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Labour Migration Governance and Remittance Policy in Bangladesh

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ABSTRACT

This technical report reviews the rules and institutions that govern overseas labour migration from Bangladesh and assesses how recruitment costs and remittance channels affect migrant households.

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FULL TEXT

Overseas employment is a major source of income for Bangladeshi households, and remittances are one of the country's largest sources of foreign exchange.

High recruitment costs, weak oversight of intermediaries and limited support on return reduce the benefits of migration. Many migrants still send money through informal channels because formal ones are slower or less convenient.

The report proposes caps on recruitment fees backed by enforcement, digital tracking of recruitment, incentives for formal remittance channels and a reintegration programme for returning workers.

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