

Agenda for Policy Breakfast on Model High Commision for Fairer Labour Migration

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(ii) Policy Breakfast

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Details of Policy Breakfast can be found at: www.iidbd.org/pb

This Policy Breakfast is being organized jointly by WARBE Development Foundation, IID-a public policy institute, and Bangladeshi Ovhibashi Mohila Sramik Association (BOMSA).

Model High Commision

for Fairer Labour Migration

As a hefty amount of remittance is sent from the Gulf countries by a great many Bangladeshi workers, it is imperative for Bangladeshi High Commissions to prioritise migration related services in these countries. Particularly, as offices and relatives cannot do much from the distance, Bangladeshi High

Commissions needs to play a key role to ensure the protection of the human rights of migrant workers in these destinations countries. As an effective measure, a few model high commissions can be set up which will provide assistance to migrants regarding human rights, irrespective of the status.

In this context, the Policy Breakfast seeks to address the following question:



What are the steps needed— in relation to the intra-ministerial coordination, political commitment and public-private partnership— to explore the possibility of a Model High Commission/Embassy to promote fairer labour migration?

Format of the session



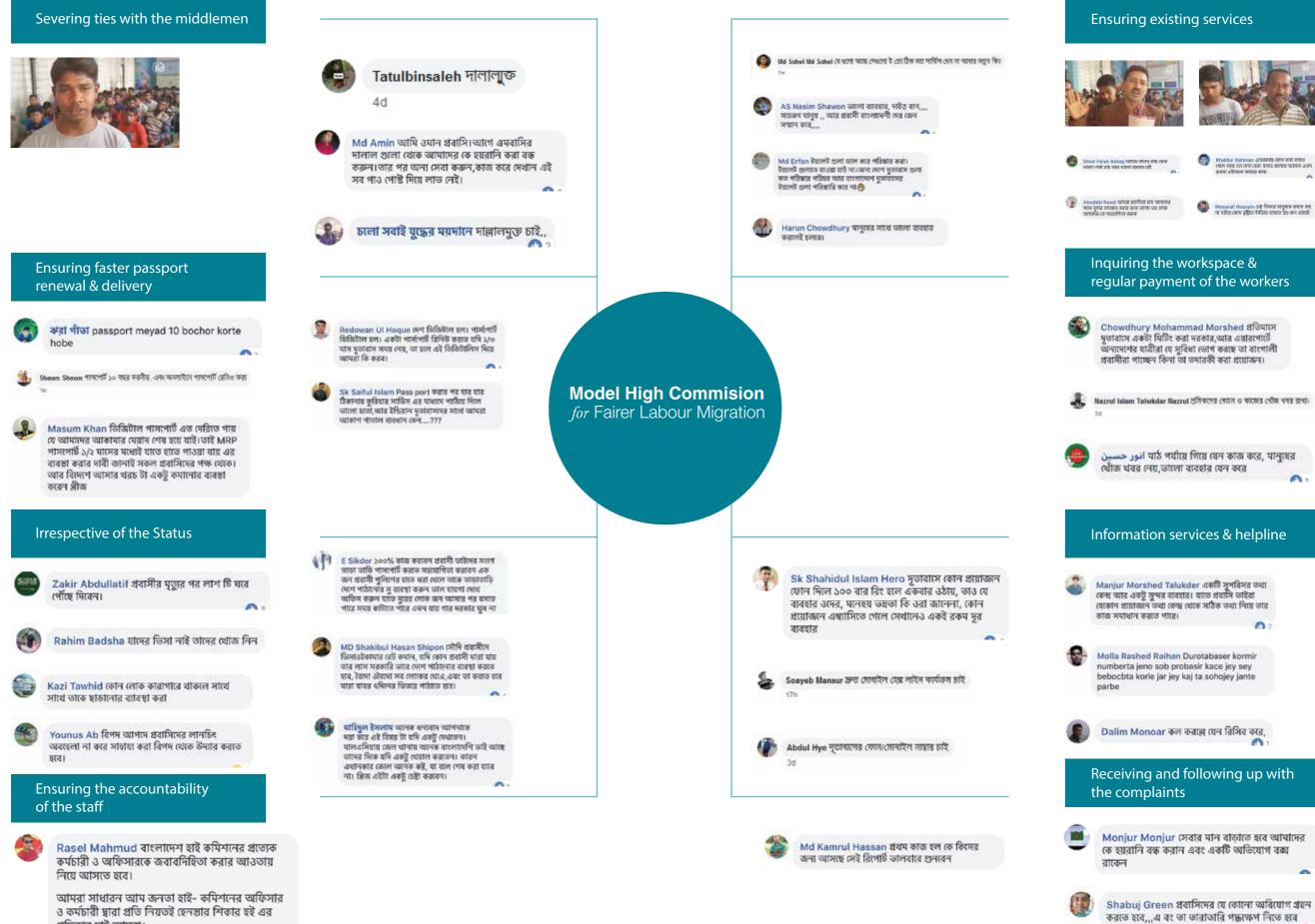


Additional remarks from nongovernment persective



Participants join the debate on motion 2 mins each time





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Online campaign

prior to the Policy Breakfast

To provide information services to the migrants, IID developed an android app named Bibhui [foreign land]. To reach out to the Bangladeshi migrant workers living around the world, IID created a social media network as an extension to the app—www.fb.com/bibhui. Currently more than 20,000 migrant workers leaving abroad are connected thorough the Bibhui network.

Prior to the policy breakfast, we asked the members of the Bibhui Facebook network to share their experiences and expectations from the Bangladesh High Commissions.

So, this social media campaign reached:



'Bibhui' app won international awards



'Bibhui' social network's weekly reach (Nov'18)



Geographical reach of this Model High Commission online campaign in major destination countries--

