported by DRC. Participants would need to pay US\$500 each. This covers 8 nights' accommodation; breakfast, lunch and dinner; all course materials; a range of social activities and a selection of RMMRU publications. The fee does not include travel cost to Nepal, insurance, IT and computing services, laundry services, personal phone calls, other beverages or any meals other than those arranged by the organisers. Accommodation is provided on twin-share basis. Participants arriving before or staying on after should make their own arrangements. Due to intensive nature of the course, request to accommodate family members / partners will not be entertained.

Bursary

Ten bursaries are offered on a competitive basis. Special preference will be given to applicants from South Asia. Those interested need to apply in the bursary application form along with a supporting letter from a suitable person (i.e., employer/supervisor). The bursary awardees will only have to pay US\$50 as registration fee. Due to limited number of bursaries participants are advised to secure financial assistance from other funding sources. SAMReN secretariat will be happy to provide a letter of support if the applicant deems that useful. A selection committee will review applications. Participants must confirm their acceptance in order to secure bursary.

Application Procedure

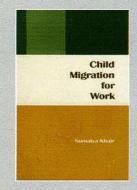
Applications may be lodged by post, fax or e-mail. The application and bursary forms may be downloaded from: www.samren.org, www.rmmru.net, www.bbyouth.net. The date of the next workshop will be annouced soon.

SAMReN Workshop 2010

The next SAMReN Residential Training Workshop on

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

will be held in in 2010 in Bangladesh. Watch out for the Workshop Announcement after August 2009 in the following websites: <www.samren.org> <www.rmmru.net> <www.migrationdrc.org>



Migration and Development PRO-POOR POLICY CHOICES **dired by Thannerm Siddiqui

PROGRAMME

Sunday 8 March, 2009

Arrival of participants

Day 1, Monday 9 March, 2009

9:00 Registration

9:30 Inaugural

Welcome Address:

Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, Chair, South Asia Migration Resource Network (SAMReN)

Mr. Ganesh Gurung, Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS)

Dr. Ronald Skeldon, DRC on Migration

Globalisation and Poverty, University of Sussex

Self-introduction of participants

10:30 Tea

THEME 1: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

11.00 Workshop Code of conduct

Session / Global Migration Trends

Resource Person: **Dr. C. R. Abrar**, Professor of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Method: Lecture, Q/A

12:00 Session II

Contemporary International Labour Migration from South Asia Contexts of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

Chair: **Prof. Sridhar K. Khatri,** Executive Director, SACEPS Resource Persons:

Mr. K.O.D.D. Fernando, Deputy General Manager -Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, Govt. of Sri **Dr. Nurul Islam**, Director, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, Govt. of Bangladesh

1:30 Lunch

2:30 Contemporary International Labour Migration from South Asia: Contexts of India and Nepal

Chair: Prof. Sridhar K. Khatri

Resource Persons:

Prof. S Irudaya Rajan, Chair, Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs Research Unit on International

Centre for

Migration,
Development Studies, Kerala, India

Mr. Ganesh Gurung, Sociologist, NIDS

3:40 Tea

4:00 Group formation:

Pokhara, Bhaktapur, Patan and Dhulikhel

4:10 **Group Work**: Contemporary International Labour

Migration from Pakistan

Group Pokhara : Nature and Extent of Migration

Group Bhaktapur : Remittance inflow Group Patan : Female Migration

Group Dhulikhel: Legal Framework for regulating migration

7:00 Dinner & Inaugural Lecture

Role of Migration in achieving Millennium Development Goals

Speaker: Dr. Ronald Skeldon, University of Sussex

Day 2, Tuesday 10 March, 2009

8:45 Rapporteur's report on first day's deliberations

9:00 Session III Globalisation and its Impact on Migration

Resource Person: **Dr. Ravi S. Srivastava**, Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India & Professor of Economics, JNU

Method: Lecture, Q/A

10:00 Session IV Internal Migration and Social Policy Directions in India

Resource Person: Dr. Ravi S. Srivastava

Method: Lecture, Q/A

11:00 Tea and Group Photo

THEME 2: MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

11:30 Session V Theories of International Migration: Causes and Consequences

Resource Person: Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui

Method: Lecture, Q/A

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Migration of Highly Skilled Workers

Resource Person: Dr. Ronald Skeldon

Method: Lecture, Q/A

3:30 Tea

4:00 Session VI Role Play by Participants

Two groups to prepare dramas highlighting causes of migration

Two groups to prepare dramas highlighting consequences of migration

Day 3, Wednesday 11 March, 2009

9:20 Rapporteur's report on second day's deliberations.

9:30 Session VII Current Issues

Remittance and Migration

Method: Group Work

11:00 Tea

11:30 Irregular Migration

Resource person: Dr. C. R. Abrar

Method: Lecture, Q/A

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Migration and Gender

Women Labour Migration from Nepal

Resource Person: Dr. J. Adhikari, Chair, NIDS

Method: Lecture, Q/A

Group Work: Women Labour Migration from South Asia

3:30 Tea

4:00 Session VIII Concerns of Contract Migrant Workers

Chair: Mr. Ganesh Gurung

Resource Persons: Returnee Nepalese Migrant Workers
Method: Panel discussion

Day 4, Thursday 12 March, 2009

Visit to Department of Foreign Employment (DOFE), Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies (NAFEA), Recruiting Agencies and sightseeing in Kathmandu 8:00 Leave Godavari for visit to DOFE, NAFEA, Recruiting Agencies

Group Pokhara: Visit Complaint Section at DOFE
Group Bhaktapur: Meeting with potential migrants at DOFE
Group Patan: Meeting with officials of NAFEA
Group Dhulikhel: Interview of Recruiting Agencies

2:00 Visit to Thamel (free time)7:00 Workshop Dinner at *Nepali Chula*10:00 Return to Godavari Village Resort

Day 5, Friday 13 March, 2009

9:20 Rapporteur's report on Third and Fourth Days' deliberation.

THEME 3: GOVERNANCE OF MIGRATION 9:30 Session IX International Institutions & Standards

Resource Person: **Dr. Sumaiya Khair**, Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka Method: Lecture, Q/A





11:00 Tea 11:30 **1**

11:30 1990 UN Convention

Resource Person: Dr. Sumaiya Khair

Method: Group work

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Session X Multilateral Consultative Processes

Resource Person: Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator,

Migrant Forum in Asia based in Manila,

Philippines Method: Lecture, Q/A

3:00 Tea

3:30 Role of Civil Society in Promoting Migrants'

Rights

Resource person: Mr. William Gois

Method: Presentation, Q/A

8:00 Cultural Programme by the participants (after dinner)

Day 6, Saturday 14 March, 2009

9:20 Rapporteur's report on fifth day's deliberation.

THEME 4: SECURITISATION OF MIGRATION 9:30 Session XI Non-traditional Security and

Migration

Resource Person: Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui

Method: Lecture, Q/A

10:30 Tea

11:00 Experiences of Securitisation of Migration:

South Asia

Resource Person: Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui

Method: Lecture, Q/A

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Securitisation of Migration: the European Context

Resource Person: Dr. Michael Collyer,

University of Sussex

Method: Lecture, Q/A

3:00 Tea

3:30 Session XII Message Development on Campaign for Migrants' Rights

Preparation for group presentations

Group Pokhara: Campaign Strategy for Promoting

Domestic work as wage

labour

Group Bhaktapur: Developing a legal framework for

regulating recruiting agency

Group Patan:

Campaign for better remittance

management

Group Dhulikhel: Campaign strategy to encourage

return of highly skilled and

professionals

Day 7, Sunday 15 March, 2009

9:20 Rapporteur's report on sixth day's deliberation.

