# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL VOLUNTARY REVIEW STATUS OF MIGRANTS & URBAN POOR IN INDIA

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL



1: No Poverty 3: Good Health and Well-being 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

#### **GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION**



7.Reduce vulnerabilities 8.Save lives 15 Access to Basic services

# CHALLENGES

- Migrants living in slums, under bridges, at worksites, and in rented spaces
- Worksite Proximity Need for affordable housing near workplaces.
- Limited Health Access Lack of universal health coverage for migrants.
- Unsafe Work Conditions Poor OSH (Occupational Safety and Health) standards in mining, ports, factories, construction, and brick kilns.
- Policy Gaps India has not ratified OSH Convention 198 (No. 155).
- Informal Workforce Large presence of unregulated and vulnerable workers.
- Vulnerable Groups Migrant women and children needing specialized care and protection Woman, Children, SC/ST.

#### SOLUTIONS

- Andhra Pradesh & Odisha MoU 2012 State collaboration for migrant welfare.
- Right to Education Act, 2009 & Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SA) – Free & inclusive education for migrant children.
- National Education Policy 2020 Focus on alternative & innovative education for migrant children.
- Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme – Migration certificates for children (up to six years) to ensure continued services.
- Draft National Migrant Labour Policy, 2021 – Framework for migrant rights, identity documentation, and crisis support.

# **BEST PRACTICES**

#### 1. Decent Work & Housing

- NCEUS Framework: Advocates for decent housing with access to education, healthcare, sanitation, and other essential amenities for livelihood security.
- Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) 2020: Initiative by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to provide rental housing for urban migrants.
- Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS-2016): Targets workers in Beedi, iron ore, manganese ore, chrome ore, limestone, dolomite, mica mines, and cine industries, registered under the Labour Welfare Organization (LWO).

#### 2. Urban Housing & Infrastructure

- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY): Provides urban housing for the poor.
- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT): Focuses on urban water and sanitation infrastructure.
- National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM): Supports migrant workers with employment and livelihood programs.

#### 3. State-Level Housing & Shelter Initiatives

- Kerala Apna Ghar Project: Offers safe and hygienic rental accommodations for interstate migrant workers.
- Tamil Nadu: Tholilar Viduthi (Kancheepuram District) Mambakkam Girls Hostel (Vallakotai) & St. Gobain Hostel (Sriperumbudur) Government-run hostels for migrants.
- Gujarat: Shelters for migrant salt pan workers.
- Karnataka (Bangalore SHAI Industry):

#### 4. Migrant Legal Redressal Mechanisms

#### **Key Stakeholders:**

- Police & Labour Departments (e.g., ISM Cell, Sriperumbudur, Odisha Movement Slips).
- Judiciary Cases of accidents, deaths, wage theft, compensation (Friends of Migrants)
- Prison Ministry India (PMI) Support for migrant prisoners.

#### 5. Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for Migrant Workers

• Facilitation Centers – Assistance hubs for migrants (State Planning Commissions. Tamil Nadu Kerala)

#### 6. Health & Insurance Benefits

- Ayushman Bharat Health Card: ₹5 lakhs medical coverage.
- Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana: Covers hospitalization for workers & families.
- Awaaz Card (Kerala) ₹25,000 per year for medical treatment.
- ₹2,00,000 insurances for accidental death Mortal Remains Assistance ₹1 lakh for ISM construction workers (Tamil Nadu)- ₹50,000 assistances by Jharkhand Govt West Bengal Migrant Workers' Welfare Scheme: ₹25,000 for repatriation of remains.

#### 7. Education Support for Migrant Children

- Seasonal Hostels & Worksite Schools To ensure education continuity Migration Tracking Cards Helps monitor children's education.
- Odisha's Education Initiative: Deploys Odia teachers to Tamil Nadu & Telangana for linguistic continuity.

#### 8. Migrant Resource Centers (MRCs) & Helplines

- Odisha MRCs in Destination Locations: Example Tirupur, Tamil Nadu Migrant Help Desks by CSOs in Destination States.
- State Migrant Helplines & Labour Support Lines India Labour Line, MAIN, DB4M Facilities.



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# CHALLENGES

- Towards a Universal social protection system thresholds issues
- Social protection universalization (coverage and portablility of the social protection entitlement
- Labour codes on social security code -Applicability sec 109 to read with schedule item no. 9

# SOLUTIONS

- PM-SYM: Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme for old-age protection.
- BoCW Social Security: Includes construction workers.
- MGNREGA (2005): Employment guarantee for rural workers.
- Labour Codes & Social Security: Framework for worker welfare.

# **BEST PRACTICES**

#### 1. Portability of Social Protection

- Ensuring nationwide portability of PDS, healthcare, and employment programs through initiatives like ONORC (One Nation One Ration Card).
- Aadhaar-enabled ration card databases allow beneficiaries to access PDS benefits from any fair price shop.

