

International Migration Outlook - 2008

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Project

Capacity Building in Migration Management to support effective Return and Sustainable Reintegration

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- One of the objective of the project was to strengthen the migration data collection capacity of the GoSL

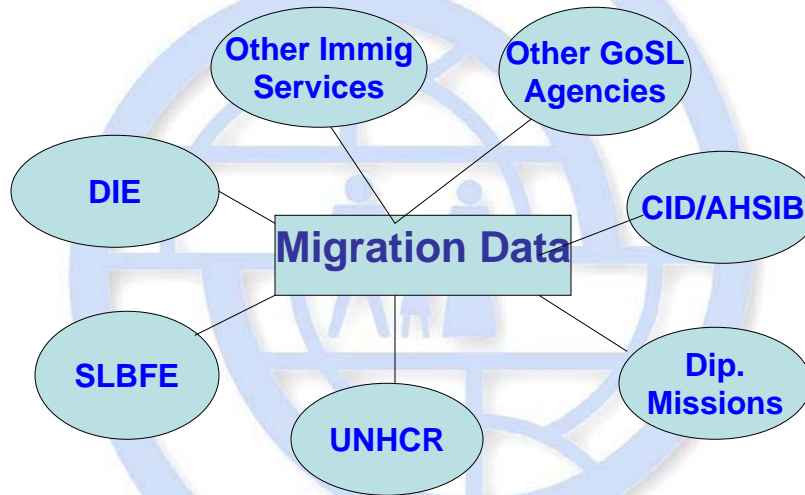
and

To establish national Center for Migration Statistics (NCMS)

IOM initiatives

1. Conducted a Research on Migration Data collection in 2006 (collaboration with the Department of Censes and Statistics)
2. The study identified current data collection capacity, strength and weaknesses in the current data collection mechanism
3. Proposed setting up the NCMS

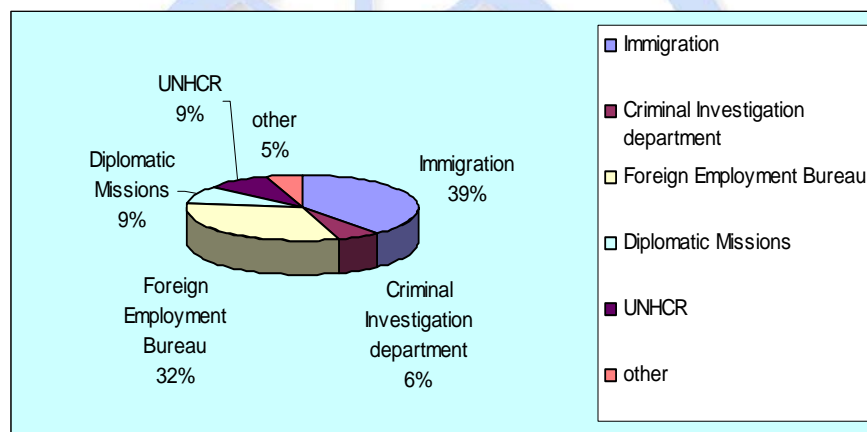
Source of Migration Data



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Required Migration Statistics



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Migration statistics in Sri Lanka

- ❖ It is fragmented and scattered among various government departments/ international organizations
- ❖ Most of the data is not available/ documented, not collected and not computerized. No central body where all the data related to migration are collected, stored and disseminated
- ❖ Collecting ,analyzing and sharing of comprehensive and accurate migration statistics, is not systematically practiced.
- ❖ Unavailability of data has seriously handicapped Decision makers, researchers/ academics

Difficulties with the concepts/definitions

- Term “migrant” not readily accepted by some countries:
 - Means entirely different things to different countries
 - Implied legal obligations
 - In some cases term not used at all or has a different meaning
- May not directly relevant to policy needs
- Further distinctions may be needed.

Methodology of Data Collection

- _ Identified available data as defined in the Report
- Strengthen special data collection desk at stakeholder agencies (Hardware, software, staff training)
- Collect and transfer summary of statistics Storing, processing and analyzing data
- Upgrade and system development at Immigration
- Publication of Migration Outlook

What is next .?

Identify what needs to be done to capture missing data

- Conduct Technical assessment
- Develop / modify existing systems
- Introduce new collection methodologies
For ex. New Emb/dis Card
- Provide equipments/facilities / better coordination
- Integrate different systems (SLBFE –DIE)

What is next .?

- Better awareness of Migration data at policy level
- Continue to publish Migration Outlook series
- Develop National Migration Profile

Migration Profile

- Migration Profiles provide a means to identify information gaps and to develop strategies to enhance data collection and data-sharing through the analysis of information and data

National Migration Profile

- labour market situation
- unemployment rates
- labour demand and supply and present or potential skill shortages by sector and occupation
- skills needs in the country, skills available in the Diaspora
- migration flows
- incoming and outgoing financial flows linked with migration including migrant remittances
- gender aspects
- overview of national migration and labour policy framework, including legal instruments relevant to migration.

• Migration Profile as a tool for policy development?

Enhancing the knowledge base

Strengthen capacity for policy development

- to develop a tailor-made, partnership approach with other countries – EC , Mobility Partnership



Templates: Key features

Shorter Template

- Fewer indicators (20) on migration;
- No specific focus on migration-related areas (e.g. labour market, human capital, demography);
- Short assessment of migration policies and actors, including diaspora.

Longer Template

- Detailed indicators (46) on migration;
- Focus on development, demography, economy, labour market and human capital;
- Analysis of factors driving migration
- Assessment of policy framework and effectiveness
- inventory of data sources and list of key definitions.

Appreciation

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