9:30 Group preparation continues

10:30 Group Presentations in Plenary

11:30 Tea

12:00 Session XIII Participants' Evaluation of the Workshop

Evaluation of the Workshop Strengthening SAMReN

2:00 Lunch

6:00 Concluding Session

Summary and Conclusions of the Workshop
Distribution of Certificates

Day 08, Monday 16 March, 2009

Departure of participants by 12 noon

THE PARTICIPANTS

Ajaero, Chukwuedozie



Chukwuedozie Ajaero is an Assistant Lecturer under the Population Dynamics Research Unit in the Department of Geography, University of Nigeria Nsukka. He is presently carrying out doctoral research with a focus on the impacts of migration on rural livelihoods. Chukwuedozie obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Master's Degree in Population Geography from the Department of Geography, University of Nigeria Nsukka in 2002 and 2006 respectively. He served as a socio-economic consultant to Ambah Projects International Limited for the Environmental Impact Assessment for Seismic Data Acquisition and Exploratory Appraisal/Development Drilling of

OPL 905 in Enugu State. Chukwuedozie is also a member of the team carrying out a research on Early Warning for Food Security in Nigeria using Nigeria-SAT 1 and other satellite images. Email: ajaerock@yahoo.com

Migration Experience: I was born in Ngwo, Nigeria into the family of a clergyman. My parents' vocation involved transfers to various parishes and I accompanied them as they migrated from one parish to another. These transfers lasted on average of three years each to different areas in Enugu, Ebonyi and Cross River States in Nigeria. On completion of my secondary education, I left my parents in 1998 to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree at Nsukka which lasted for four years. As soon as I finished my undergraduate programme, I was posted to Maiduguri in Borno State for the one-year mandatory National Youth Service Scheme which I carried out at the University of Maiduguri between 2002 and 2003. At the end of my service year, I migrated to Oraifite in Anambra State where I was offered a job as a Geography tutor and Vice Principal. After a year, I felt that I needed to go back to study and decided to combine the job at Oraifite with the pursuit of a Master's Degree in Population Geography at Nsukka for the next two years. On completion of the Master's programme in 2006, I worked briefly at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Teaching Hospital Nnewi, Nigeria before I was offered my present job as a lecturer at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in February, 2007. Being constantly on the move from my childhood days provided me with the experience of mixing with people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. It also afforded me the opportunity of observing migratory activities of these peoples. Consequently, I became motivated to assess the impact of these migratory activities on the livelihoods of the population.

Appiah, Margaret



Margaret is currently working with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana as Project Officer for the DRC on Migration. She joined the institute in 2006 and has since been involved in all the research work undertaken by the project through literature search, field work, data management and report writing. Through the DRC on Migration internship programme she worked with the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh for six months. While in Bangladesh, Margaret conducted research on Nursing and Hospitality Industry with Professors Siddiqui and Abrar respectively. The research on

Nursing has so far received a favourable response from the government of Bangladesh and as a result the sector is going through a reform. Margaret holds a Master of Arts Degree from the Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana.



She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Religions from the same university. As National Service personnel, she worked with the Historical Society of Ghana as Research Assistant on the Tradition and Modernity Project under the History Department. Email: appiahpeggy@yahoo.com, mappiah3@st.ug.edu.gh, isser@ug.edu.gh

Migration Experience: I came to Accra for my University education in 1999 but currently living and working in Accra, the capital of Ghana. I was born in the eastern part of the country (the Volta Region), where my father used to work. My father was in this region on transfer as an educationist. Few years after my birth we moved back to the Ashanti Region, where my parents are originally from. My family initially moved to my mother's home town temporarily, where I continued my education at the primary level. Two years after, we moved and settled in Kumasi where I continued my education up to the senior secondary level. I then gained admission to the University of Ghana in 1999 and moved to Accra where some of my elder siblings had already settled. My participation in a voluntary work while at the university took me to the Northern part of Ghana for two months, visiting and working with surrounding villages and communities. When I completed my first degree I got an offer to do my National Service with the University of Ghana on the Tradition and Modernity Project. After completion, I was retained and subsequent jobs I secured were all in Accra. Consequently, I continue to live in Accra and move to other regions as and when the need arises. Through my work as a researcher, I have found myself in different parts of the country. I first crossed the border of my country as a kid with my mother to Togo, a neighbouring country. My second was a month visit to the UK in 2007 and then to Bangladesh in 2008 on a sixmonth internship programme. These contacts has given me varied exposure and made me accept and appreciate people from different cultures and background. These experiences have also increased my knowledge on a wide range of issues especially on migration.



Chand, Krishan

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(CRRID), Chandigarh, India. The CRRID is a reputed 'National Status' social science research institute affiliated to Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, new Delhi. He is engaged at the Institute on issues relating to Social Science Research that focus on Migration, Labour and Development, Trade Unionism and Industrial Relations, and Micro Planning (Village Level). He has contributed extensively to research reports/publications on these issues. Some of his research reports / publications have been sponsored by the Planning Commission of India, New Delhi; the Government of Punjab; and the National and

International Organizations, such as ILO, UNICEF.

Dr. Chand obtained his under graduate degree [BA (Hons) with Geography] from Punjabi University, Patiala, India in 1980. Subsequently he secured his PG degree in Geography from Punjab University, Chandigarh, India, in 1982. Thereafter, he obtained Ph. D from Punjabi University, Patiala, India, in 1999, on the subject "Migrant Labour and the Trade Union Movement in Punjab: A Case Study of the Sugar Industry". Email: kchand54@yahoo.co.nz, kchand56@hotmail.com

Migration History: I was born in a village Kularan Kalan in the rural area of Punjab (India) and had primary education there. I completed my school education from the nearby town called Samana. For higher education, I shifted to Patiala (Punjab, India), a historical city of Punjab. It is here that my political moorings began to take shape as I got exposed to on-going social movements. During this period, I was involved with trade union activities among the migrants. After completion of under graduation from Patiala, I moved to Chandigarh.

Here, I was exposed to multi cultural environment through my interaction with the students not only from different parts of India but also from other developing countries. After successful completion of Master's Degree in 1982, I joined CRRID and became a member of team working on social and economic issues of the region. My work involved extensive travels around villages and cities and interaction with general population. These led to greater appreciation of social and economic concerns of the masses. On a short term fellow of six months from ICSSR, New Delhi, I obtained his Ph. D from Punjabi University in 1999. Presently I am engaged in project on 'Role of Indian Diaspora in the Development with Special Focus on Punjabi (sponsored by the Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs and coordinating another project on 'Safe and Legal Migration', sponsored by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Chimankar, Digambar Abaji



Digambar Abaji Chimankar is working as lecturer in the Post Graduate Department of Population Studies, Fakir Mohan University Balasore, Orissa, India. He is also doing part-time PhD with the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India. His research topic is 'Linkages between Access to land, Common Property Rsources and Patterns of Migration in Maharashtra' India. He has completed his graduate studies in Economics from Nagpur University, India. Then he did his Masters in Population Studies (MPS) from International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India. His research interests include migration and mobility, gender Issues, reproductive health, population policies and programmes, rural development, population and development etc. Email: dachimankar@yahoo.com

Migration Experience: I was born in the village Dighori (Mothi) in the state of Maharashtra, India. I stayed there until I was 11 years of age. Then I left my village for another village Ekodi (Kinhi) with my elder brother and completed my high school education. For higher secondary school education I moved to the district town Bhandara. I have completed my under graduation from M B Patel college at Sakoli, affiliated to the Nagpur University. After completion of my under graduate studies I moved to Nagpur for Master Degree education. Later on I went to Mumbai, to do another Master degree in Population studies. While I was doing PhD at IIPS, Mumbai, I got job as a lecturer in Population studies, Fakir Mohan University in the state of Orissa, India. Up to now I am in the state of Orissa but I do not know the next destination.

Chyrmang, Rikil



Currently, Rikil Chyrmang is pursuing PhD Programme in Economics at Centre for Development Studies (CDS) of the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. His PhD thesis is titled 'Migration, Conflict and Development in the Northeastern Region: The Cases of Assam and Meghalaya'. The focus of this study is on the links between cross border migration, conflict and development. Understanding of the problem faced in the region for the last three decades, this study will contribute for further investigation into the process of migration induce conflict and its impact on the livelihood and development.

He obtained his graduation and Master's degrees in Economics from Goa University of Goa and completed M.Phil in Applied Economics from the CDS-JNU in 2008. Email: rikil08d@cds.ac.in, rikil_chg16@yahoo.co.in



Migration Experience: I was born in Jalaphet village, Meghalaya (India), where I lived with my parents during my schooling upto 6th standard and then moved to Jowai town for higher studies. In 1994 I joined the Central school, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jowai until I completed matriculation in 1998. In 1998 after 10th standard I migrated from Meghalaya to Goa for playing football and pursue study as well. I wanted to become the great footballer; but when I look back that my community faced due to improper education and uneducated parents I realized that I better pursue education and quit football. It was my first time long-term experience in Goa and provided me the opportunity to study and live in a multicultural environment till I achieved a Master's Degree in Economics from Goa University of Goa.