#### 2. Access to Work & Social Security

- Kerala's Social Security Act for Migrant Workers (2010) provides legal protection and benefits.
- Odisha guarantees 200 additional workdays under MGNREGA in 30 high-migration blocks across nine districts, ensuring sustained employment wages@Rs 352 /-
- Integrating nutritional and supplementary programs to enhance food security and well-being.





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8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 10: Reduced Inequality

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# CHALLENGES

- Provisioning for food, fuel, health and sanitation, Maternity benefits should be extended to informal sector workers,
- The Supreme Court on Wednesday (January 29) directed the Union Government to consider the enactment of a law to protect the rights of domestic workers. A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan directed the Ministry of Labour & Employment and the related Ministries to constitute an expert committee to look into the feasibility of such a law on domestic workers
- Minor girls recruitment for sex, domestic work
- Illegal frame work for agriculture

### **BEST PRACTICES**

#### 1. Grant-in-Aid Scheme

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- Workplace Sexual Harassment Law (2013)
  Protection, prevention, and redressal of sexual harassment at workplaces.
- Anti-Trafficking & Labor Rights Safeguards against trafficking, bonded labor, and exploitation of domestic, garment, and spa workers, including those in sex work.
- Regulation of Recruitment Agents Licensing system for agencies recruiting domestic workers to prevent exploitation.
- Domestic Workers' Welfare Act (2010) Legal framework for social security, fair wages, and rights of domestic workers.
- POSH Act (2013) Legal mechanism to prevent and address sexual harassment in workplaces.
- Supports working women by educating them on rights, duties, and legal aid Focus on gender equality, workplace safety, and financial empowerment.

#### 2. Protection Against Sexual Harassment (POSH) Compliance

#### 3. Domestic Workers' Welfare Boards & Policies

- Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand
- Maharashtra Domestic Workers Welfare Board Act (2008)
- Punjab Domestic Workers Act (2019)

#### 4. Union & National Platforms for Domestic Workers



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1: No Poverty 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

# CHALLENGES

**1. 10.7 Facilitate orderly -** safe regular and responsible migration.

**2. Fair Recruitment & Registration** – Lack of structured registration for informal workers.

**3. Welfare Funds & Levies –** Insufficient funding for welfare boards supporting informal workers due to weak levy collection and policy gaps.

**4. Climate Change & Migration** – Extreme weather events (disasters, diseases, crop failures) cause displacement, biodiversity loss, and food insecurity, pushing vulnerable communities into poverty.

**5. Assam Floods & Migration –** Recurrent Brahmaputra floods impact over 110,000 hectares of crops, forcing migration from temporary silt islands.

**6. Odisha Cyclones & Floods** – Frequent coastal disasters exacerbate displacement and livelihood instability.

**7. Disaster Assistance Gaps** – Past crises (Wayanad landslides, Tsunami, COVID-19, earthquakes, floods) highlight the need for better relief and recovery mechanisms.

**8. ISM Worker Registration –** Challenges in registering Inter-State Migrant (ISM) workers lead to gaps in data, tracking and welfare access.

**9. Knowledge & Solutions Exchange –** Lack of structured platforms for sharing best practices, policies, and innovations in internal labor migration hampers effective interventions

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# SOLUTIONS

1. National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) – 2008

2. National Commission on Rural Labour (NCRL) Recommendations - Distress Migration Reduction & Safe Migration Promotion, Land Rights, Rural Infrastructure and Enterprises.

### 3. Supreme Court Order on Welfare Boards -

Case: NCC-CL Vs Union of India (National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour).

# 4. Key Labor Laws for Migrants & Construction Workers

- Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 Outlaws bonded labor practices.
- Interstate Migrant Workers Act, 1979 Regulates recruitment, working conditions, and welfare of interstate migrants.
- The Buildings & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 – Ensures safety, welfare, and social security for construction workers.

#### 5. National Labour Commissions' Findings (1st

**& 2nd Commissions, 2002) -** Identified bonded labor in quarries, brick kilns, and large construction sites.



# **BEST PRACTICES**

**1. Recruitment & Welfare Initiatives -** Jharkhand & BRO MoU: Agreement to recruit 11,800 workers for critical projects, ensuring welfare and rights.

• Migrant Welfare Boards: Tamil Nadu (18 welfare boards), Kerala (16 welfare boards), and a Construction Welfare Board in every state.

2. Skill Development & Placement - MSDE, MoRD, Skill India, DDU-GKY, MoHUA, MoLE.

**3. Financial Inclusion & Literacy -** High Migration Source Areas: Promoting bank account access, last-mile financial services, tech-enabled remittances, and fraud prevention literacy.

#### 4. Registration & Legal Support

- Migrant Worker Registration: West Bengal Migrant Welfare Board, online registration for ISM construction workers (TN).
- Shops & Establishment Registration: ISM workers (TN)
- E- Shram Registration

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