

**NEPALESE WOMEN MIGRANT
DIALOGUE ON**

**SAFE MIGRATION TO
COMBAT TRAFFICKING**

Venue:
J. J. Colony Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi

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INTRODUCTION

This dialogue aimed to create a platform where migrant women could share their challenges and experiences, contributing to guidelines, recommendations for promoting safe migration. The dialogue is part of a larger effort to address issues of migrant worker exploitation, poor living conditions, and access to rights and services.

The dialogue brought together 12 migrant women who are living in Delhi, India from a long time and they shared their experiences of living in Delhi as a migrant from Nepal.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the dialogue were to:

- Build confidence among migrant women in raising their concerns to authorities.
- Understand the challenges faced by migrant women workers throughout the migration process.
- Provide input for the international Dialogue on Safe Migration based on the discussion.

KEY PROBLEMS SHARED

The discussion highlighted the following key issues:

- Lack of secure migration processes and access to reliable information.
- Challenges with obtaining proper documentation for migration and after migration.
- Financial constraints and safety concerns during transit.
- Lack of safe drinking water.
- Disorganised housing system for leaving.
- Difficulties in Education of children.
- The problem of electricity
- Workplace exploitation,
- Poor awareness of labour rights, and discrimination.
- Limited access to healthcare, social services, and inadequate housing.
- Social and cultural isolation due to language barriers and family separation.

CASE STUDIES

Case Study 1: – Shanti Rana's Struggle with her residence

Shanti rana a 60 year old lady, struggling for safe shelter from a long time. She used to live in Nehru Place area of Delhi but the entire colony were re-settled in a new place where she got a very small house of 12 yard where she has spent her 24 years of her life with a her children and grandchildren. At the age of 60 she is not getting old age pension because she does not have the document. She says “ she is just passing her life with the circumstances”.

Case Study 2: – Sita Devi’s struggle with children’s education

Sita Devi and her husband came to India after marriage in searching for job as there were lack of opportunity in their village. Their children used to go to school but after some time their admissions were cancelled as they were re-located to another area. Children could not continue their education because of they have been located way far away from the school.

They survived without electricity for 5 years initially. There was no safety during night as wild animal used to wander openly in that area. Still they are facing problem of clean drinking water facility, issues of hygiene and sanitation.

Case Study 3: – Rajkumari’s Struggle with Documents

Rajkumari a women lives in madanpur khadar area with her family struggling with documentation problem. Her younger daughter is trying to apply for voter ID card from last few years but her application gets rejected every time. She has been told that she is a migrant in India from Nepal due to which she cannot get her voter ID card and she has no right to vote in India. As she is not able to get her voter ID card she is facing various problem in seeking a job and getting other documents.

CHALLENGES FACED

Our team mobilised Nepalese women to having dialogue with them on their migration challenges.

- Women were not ready to communicate with us and participate in the discussion.
- They were thinking we are representatives of the government and we are collecting the data of migrants in Delhi.
- It took too much time and patience to win their trust that we are here to understand their problems and challenges
- After explaining them multiple times they understood the aim of our meeting

CONCLUSION

The dialogue with migrant women workers in Madan Pur khadar, Delhi has provided valuable insights into the challenges they face. Their experiences will shape the recommendations and guidelines, ensuring that the voices of migrant women are central to future guideline discussions on safe migration. This discussion marks an important step towards protecting the rights of migrant workers and improving migration processes between India and Nepal.