My academic involvement with the Centre for Development Studies (affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) made a catalytic change in my attitude towards academics and research. The exposure that the 'centre' provides in terms of theory informed applied economic research is rich and tremendous. Again, the reason of the movement from Meghalaya to Goa and from Goa to Trivandrum was education related and once I complete my study it depends on the job opportunity. I am currently living and working for full time PhD Programme in Trivandrum but I don't know where my next destination is.

Collure, Anushaya



Anushaya Collure is attached to Law and Society Trust, a research and advocacy organization based in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, in the capacity of the programme officer of the Economic Social and Cultural Rights programme, since February 2008. So far she has been involved in administration and implementation of the projects such as organising awareness raising workshops on Globalisation and WTO issues to the activists working at the grassroots levels, national consultations as well as regional workshops on the same issues. Through the ESCR Programme, he hopes to work on research in 2009. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree from the University of Colombo in 1997 and took

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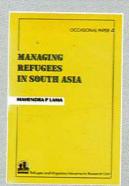
Migration Experience: I was born in Colombo but have lived in Diyatalawa, in the central hilly region as my father was teaching at the Government Technical College there. In 1972 my parents moved to Amparai, in the south eastern part of the country when my father accepted a teaching post in the HARDY Technical Institute in Amparai. My family moved back to my father's ancestral village which is located about 30 km away from the capital, Colombo in 1975. Since then I have been living in this village. I did my secondary and tertiary education in Colombo and afterwards started work in the capital. I had the opportunity to visit UK (Scotland), France, India and Nepal with regard to work.

Gandhi, B Valentine Joseph



Valentine Gandhi is a Visiting Scientist at ICRISAT, Hyderabad. Here he is working on issues relating to climate change induced migration and its impacts. He is shortly moving to the Institute of Rural Research and Development, Gurgaon as a Senior Scientist at the Rural Research Centre. His research interests since his Masters was on rural - urban migration. He recently submitted his PhD thesis to IIT Bombay which focused on Livelihood impacts of Migration and HIV/AIDS nexus. He is also a fellow of RMMRU, whose funding is currently helping him to explore the issue of Livelihood impacts of Migration and HIV/AIDS with a gender lens. He has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, International Water Management Institute (IWMI),





International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the University of Oxford on various projects relating to poverty, particularly relating to migration as a coping strategy for drought and its after effects. Email: valentine@iitb.ac.in, valentine.gandhi@gmail.com

Migration Experience: I have been a migrant all my life. I was born in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. My parents were in the development sector so they moved across continents, I grew up with my grand parents and then was united with my parents when they moved back to to Nagpur, India, where I did my schooling. My college life was again back in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. After college I joined my first job at ICRISAT, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, I then moved to Mumbai, IIT for my PhD. Then for my consultancies I have moved back and forth to Delhi, Lucknow and Hyderabad. I am presently moving out of Hyderabad to Delhi/Gurgaon for my new job. I began my career in web designing but not having interest in the corporate sector I moved to development sector by doing Masters in Social Work in 2001. Since then I have been in development research. My interest in migration began when I happened to visit an international organization which worked with migrants and refugees by providing the migrants' children free education.

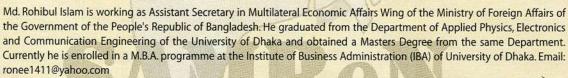
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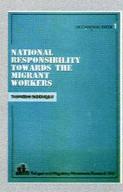
Kalpana Gurung is working as a National Coordinator at the National Network for Safe Migration (Migration Network), which is a non-profit umbrella organization of like minded organizations working on advocating and lobbying on safe migration issues. She completed her Master's degree from the Tribuvan University, Nepal and currently pursuing a Diploma course on HIV/AIDS and Family Education from the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Kathmandu. Email: go2kalpana@hotmail.com, nnforsafemigration@gmail.com

Migration Experience: I was born in Terai (Central Region of Nepal), Mahottari, Nepal where I lived and studied until 1993. Then I migrated to Kathmandu along with my family and continued my schooling in Madan Smarak College, Lalitpur. After my schooling I studied further in the colleges of Kathmandu and, pursued my study until M.B.S. (Master's in Business Studies). I also worked in various organizations while pursuing my studies. Immediately after the completion of my bachelor's, I started working in a NGO working for advocating on trade, economics and then I joined an INGO who were working on disability issues. I am currently living and working in Kathmandu.

Islam, Md. Robiul



Migration Experience: I was born in Halishahar, Chittagong. Although I hail from Shirajgonj district of Bangladesh I never got to live there. My father was in the defence service and as such our whole family had to migrate frequently from district to district. After I attained a certain age my parents had to settle down in Khulna so that I could have uninterrupted education. Subsequently, I got admitted into Jhenaidah Cadet College, Jessore. After my completion of higher secondary schooling I had to migrate from Jessore to Dhaka for my graduate studies at the University of Dhaka. As a civil servant I was posted in Khulna and after I joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs I am currently located in Dhaka and awaiting posting in some Bangladesh mission abroad.



Islam, Syed Md. Tajul



Syed Md. Tajul Islam is working as Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment of the Government of Bangladesh. He joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in 1991. Before joining this post he served as Additional Deputy Commissioner in a northern district of Bangladesh. He obtained his Bachelor of Honours and Masters Degrees in Accounting from Dhaka University in 1986 and 1998 respectively. Email: js@probashi.gov.bd, section4@probashi.gov.bd

Migration Experience: I was born in the village Lol Baria of the dist of Comilla in 1963. I lived in my native village with my parents until I was 16 years old. I obtained 1st Division in S.S.C. Examination in 1979 from a school located 5 km away from my village. Then I moved to Comilla town to study at the Comilla Victoria Government College. Subsequently I moved to the capital city of Dhaka to pursue higher studies in Accounting. On completion of my higher degree my job in the civil service took me to various places of Bangladesh.

Khanam, Afroja



Afroja Khanam is a Lecturer in Political Science at the Jagannath University, Dhaka. She obtained her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Political Science from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Before joining the Jagannath University in October 2008, Afroja worked as Lecturer at the College of Development Alternative (CODA) from 2004-2005, and at the Eminence International College (EIC) from 2005-2006. Later, she joined BRAC University in 2007 and in the meantime worked with the European Union Election Observation Mission to Bangladesh (EU-EOM 2007).

During her student days she was active member of the Young Researchers' Forum of RMMRU and conducted an important study on 'Brothel Eviction in Bangladesh: The Role of the State and Civil Society'. She was also involved with studies on Male Perception on Violence against Women', 'Non-traditional Security Discourse: The Case of Human Trafficking in India'. Email: athoi01@yahoo.com

Migration Experience: I was born in Munshigonj, Bangladesh in 1979. I spent my entire childhood there and completed my primary schooling. Subsequently, I migrated to Dhaka to study in a high school and had to live with my extended family. I experienced both the positive and negative consequences of migration. This enabled me to appreciate the psychological impacts of migration on an adolescent girl. Later I got admitted at the University of Dhaka. During my university life I travelled extensively in India and Nepal.



Khatun, Mahmuda



Mahmuda Khatun is serving as Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka. She received her undergraduate degree in sociology. Later she decided to change her future course of action and continue working on population issues. After receiving her Master's degree she was appointed as a Junior Consultant, National Institute of Population Research and Training in Bangladesh. Subsequently, she did a MA in Applied Sociology and PhD in Rural Sociology and Demography from the Pennsylvania State University, USA. Email: mahmuda1996@yahoo.com

Migration Experience: My first move was a part of family reunion which I barely remember. My next move was part of my career. I received a job as a lecturer at Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology, located in the northeast district of Sylhet. Even though that is part of Bangladesh, I had hard time coping with their language and culture. Then I moved back to Dhaka again. After receiving Fulbright Scholarship, I experienced major change in my life. It was for the first time I realided what it is meant to be a migrant. For the first two years, I was in Virginia to get my MA. Then I moved to Pennsylvania for pursuing PhD. Having completed my higher studies I left USA for Bangladesh in 2006 and finally, when I came back, I was no longer a migrant. I got my identity back.

