



Addressing  
the migration-development  
nexus:  
The way forward!

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## Winners vs Losers

- Role of remittances in economic stabilization. During 2001-07 Labor migrants remitted 25.6 billion US\$.
- BUT: No visible change in the life of people. In NWFP, poverty increased from 45-48% from 1999-2006. Migrant HH are more vulnerable.



## Where are the gaps??

- In the Govt. development policies?

**OR**

- In Development sector agendas?

**OR**

**both**



## Poor local level investment

- Inadequate financial resource allocations at the district level.
- Failure of poverty reduction programs, especially social protection.
- Less focus on infrastructure development, e.g. Malakand highway, health and educational infrastructure.



## Poor Government coordination

- Complex migration management hierarchies. 3 ministries involved
    1. Ministry of Labor, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis.
    2. Interior Ministry.
    3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ⇒ Result: Lack of coordination.

# Poor human rights protection

- Outdated migration rules: control vs right protection
  - Non-ratification of migrant rights conventions. Rights violations.
- ⇒ Results. Migrant abroad and dependents in sending areas are both suffering.
1. Lack of access to information. Frauds, trafficking etc.
  2. Lack of protection and grievance redressal mechanisms.

# Changing migration market

- Mismatch between supply and skills demanded by the market. Majority migrants are less educated and lack skills.

⇒ Results:

1. Decline in demand, e.g. 50% decrease during 2004-05 in demand from SA.
2. Numbers vs remittance volume less:  
with 3.4 million mig. workers  
Pakistan received 4,280 m US\$, while  
Philippine with 3.6 million mig.  
Received 13.55 million US\$.

# Poor attention for integration

- Non-existence of viable financial plans/infrastructures at grass root level for majority. Existing plans suits only a small proportion. Housing schemes, SME etc.
- Results.
  1. No integration plans.
  2. No vision for future investment plans



## Development agencies

- Lack of attention on addressing the concerns of migrants and their dependents in their development interventions.
- Few lobbying efforts for migrants' rights.



what is  
required??

And by whom??



# Policy change!

- To ensure better coordination, e.g. inter-ministerial committees
- Improvements in existing regulation. Policy reforms matching international conventions.



# Improved migration planning!

- Skill development programmes.
- Exploration of new markets.
- Formulation of new marketing strategies, e.g. bilateral agreements between sending and receiving countries.



# welfare & development!

- Extended developmental and welfare focus on the migrant sending areas. Acknowledging the needs of migrants and their families. Due share in dev. budgets.



# Investment Linkages!

- Formation of well-knitted financial infrastructures for covering the remaining.
- Re-integration plans, e.g. investment programs for low income groups.



# Lobbying required!

- Awareness campaigns for safe migration, e.g. trafficking, aids, right violations etc.
- Building/strengthening alliances by inclusion of migrant networks and home town associations



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# Creating migration-development links!

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- Strategic focus on migration issues by incorporating women empowerment and skills development programs during interventions.



## Evidence-based policies

- Research based policy advice. Focusing also on other dimensions of migration, e.g. psycho-social effects etc.



*Thanks!!*