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Safe Migration in Bangladesh: Awareness on Risks of Irregular Migration



Anticipated problems during migration



Overall, **78.8%** of respondents expected their **promised work to be unavailable**



75.7% expected to work for a **lower wage** than anticipated



63.5% expected to face **arrest**



50.8% of potential female migrants expected to be **sexually harassed**

Anticipated non-financial cost

83.5% of respondents are expecting to endure being **separated from family members in order to migrate abroad**

This trend is similar across gender with **85.7%** of males and **79%** of females expecting to endure being **separated from family members in order to migrate abroad**



In **Comilla**, **100%** of respondents expected to **conduct unfavorable work**

In Shariatpur, Sunamganj and Sylhet **98%** of respondents expected to be **separated from their family members**



28% of respondents in **Sylhet** expected to **sell one of their organs** to pay for the financial cost of migration



12.8% of potential female migrants anticipate engaging in **sexual activities** to pay for the financial cost of migration



Visa and travel documentation



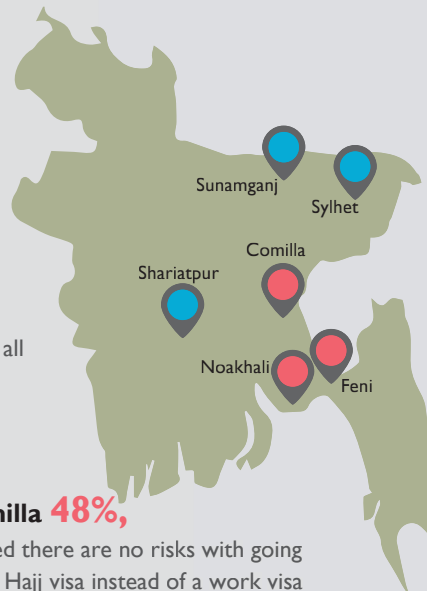
66.7% of respondents anticipated **arrest, deportation or exploitation** when migrating without the right travel documentation

These findings were specifically present in all districts, except from **Sunamganj, Sylhet and Shariatpur**, indicating a higher-level of awareness regarding the risks involved

A high portion of respondents from **Comilla 48%, Feni 46%** and **Noakhali 34%** stated there are no risks with going abroad for work with a student, travel, or Hajj visa instead of a work visa



69.9% of potential migrants and **81%** of returned migrants anticipated **arrest, deportation or exploitation** when travelling without the right documentation*



Response: Deeper-level intervention on safe migration awareness raising will be conducted in the districts of Comilla and Feni (co-funding by SDC)

*Returned cum potential migrants; those who had the intention to re-migrate

• Project funded by the European Union and implemented by IOM
• Findings are derived from KAP study administered under 600 potential migrants in 12 districts of Bangladesh (2017)



Risks of Mediterranean route

The Turkish Coast Guard apprehended **15,473** irregular migrants in the year of 2017 (IOM DTM, September 2017)

92% of Bangladeshi migrants surveyed by IOM DTM answered 'yes' to at least one of the four trafficking and other exploitative practices questions (central and eastern Mediterranean route)