Magar, Janga Bir Rana



Janga Bir Rana is working as a Refugee Programme Assistant at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Damak, Jhapa, Nepal. He also honed his skills as a Caseworker in USRAP (United States Refugee Admissions Program). He has done Master's Degree in Population Studies from Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu Nepal in 2005 and has been involved in a number of research activities in the field of IDPs and migration. He is a research fellow of Social Inclusion Research Fund (SIRF)/SNV, Nepal, 2007 and earlier worked with the Himalayan Community Development Organization a NGO, based in Kathmandu, Nepal and subsequently with Share and Care Nepal. He has gained an

understanding and experience in communication and advocacy after working as a patient three years in these fields. He also worked as a Durable Solution Assistant at United Nation's Office of Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Nepal. Email: jasumas@yahoo.com, rana@unhcr.org, jmagar@iom.int

Migration Experience: I was born on 1981 in Dhankuta, a remote village of eastern Nepal. When I was 17 years old I went to Calcutta, India and stayed there for 2 months which was my first stay out side the country. After completing my 12th grade, at the age of 18, I left for Kathmandu, Nepal for my higher studies. It was my first long term experience out side the house and provided me the opportunity to study and live in a multicultural environment. During the period of my Kathmandu stay I got some opportunities to visit the western part of Nepal. After I finished my Master's Degree in 2005, I got opportunities to work in some research projects. During the period of working in those research projects I visited Mid-west and Far-western region of the Nepal as a field supervisor. In October, 2007, I got a job in International organization for Migration, Damak, Jhapa, Nepal where I have been living since. I have been looking forward to go abroad for my further study.



Manadhar, Siddhi



Siddhi Manadhar is working as regional support officer for NCCR North-South. This is a consortium of 8 different academic institutions from Switzerland. University of Bern is the central part of it. He has been working in NCCR North-South since August 2002 which is engaged mainly in research in Nepal, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh with thematic focus on (a) Governance and Conflict, (b) Livelihoods and Globalization, and (c) Health & Sanitation and (d) Resource and Sustainability. The focus of NCCR North-South research is to develop research partnership for mitigating syndromes of global change and stimulate research in the region. Before this, he worked as interpreter (English-Nepali) for University of Zurich, Switzerland and Nepal German Project on

High Mountain Archeology sponsor by German Government. He obtained bachelor degree in commerce in 1993 and after a long gap received master's degree in rural development from Tribhuwan University in Kathmandu, Nepal. Email: siddhi@nccr.wlink.com.np

Migration Experience: I am a city born boy who has never migrated to other countries. Until the age of 21 years I had almost no contact with rural Nepal. After I joined my first job as interpreter, my lifestyle changed. My job took me to remote areas where there was no electricity, no toilet, poor infrastructural facilities. I learnt much more about life from my very first trip to remote area of Nepal. I learnt about the livelihoods of people, their culture, their responsibilities and poverty. My internal migration starts from this time and now I have been to 58 districts of Nepal (out of 75). The travels provided me great insights and understanding about life and livelihoods of the people of Nepal. I have seen many changes that have occurred. I remember the frights of children when cameras flashed, but now remittances from migration brought about major changes in the outlooks of the peoples of rural areas.

Pande, Amba



Amba Pande is presently working as visiting fellow at the Institute for studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, India. Previously she worked as a Documentation Officer in the Centre for South East Asia and South West Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University after completing her M. Phil. and Ph. D. from the same school. She has been involved in teaching at M. A. and M. Phil. levels and other academic work for the past eight years. The areas of her research interests have been migration, Diaspora, multi-culturalism and ethnicity and also South East Asia and the Pacific. She has also successfully completed a major research project with the University Grants Commission of India, titled Ethnic Conflict in Fiji:

Challenges before Indian Diaspora (in the press). Some of the other fellowships/ awards received by her are Indo-Dutch Fellowship to study The Role of Indian Diaspora in India- Netherlands Relations, A grant from the Ministry of External Affairs for visits to Australia and Singapore to study Indian Diaspora, and Indian Council for Historical Research grant to visit Fiji. She has also completed a report on GATS and Movement of Labour: Opportunities and Challenges for India sponsored by OXFAM India Trust. She has many publications to her credit, including a book entitled "Regional Security in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific: Prospects of Nuclear Free Zone." Email: ambapande@gmail.com

Migration Experience: I was born in India and have remained in my mother country till date except for few short visits to foreign lands. However, within my country I have migrated from one place to another. I was born in a city called Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh but studied in Banaras till graduation. After that I shifted to Lucknow for post graduation and then to Delhi for M Phil and Ph D. Now I am settled in New Delhi, the capital city of India and plan to be here unless any big opportunity comes my way.



Pandit, Suresh



Suresh Pandit has been working in Norwegian Refugee Council as Monitoring and Evaluation and Advocacy Officer. He has been contributing for assessment on internal displacement issues in Nepal to UN and International agencies working in Nepal. Besides, he is supporting the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction and Nepal Peace Trust Fund from IDP Cluster for devising IDP related programmes. He is representing in AlN (Association of INGOs working in Nepal) - Peace Working Group (PWG) as a member. Prior to NRC, he worked in Social Welfare Council as Assistant Director in Monitoring & Evaluation Department. Pandit has completed Master Degree in Business Administration from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Currently, he is working on an assessment concept regarding situation of IDPs in Nepal that is taking place in few months in association of other national and international agencies. Email: panditsmr@yahoo.com, suresh.pandit@nrcnepal.org.np

Migration Experience: I was born in Basantapur Tanhun, remote place of Nepal in 1972. When I was 16 years old, I moved Kathmandu, capital city of Nepal for the higher study after getting School Leaving Certificate (SLC). I completed my Master Degree in Kathmandu from Tribhuvan University. I started my career in Social Welfare Council (SWC) where I worked for more than 10 years. The SWC is an apex body of the Government of Nepal to coordinate, facilitate, monitor and evaluate activities of I/NGOs in Nepal. I had several training opportunities including overseas while I was working in the SWC and that helped to enhance my knowledge and understanding to a large extent. At present, I am working with Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) as Monitoring Evaluation and Advocacy Officer from Feb 2007. The NRC is an international humanitarian agency working for the internally displaced people and refugees induced by conflict. I have received trainings in Nepal as well as in Norway in displacements and its protection issues. NRC is closing down its project activities in June 2009 and I will have to explore further opportunity where I can utilize my knowledge and experience. Therefore, I will be working here till June 2009 and my next destination is still in the womb of future.

Rajbhandari, Retika



Ms. Rajbhandari works as Learning and Documentation Officer at CARE International in Nepal. Her project focuses on gender and peace building at the community level in the far and mid western districts of Nepal. She primarily works with community women leaders in providing them technical inputs to strengthen their network and their advocacy work on Violence against Women. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Michigan, USA. In 2004, she achieved a Master's Degree in Gender and Peacebuilding from the University for Peace, Costa Rica. Since 2005, she worked in Nepal and India in various capacities with internally displaced persons and migrant workers. Right now, she is working in the mid western Nepal with a aim to gather my preliminary research information on migratory pattern in order to pursue my PhD work on migration. Email: retika00@yahoo.com, retika.raj@gmail.com, retika@carenepal.org.

Migration Experience: I was born in Kathmandu, Nepal. I left Kathmandu at the age of seventeen to pursue my undergraduate studies in the United States. After graduating from University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Environmental policy and behaviour, I returned back to Nepal to work. In 2003, I went to the University for Peace in Costa Rica to pursue a Master's Degree in Gender and Peacebuilding with a hope that my contribution to Nepal would become more specialized in this area given the heightened armed conflict situation in Nepal. After my return in 2005, I took up a position with WOREC Nepal as Programme coordinator working on a Violence Against Women project documenting women's rights violations in the most conflict affected districts in Nepal. In August 2006, I migrated to New Delhi, India to work with a feminist network, SANGAT as a project officer handling a project that has helped nominate 1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. It is in Delhi that I personally witnessed the situation of Nepali migrant workers as out of my own personal interest I got an opportunity to closely work with Nepali migrant associations there. I conducted a baseline survey on seasonal Nepali migrant workers in and around Delhi going for agricultural work. The stark reality of everyday struggle of Nepali migrant workers as non citizens and as those lacking any agency is what really inspired me to delve deeper into the migration phenomenon. This was further reinforced when I met Nepali women domestic workers in Delhi that seemed so invisible in the larger schema of global economy. Then, I made a decision to move back to Nepal and work in the area which is most migration sensitive. I wanted to explore the migration phenomenon at the source itself. Therefore, I took up the position with CARE International and moved to mid western Nepal. Mid and Far western hills are the most impoverished areas of Nepal from where maximum number of people migrate to India for work as it is the only available option for livelihood.



