Hundreds of Nepalis migrate on a daily basis, looking for opportunities abroad particularly in the Middle-East, South East Asia and India. The flow of migrants has increased as a result of economic imperatives and a continued lack of reliable job opportunities at home. Migrants have very little bargaining power and are vulnerable to exploitation by labor agencies and foreign companies. As a result, illegal trafficking and rampant human rights abuses are common.

We carried out a survey around migration accountability in four of the most earthquake affected districts of Nepal over the past three months. From the survey, we discovered that many of the worst problems related to migration stem from a lack of information about the process, weak policies to hold labor agencies accountable and limited government capacity to respond to migration-related challenges.

The primary purpose of the survey is to gather and communicate the voices and opinions of the migrant community and synthesize their feedback in an organized way so that the government, civil society and media can work to ensure a more humane, safe and accountable migration process for Nepalis.

400 RESPONDENTS

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4 DISTRICTS

- Dhading
- Nuwakot
- Sindhupalchowk
- Kavrepalanchowk
Why did you migrate abroad for work?

- Better income opportunities: 31%
- Difficulty finding a job in Nepal: 26%
- Political instability within the country: 12%
- Following a trend to work abroad: 11%
- Social Pressure: 6%
- Civil war within the country: 5%
- Other: 9%
Who helped you get and process your overseas job?
What kind of problems did you face in the destination country, if any?

- Less than agreed salary: 40%
- The job did not match the agreed-upon contract: 41%
- Failed the medical test in the destination country: 5%
- Didn’t know how to file injury insurance application: 0%
- Other: 14%

55% had problems in the destination country

63% took action to address problem

37% didn’t take action to address problem
Do you want to work abroad again?

- **Yes**: 56%
- **No**: 44%

**Why?**
- Difficulties finding a job in Nepal: 32%
- Income generation blocked by earthquake: 10%
- Political Instability: 8%
- Social Pressure: 6%
- Higher Income: 31%
- Trend: 8%
- Other: 5%

**What would you like to do instead?**
- Start a new business: 15%
- Get a job in the city: 6%
- Start a job: 9%
- Farming cash crops: 68%
- Too old for migration: 2%
What are your main sources of information regarding foreign employment?

- Local Government: 28
- Local Politicians: 23
- Social Media: 144
- TV: 162
- Radio: 237
- Newspaper: 162
- Family & Friends: 233
- Villagers: 217
- Manpower Agencies: 175
- Community Mobilizers: 58
- Other: 3

400 Respondants

47% of surveyed people were not satisfied with the available information. Why?
An initiative to close the feedback loop and ensure people powered accountability in Nepal

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