MAKING MIGRATION SAFE

As labour migration is a complex cross-border process, IOM and ILO promoted safe and regular migration by engaging multiple stakeholders in China and the EU. In China, the project targeted provinces with the largest numbers of outgoing migrant workers - Fujian, Shandong and Liaoning.

WORKING WITH RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

From 1980 to 2009, the number of licensed recruitment agencies in China grew from four to over 2000. In close cooperation with ministry partners, ILO held four workshops for recruitment agencies from Shandong, Liaoning and Fujian to help combat irregular migration.

POLICY DIALOGUE

In order to address the demand side of labour migration, ILO commissioned groundbreaking research on the situation of Chinese migrants in EU Member States. ILO then facilitated three forums between Chinese and EU representatives from government, business, academia, and community organizations in the United Kingdom (UK), Italy and Romania.

SHARING BEST PRACTICES

In order to strengthen labour migration systems, IOM and ILO held training workshops for senior government officials in Beijing, Fujian, Liaoning and Shandong, which focused on best practices in EU member states.

IOM also organized a study tour to the Philippines to examine their policies on the deployment of foreign workers including: pre-departure training, dispute resolution, the protection of workers’ rights, and the deployment of labour attaches at diplomatic missions abroad.
FACTS AND FIGURES AT A GLANCE

ADDRESSING SUPPLY IN CHINA
- Training of 18 public officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Human Resources and Social Security on labour migration management in Beijing.
- Training of 202 public officials from Fujian, Shandong and Liaoning on effective licensing and monitoring of recruitment agencies.

ADDRESSING DEMAND IN EU MEMBER STATES
- Training of 224 recruitment agencies representatives (117 agencies) from Fujian, Shandong and Liaoning on international legal and regulatory frameworks and overseas employment policies.
- Production of ILO’s *Training Manual for the Self Discipline of Recruitment Agencies*.
- Five-day ‘Labour Migration Study Tour’ to the Philippines for six senior Chinese officials.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
“Both CBMM trainings in Liaoning received wide attention from both within and outside the province. Participants were impressed and 98% of them gave a high appraisal.”

DONOR & PARTNER SUPPORT
The CBMM China project was principally financed by the European Commission with co-funding from Italy and the UK. CBMM technical cooperation activities were designed as partnerships between IOM, ILO and China. All parties worked closely together to define needs, determine priority areas and shape interventions. Key government partners included the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Public Security, and Human Resources and Social Security. Senior ministry officials who attended CBMM activities were tasked with passing on new knowledge and skills to their colleagues.

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