Rozario, Amrita



Amrita Rozario has been working as a Programme Officer at the National Office of Caritas Bangladesh for Gender and Development Programme. Her current job responsibility is to facilitate the process of gender mediated Community Based Institution Building (Peoples Organizations) through conscentization of the rural poor. Her contribution towards her organization entails development of various modules, tools and system for the grassroots level Peoples' Organizations including serving as a committee member in formulating future strategy of Caritas Services for Peoples' Organization towards self-sustainability and sustainable development of the rural poor. She obtained her Batchelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in 1996 from Tejgaon College, Dhaka, under National University of Bangladesh. For a brief period she worked as a volunteer with Friends of Bangladesh, (FOB) a

philanthropic organization that provides free medical services for slum dwellers who have migrated to the Dhaka city. Email: amritarozario@yahoo.com

Migration Experience: I come from the village of Chaitan, under Kaligonj upazila in Gazipur district, Bangladesh. I spent my school years in the village until I moved to the capital city of Dhaka to pursue my college studies at the age of 18. Having completed my graduation in Economics, in 1998, my initial thought about my future career was to join the banking sector. But as I started reflecting more on my carrier I realized that I would better serve many disadvantaged rural poor women and men using my academic knowledge and competencies through working in a National/International Organization that promotes social justice and sustainable development of the poor. My aim to join in a development organization was fulfilled when I was offered a job in Caritas Bangladesh in March 2004. I was fortunate to undertake a Diploma Course on Community Development in the Philippines during April to May 2007. Working in Caritas has been enriching and rewarding as I have not only experienced personal growth as a 'change agent' through exposing myself to various training, seminar, workshop, discussion but also through my personal and professional attachment with many rural poor women and men whose well-being is affected by causes and consequences that remains beyond their control. I wish to contribute further in the line of developing sustainable, self-managed grassroots level Institution/s of the poor through enlarging my knowledge, skill including pursuing further studies on contemporary development issues/concerns.



Samad, Ghulam



Ghulam Samad is working in Planning Commission of Pakistan in the capacity of Research Associate contributing to the long term perspective planning in Pakistan like "Vision 2030" and also remained involved in medium term planning (MTDFs) and shortly term annual planning. He did B.Sc. (Hons) Economics from the University of Peshawar (N.W.F.P) in 2003. In 2005 he attained Master's degree (honours) in Economics and Finance from School of Economics at International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan. After completion of graduation, he got a job in the Centre of Research for Development and Policy Studies (CORDAPS) at the same university. He completed his M.Phil in Economics (March 2008) from the same university with distinction. Email: ghulamsamad@hotmail.com

Migration Experience: I was born in Buner district of North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, where I lived up to the completion of Secondary School Certificate examination. Then I left for Peshawar in 1996, from where I completed under graduation studies in 2003. In 2003-2005 I shifted to Islamabad capital of Pakistan to complete the graduation. I did it with honours. Soon after, I was offered the job of Research Associate/Lecturer at the same university. Subsequently, I joined the Planning Commission of Pakistan in 2006. I visited quite a few countries attending workshops and seminars.

Sanchez, Loic



Loic Sanchez works as a Research Assistant on Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimizing Migration's Economic and Social Impacts on Development at the Global Development Network in Delhi. He acted as a delegate at the Global Forum on Migration and Development held in Manila last October. Loic obtained his maitrise (4 year education) in Social Sciences from the University of Toulouse, Le Mirail. In 2007, he achieved a Master's Degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Since then, Loic spent 6 months working at an Afghan research center (Awaz) in Kabul conducting a nationwide opinion survey for the Afghan Government on the impacts of the reform of its administration on the different strata of the afghan population. Email: Isanchez@gdnet.org

Migration Experience: I was born in Southern France (close to Toulouse), which I Jeft to pursue my bachelor degree (as an Erasmus student) at the University of Barcelona. My family is originally from Spain however I never had the chance to thoroughly immerse myself into this culture. I spent the next half year at the University of Toulouse until one of my professors challenged me to take my fourth year (maitrise) at another European university. I therefore spent 6 months enrolled in a master's programme at the University of Bergen (Norway), where I studied Social Sciences and improved my English. Probably due to my childhood spent in a mountainous region (the Pyrenees), I quickly adjusted to the harsh climate and even grew a genuine interest for Scandinavia and its people. I eventually graduated in France the year after and applied for a Master programme (partly in Danish) at the Institute of Anthropology at the University of Copenhagen. Anthropology always fascinated me and by then, I specialized in Migration Studies. I wanted to enjoy one more time the opportunity of studying abroad and sent an application to the prestigious University of Sao Paolo for a position as an exchange student. As I got accepted I spent 8 months in Brazil and collected valuable data for my final thesis which topic was on: "the impact of migration on Japanese - Brazilian (Dekasseguis) return migrants' ethnic identity". This experience was very enriching not merely for learning Portuguese but also because I had a chance to mingle with outstanding personalities who helped me to develop myself both professionally and as a person. Back in Denmark, after graduating, I worked part-time as a project coordinator for the International Rehabilitation Council for Victims of Torture (IRCT). My contract expired after 5 months and I decided to have a closer look at development in action by accepting a position as a junior researcher in Afghanistan and then moved to Delhi where I curreritly work with both Development and Migration.

Stojanov, Robert



Robert Stojanov is currently lecturer at Institute of Territorial Studies, Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies at Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno. He pursues research dealing with relations among migration processes, environmental change and development, and effectiveness of development interventions. He is prime author of monographs Development, Environment and Migration. Analysis of Linkages and Consequences (2008), Development Assistance in the Light of Practice. Selected Linkages and Aspects (2008), and co-author of Shaping the Development of Developing Countries. Focused on China and India (2008) and Approaching The Other: Four Projects of Western Domination (2008). Robert has conducted a field

researches related to environmental change, including climate change, and its migration and development consequences in China, East Africa, East Europe and South Asia. Robert achieved his first Master's Degree in History, Geography, Social Studies and Philosophy at University of Hradec Králové, and second Master's Degree in Environmental Studies at Masaryk University in Brno. This year he would like to finish his PhD study in Environmental Geography (dissertation thesis Environmentally-induced Migration in the World). Email: stojanov@centrum.cz,

Migration Experience:

I have no experiences of migration because I have been living, studying and working in the Czech Republic all the time.

Ullah, AKM Ahsan



AKM Ahsan Ullah works as a fellow at the Institute of Population Health (IPH), University of Ottawa, Canada. He is now involved in a research on health vulnerabilities of immigrants and refugees in Canada. Ahsan obtained his undergraduate and post graduate degrees in public administration from the University of Dhaka, MSc in development planning from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand and PhD in international population migration from the City University of Hong Kong. He worked for BRAC (research), AIT, Thailand SEARC, Hong Kong, Plan International, Dhaka, IPH, University of Ottawa, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada. He published nine books on migration, development and globalization. He

contributed widely in national and international journals. Email: ahsan722001@yahoo.com, aullah@uottawa.ca

Migration Experience: I was born in rural area in Bangladesh. After our homestead was burnt down during the liberation war in 1971, we moved to Barisal district town. After I finished my high school and college, I moved to Dhaka to study at the University of Dhaka. After I graduated, I started working for BRAC, one of the largest national NGOs in the world. I worked there for five years. Then I moved to Thailand to pursue MSc degree. I stayed back in Thailand after my MSc program ended to work on a research project for the AIT for a couple of months. I moved back to Bangladesh to work for Plan International as research coordinator. Then after I moved to Singapore (NUS) to pursue my PhD research, however, I discontinued following a number of health related issues and went back to Bangladesh. After a couple of months I moved to Hong Kong for PhD. By this time, I was accepted as permanent resident in Canada. In 2006 I moved first to Ottawa, then to Halifax to complete one-year teaching contract with the Saint Mary's University. Now in Ottawa again! No idea yet about the next destination!

Vedharaniyam,K.



K. Vedharaniyam works for International Organization for Migration in Sri Lanka as a Senior Programme Coordinator since 2004. He has wide experience in refugee repatriation and resettlement including conflict and disaster affected IDPs.

He obtained bachelors degree in human resource management at IPM Sri Lanka and Diploma in Conflict Resolution from UN University for Peace in Costa Rica. He also has a post graduate diploma in International Relations obtained from BCIS Sri Lanka. He conducted researches on 'Motivational Strategies to retain the workforce in the Small Holder Tea Industry in Sri Lanka' and conflict between resettling refugees and host communities and was involved in designing district disaster

management plan for a south district in Sri Lanka. He also worked for UNDP, ICRC in Sri Lanka. Email: kvedharaniyam@iom.int, vedhaster@gmail.com

Migration Experience: I was born in the North part of Sri Lanka and living in the central part in a multi cultural environment. I followed a field integration course in New Delhi India. I worked in Nigeria for one year at a private company and I could learn about the African life. I came back to Sri Lanka and then got a chance to work in Asia Pacific Region. I worked at IOM, Nauru as an operations Officer. I was in charge of the operation of off shore migration processing centre in Nauru Island. Sri Lankan and Burmese asylum seekers were there in the centre until they were resettled in Australia. I used to visit Australia for my vacation.

THE FACULTY

Adhikari, Jagannath

Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS)



Dr. Jagannath Adhikari received his Ph.D in human geography from the Australian National University. He has done extensive research on social dynamics of natural resources management including participatory forestry, food security and labour migration. He has written and co-authored books on foreign employment and remittances, food crisis in Nepal and conflict and food security. He is associated as a senior social scientist with NIDS.

Collyer, Michael
University of Sussex



Dr. Michael Collyer completed his PhD at Sussex, exploring recent developments in the Euro-Algerian migration system. He then held a Nuffield Foundation New Career Development Fellowship between Sussex and Abdelmalek Essaadi University in Tétouan, Morocco. In the recent past he was based at the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka, supported by a Marie Curie Outgoing International Fellowship. He was appointed to a Lectureship in Human Geography in September 2006 at the University of Sussex. Michael is interested in the relationship between migrants and states. This leads to a particular focus on forced, temporary and undocumented migrations, the political organisation of diaspora communities and the development of extra-

territorial citizenship. Recent research projects have concerned undocumented migrants and refugees in Morocco, constructions of transnational space in the Moroccan diaspora, and the resettlement process as experienced by refugees from Kenya in Brighton. His current research explores internal displacement, readmission and return in Sri Lanka.

Fernando, Devseth

Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, Government of Sri Lanka



Having completed his Bachelor's degree in Computer Systems Engineering, Mr. Devseth Fernando joined the GIS & Remote Sensing section of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka as its Systems Engineer. Vast experience that he gained in spatial and attribute data management in land use, internal migration patterns of people as land users, simulation of data for studying ownership of lands, was assessed by the British Computer Society and the Council of Engineering Institution, UK and titled him as a Chartered Information Technology Practitioner (CITP) and a Chartered Engineer (C.Eng) respectively. In 1998, he joined the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) that regulates the international labour migration in Sri Lanka, as its Head of

Information & Technology. Most of the operational procedures related to international labour migration had been computerized and were linked up with on line web based IT infrastructure during his tenure. He improved the area of knowledge and information sharing which is considered as one of the thrust areas

in international labour migration and was able to introduce supporting technical infrastructure that enables both local and international researchers to collect updated information and statistics. Further, he obtained his Master's degree in Management and his research thesis was the first Master's thesis on 'knowledge management' in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Fernando was involved in several research programmes related to various sub disciplines of international labour migration process such as, best recruitment practices, safe and planned migration, and governance of migration conducted by various universities and international Non-Governmental organizations. He represented his organization and the country in several forums on international migration and also participated as a resource person in several International workshops. Currently he is the Chief Officer in Planning, monitoring. evaluation, and information of the SLBFE and also reading for his M.Phil on knowledge sharing in governance in Sri Lankan context.

Gois, William

Migrant Forum in Asia based in the Philippines



Mr. Ashley William Gois is the Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia, a regional network of migrants' organizations, NGOs, advocates, grassroots organizations and trade unions working to promote the rights and well being of migrant workers and members of their families. MFA was also recently nominated as the convener of the Solidarity for Asian People's Advocacy - SAPA (for more information please see: www.asiasapa.org)

He is an educator, sociologist and human rights advocate. He has been working on human rights education for

more than a decade and has been teaching social consciousness among University students across the Asia Pacific region. From 1990 to 1995 Mr. Gois has worked extensively with religious and cross cultural dialogues in Pakistan.

He was a member of the Pax Romana Asian Regional Team from 1995-2000. Mr. Gois has completed his Masters Degree in Sociology. He is also a team member of the Center for Conscious Living.

Gurung, Ganesh

Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS), Nepal



Mr. Ganesh Gurung is Sociologist at the Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS). He is a core member of SAMReN. He was Vice Chairman of Social Welfare Council of Nepal Government and member of several high level committees in the Ministry of Labour of the Government of Nepal. His publications include Overview of Overseas Migration (ILO 2004), A Study of Out-Migration in South Asia, (2003), Patterns in Foreign Employment and Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, (2001), Children: Catalyst of Change and Development (1998) and Land Reform-An Unfinished revolution of Nepal (2008) in Nepali language. The New Lahure (2001), Nepali Women Workers in Foreign Lands (2003) are two books which he coauthored with others.

He is in the board of director of the New ERA, a private consultancy group based in Kathmandu and member of the Sociological/Anthropological Society of Nepal.

EXTERNATIONAL EXSTRUMENTS

AND BANGLADESET

Islam, Md. Nurul

Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, Government of Bangladesh



Dr. Nurul Islam is an engineer by training. He is the Director of Research, Monitoring & Computer Unit of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training of Government of Bangladesh. He served as a labour attaché in Bangladesh missions in some of the Gulf countries, including Saudi Arabia.

Khair, Sumaiya Dhaka University, Bangladesh



Dr. Sumaiya Khair, is a Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Law, University of Dhaka. She obtained her PhD from UK in 1995. She is also a Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Academic Fellow tenable at the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London, U.K. from October 2006-April 2007. Professor Khair sits on the Editorial Boards of The Hague Journal on the Rule of Law, The Hague Institute of Internationalisation of Law (HiiL), The Netherlands, the Journal of the Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka and the Journal of Law and Development, Law and Development Policy Research Institute, Dhaka. She has also been on the Editorial Board,

Dhaka Bishyabidyalaya Patrika (Bangla Journal of the University of Dhaka) from 2005-2007. She was involved in the clinical legal education programme run by the Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka for a number of years. She is also a visiting faculty in private law schools. Currently, she chairs the Executive Committee of RMMRU.

Apart from her academic responsibilities, Professor Khair is engaged in other professional work. She is currently holding executive positions in a number of research and professional bodies. She has served as consultant to UN agencies, ILO and different international development partners on numerous occasions. Her areas of interest and research include human rights, child rights, juvenile justice, legal empowerment, migration, governance, labour and gender issues. She has written extensively on law, justice and human rights and has to her credit a number of articles and publications in both national and international journals and books. She has authored three research books namely, Legal Empowerment for the Poor and the Disadvantaged: Strategies, Achievements and Challenges. Experiences from Bangladesh, 2008, Child Migration for Work, 2008 and Women in the Labour Market. Impact and Implications of Labour Law, 2002 (co-authored). She has travelled extensively and has served as resource person in her areas of expertise in national and international forums.

Rajan, S. Irudaya

Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs Research Unit on International Migration, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, India



S Irudaya Rajan holds a PhD in Demography from the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and is currently a Chair Professor of the Research Unit on International Migration set up by the Ministry of Indian Overseas Affairs, Government of India at the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

He has more than two decades of research experience in demographic issues in Kerala, has published extensively, and has contributed seminally to debates on the demographic aspects of the 'Kerala Model' of development in national and international forums.

RMMRU-DRC Fellow, 2008

Bishnu Bahadur Khatri, Nepal, is conducting a research on Patterns and Utilization of Rural Out-migrants' Remittance Flow: A Study of Khanigaun village of Gulmi District Nepal under the fellowship.

He has worked on issues relating to sex ratio, migration, aging and has been involved in four major surveys, the Kerala Fertility Survey, the Kerala Migration Surveys (1998, 2003, 2007 and 2008), Kerala Mental Health Survey and Kerala Aging Surveys (2004 and 2008). He is the coordinator of the Kerala State Development Report prepared for the Planning Commission, Government of India and also member of both the National Migration Policy drafting group and the Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment of the Ministry Overseas Indians Affairs.

Siddiqui, Tasneem

Dhaka University, Bangladesh



Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, a Professor of Political Science at the University of Dhaka, has extensively written, edited and published books and articles nationally and internationally on migration. Since the late 1990s Dr. Siddiqui and her colleagues have successfully brought migration issue in the national policy agenda. Her books, monographs and research papers on temporary labour migration of women from Bangladesh, migrants workers' remittance, Bangladeshi diaspora and development and labour recruitment process have successfully contributed to concrete policy changes such as lifting of ban on female labour migration from Bangladesh, recruitment of workers through computerised data base and libralisation of central bank policies on remittance transfer. She is one of the core members of the steering

committee of the Central Bank of Bangladesh initiated Remittance Payment and Partnership project. As recognition of her contribution to the sector she was invited to prepare the draft of the National Overseas Employment Policy of the government, subsequently enacted in 2006. Currently, a nation-wide media campaign on rights of migrants and remittance management is taking place in Bangladesh. That has been conceptualised and designed by her.

In the past she served as chairs of the Asia Pacific Migration Research Network (APMRN) and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit. Currently, she is chairing the SAMReN. She is actively involved in UN led initiatives on migration and development.

Skeldon, Ronald

University of Sussex, UK



Ronald Skeldon is a part-time Professorial Fellow in the Department of Geography in the School of Social and Cultural Studies. After taking a B.Sc. (Hons) in Geography at the University of Glasgow in 1967, he completed an M.A. and a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto, with a dissertation on 'Migration in a Peasant Society: the Example of Cuzco, Peru'. He became a Research Fellow at the New Guinea Research Unit of the Australian National University, later the Papua New Guinea Institute for Applied Social and Economic Research, in Port Moresby, 1974-77. He then joined the United Nations, initially as a census adviser in Papua New Guinea, 1977-79, and later as a population expert based in Bangkok, 1979-82. In 1982, he joined the faculty of the University of Hong Kong, where he remained until 1996, leaving as a Professor of

Geography. After four years as an independent consultant based in Bangkok working mainly for United Nations organizations, he joined the University of Sussex in October 2000. He remains an Honorary Professor at the University of Hong Kong and was an Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Population and Social Research at Mahidol University, Thailand, from 1997 to 2000.

He has continued to work as a consultant to international organizations, including the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Population Division, and to UK government departments such as the Home Office and the Department for International Development (DFID). From 1 June 2009, he will be cross-appointed to the UK's Department for International Development (DfID) as a Senior Research Fellow in Governance. He has written or edited five books and many articles and chapters in professional journals and books. The publications are on the website of the University of Sussex.



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Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India, & Professor of Economics, JNU



Dr. Srivastava is Professor of Economics, at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He is currently on lien from the university as a full time Member of the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India in the rank of Secretary to government. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the government on issues relating to the informal economy. It has submitted more than half dozen detailed reports till date. Its several recommendations also cover the working conditions, and social protection arrangements for internal migrant workers.

He is a Core Member of the SAMReN. He studied at the University of Allahabad, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Cambridge University (from where he obtained his doctoral degree). He has earlier taught in the University of Allahabad and has associated with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1992 (as Fulbright Fellow in Development Economics) as well as with various other universities including the University of Amsterdam, Oxford University and the Osaka City University.

Professor Srivastava's main areas of research and publication include human development, rural poverty and rural development, decentralization, labour markets and migration. He has written three books and over seventy papers and reports in Indian and foreign journals. He has worked in advisory/consultative positions with the Indian Planning Commission, UNDP, UNICEP, The World Bank, DFID, SIDA and the ADB. He has also been a member of various task forces, steering groups and consultative committees of the Department of Rural Development and the Planning Commission in India. In 2001, he was given the University Grant Commission's award in economics for innovative research on poverty.

Professor Srivastava is currently member of the Governing Body of the Indian Council for Social Science Research. He is also a member of the Core Group on Outcome Monitoring (Planning Commission) and a member of the Core Group on the Right to Food (National Human Rights Commission). He is part of the Editorial Board of Social Change, The Journal Agrarian Change, Sarvekshana and the Indian Journal of Labour Economics.

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RMMRU-DRC Fellowship 2009

Watch out for the fellowship announcement after May 2009 in the following websites:

<www.samren.org> <www.rmmru.net><www.migrationdrc.org>

SOUTH ASIA MIGRATION RESOURCE NETWORK

In June 2003, the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom, and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka jointly organised a regional conference on Migration, Development and Pro-Policy Choices in Asia. The purpose of this conference was to examine the links between migration, development and poverty in the current phase of globalisation. This conference was an important landmark in migration studies in Asia.

The conference concluded that there is considerable scope for mutual learning from the diverse range of migration governance practices in Asia. To institutionalise the process of sharing, the need to establish a regional network was recognised and recommended. In April, 2004, South Asian participants of the conference, under RMMRU's initiative established the South Asia Migration Resource Network (SAMReN) of academics, researchers, civil society activists and migrant support groups. This network is regional in scope and provides an excellent opportunity for comparative lesson learning which addresses cross-border issues. In recognition of the contribution of migration to the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, DFID's Asia Division provided support to this network. RMMRU of the University of Dhaka is the secretariat of the Network.

AIMS OF THE NETWORK

The aims of the network are to (a) share knowledge and experience; (b) develop the capacity of young academics and researchers on migration through training; (c) engage in policy advocacy; (d) encourage and facilitate data sharing between stakeholders in different countries; (e) facilitate sharing of information through interactive websites, regional seminars and training courses; and (f) provide broad based and reliable information and options to policy makers at national and regional levels.

GOALS OF THE NETWORK

The goals envisaged under this project are:

- To increase understanding of the potential contribution of migration for pro-poor growth and poverty reduction in Asia.
- To be the premier resource centre on migration, refugee and displacement issues in South Asia.
- To initiate regional collaborative research in order to understand the links between migration and poverty reduction.

- To provide training to promote the idea among young academics, professionals, grassroots leaders, NGO
 activists, that orderly and managed migration can reduce poverty and benefit receiving and sending regions,
 and that migration is an important livelihood strategy to move out of poverty and
- To establish network with academics and activists of South Asia on issues of migration for policy advocacy at national and regional levels.

ACTIVITIES

SAMReN activities include: (a) a website providing figures, statistics, update on government policies, important news items, new publications and findings of research. on migration issues (b) organising a residential training workshop for young academics and professionals on Migration, Development, Security and Globalisation; (c) granting awards under a fellowship scheme to conduct research on migration (d) developing a resource pool in the form of a documentation centre that consists of books, articles, documents, reports, data and statistics on migration; (e) developing briefing notes for policy makers, and (f) publications of newsletters and research studies on migration. Intended beneficiaries included researchers, policy planners, young professionals, and NGO activists. This report is divided into two sections: (a) formative phase and (b) implementation phase.





RMMRU-DRC Fellow, 2008
B Valentine Joseph
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GLIMPSES OF FIRST WORKSHOP IN BANGLADESH, 2005











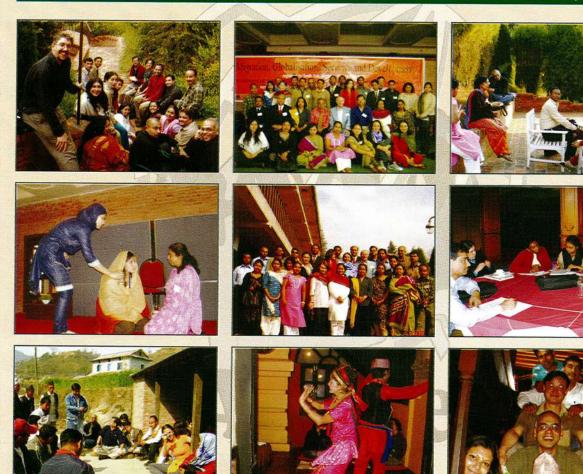








GLIMPSES OF SECOND WORKSHOP IN NEPAL, 2008



Model SAARC Declaration on Labour Standard for Out-going Migrants

Prepared by the Participants of the Second Residential Training Workshop on Migration, Globalisation, Security and Development held at Godavari, Kathmandu, Nepal from 9-16 March, 2008

Preamble

We, the member nations of SAARC, who are parties to major international human rights instruments, do hereby solemnly affirm that we recognise and shall ensure that all outgoing migrant workers from within the boundaries of our respective countries must be entitled to basic human rights implying access to a minimum level of protection, such as equality of treatment and working conditions.

Wages

All outgoing SAARC migrants shall be provided with a standard minimum wage and working hours and remuneration, without delay and not less than in accordance with a 'Model' contract, preapproved and shared with destination countries.

Discrimination

All outgoing SAARC migrants will be provided with labour standards wherein there is no social and cultural discrimination.

Social Benefits

All outgoing SAARC migrants, documented /undocumented and their families have the right to adequate housing, essential health services and basic education for children.

Security

All outgoing SAARC migrants have the basic human rights to security and to liberty of persons against arbitrary arrest, detention, collective expulsion and the right to voluntary return.

Information

All outgoing SAARC migrants shall be provided relevant information including pre-departure information, awareness regarding their remuneration and rights awarded to them under their work contracts, and within the legislative system of their respective countries of destination, through a SAARC Information Centre with regional cells in all respective SAARC countries. This SAARC Information Centre will also maintain a comprehensive database on migrants to facilitate future problem analysis and policy making.

"WE DEMAND THE ISSUE TO BE TABLED IN THE UPCOMING SAARC SUMMIT."

Participants of the Second Residential Training Workshop on Migration, Globalisation, Security and Development

Legal Services

In case of legal complications within destination countries, such as a deportation or expulsion order, all outgoing SAARC migrant should have adequate access to relevant legal services including liaison with competent authorities, to ensure that the accused migrants have the right to adequate defense. Other legal support should also include ensuring protection against exploitation, either sexual or economic; guaranteeing the right not to be held in slavery or servitude; ensuring the right not to be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment. The activation of such legal support should be undertaken by the foreign embassy of SAARC countries within the concerned country of destination, via a SAARC Legal Grievance Cell (situated within the SAARC Secretariat) and SAARC must also lobby with the destination countries to ensure that their embassies are informed in case any of their migrants are accused of an illegal activity.

Rights upon Return

All outgoing SAARC migrants should be ensured the right to voluntary return whenever they wish. They should be provided adequate and cost effective means and guidance concerning repatriation, have better saving and investment options, more choices to utilise skills acquired during migration, and adequate options concerning pensions upon return.

HOST INSTITUTIONS

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit

The Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), an affiliate of the University of Dhaka, has been functioning as a research, training, and policy advocacy institution on refugee, displacement and governance issues.

Objectives of RMMRU

- Increase understanding of the potential contribution of migration for pro poor growth and poverty reduction in Asia.
- Be the premier resource centre on migration, refugee and displacement issues in South Asia.
- Initiate regional collaborative research to understand the links between migration and poverty reduction.
- Provide training, disseminate and promote the idea among young academics, professionals, grassroots leaders, NGO activists that orderly and managed migration can reduce poverty and benefit receiving and sending regions and that migration is an important livelihood strategy to move out of poverty.
- Establish network with academics and activists of South Asia and beyond on issues of migration for policy advocacy at national, regional and international levels.

Activities

Currently RMMRU is implementing four projects. These are Remittance and Payment Project (RPP), Capacity Building for Ensuring Safe Labour Migration (CABSLAM), Development Research Centre (DRC) on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty and South Asia Migration Resource Network (SAMReN). RMMRU implemented many projects in the past. Some of these were Population Movements: Non-traditional Issues in South Asian Security Discourse (NTS), Transnationalism and Development, Higher Education Link Programme, Awareness Campaign on Safe Migration through Local Level Leader, Advocacy on Rights of Refugees and Migrants.

Nepal Institute of Development Studies

The Nepal Institute of Development Studies (NIDS), a Non Governmental Organisation founded in 1998, is engaged in conducting research, implementing effective programs to create environment through initiation, facilitation and coordination of activities and networking/lobbying and advocating on equitable development strategies.

Objectives of NIDS

- To alleviate poverty and contribute to socio-economic development by undertaking innovative research and supporting alternative development models.
 - To develop an integrated and sustainable development model suitable for Nepal.

Activities

As a development institute, NIDS basically undertakes research related to diverse issues for developing advocacy materials to assist in the policy making process. NIDS has collaboration and partnerships with University of Zurich, University of East Angola and with the Department of Geography, Tribhuvan University Nepal.

The Institute is currently a focal point of CARAM-Asia (Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility-Asia) which is a wide network of NGOs and conducts participatory action researches. NIDS is also the secretariat of the network of APPACHA (Asia Pacific People's Alliance for combating HIV &AIDS).

Advocacy is an integral part of the program, as "Advocacy is geared towards change - from personal changes in attitudes and behaviors, to political, public and institutional changes". NIDS has been actively involved in policy advocacy for the voiceless and vulnerable groups such as migrants and women.

SAMReN Workshop on Migration and Development

The next SAMReN Residential Training Workshop on Migration and Development for young professionals will be held in early 2010.

Watch out for the workshop announcment in the following websites:

<www.samren.org> <www.rmmru.net><www.migrationdrc.org>

RMMRU-DRC Fellow, 2008

Kirsty Jenatsch,
Australia, is carrying out a research on Challenges of Reintegration to Returnee Labour Migrants in Bangladesh under the fellowship.

PARTNER

Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalization & Poverty

Focusing on both internal and international flows, and covering a continuum of movements from 'forced' to 'voluntary', the Development Research Centre (DRC) on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty seeks to:

- Provide an opportunity for a coalition of partners to develop sustained and in-depth research on migration, globalization and poverty
- Contribute new insights and critical understanding of the relationships between migration, globalisation and poverty through new empirical studies as well as synthesis of existing research
- Strengthen the capacity of all six partners in the Centre, through a process of mutual learning.
- Promote dialogue between the Centre partners and a wide range of other actors in both 'South' and 'North'.

Researchers at the Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty are addressing these issues, by undertaking a programme of research, capacity-building, training and promotion of dialogue to provide the strong evidential and conceptual base needed for such new policy approaches. The DRC supported by Department for International Development, UK aims to work with the migration and non-migrating poor, contributing both directly and indirectly to the elimination of poverty.

The migration DRC is focused on three key of relevance to the relationship between migration and poverty:

- Impact of migration on poverty and livelihoods
- Changing dynamics of migration
- New approaches to international migration

The migration DRC is co-ordinated in UK by the Sussex Centre for the Migration Research at the University of Sussex. Dr. Richard Black is the Director of the Centre.

The DRC partners include:

Center for Economic and Social Studies, Tirana (Albania), Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh), Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, American University at Cairo (Egypt), Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana (Ghana), School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich and Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (United Kingdom)

ABOUT KATHMANDU

Kathmandu is the capital and the largest city of Nepal. The city is situated in Kathmandu Valley that also contains two other cities - Patan and Bhaktapur. Nepali is the lingua franca of the valley and is the most widely spoken language. The city stands at an elevation of approximately 4,500 feet and is inhabited by about 700,000 people. Kathmandu has some of the most beautiful monuments and attractions in the entire south Asia.

Attractions of Kathmandu

Bouddhnath: The Stupa of Bouddhnath lays 8-kms east of Kathmandu. This colossal and ancient Stupa is one of the biggest in the world.

Pashupatinath Temple: Situated 5-kms east of Kathmandu, the temple of Lord Shiva-Pashupatinath with two tiered golden roof and silver doors is famous for its superb architecture. Visitors can clearly seen the temple and the activities performed in the temple premises from the eastern bank of the Bagmati River.

Swayambhunath: This is one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. It is said to be 2,000-years-old. Painted on the four-sides of the spire bases are the all-seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. It is 3-kms west of Kathmandu City and is situated on a hillock about 77meters above the Kathmandu valley.

Akash Bhairav Temple: A three story temple in the main market avenue, called Indira Chowk, the image of Akash Bhairav is displayed outside for a week during Indira Jatra, the festival of Indira - the God of Rain.

Hanumandhoka (Durbar Square): It is the historic seat of royalty. The Durbar Square, with its old temples and places, epitomizes the religious and cultural life of the people. It is here that kings of Nepal are crowned and their coronations solemnized.

Kasthamandap: Located near the Temple of Kumari, it has been built by King Laxmi Narsingha Malla in the beginning of the 16th century. It is constructed from the wood of a single tree. The city of Kathmandu derives its name from this temple.

Temple Of Kumari (Kumar Ghar): The temple or the residence of Living Goddess, "Kumari", is situated in the vicinity of Hanuman Dhoka Palace. The building has profusely carved wooden balconies and window screens. The Kumari - the Living Goddess, acknowledges the greetings from her balcony window. Photography is prohibited here.

RMMRU-DRC Fellow, 2008

Porimol Palma,
Bangladesh,
is undertaking a research
on Evaluation of
Diagnostic Centres for the
Out-going Migrant
Workers under the
fellowship

