Developing Migration profiles and database on Vietnamese migrating abroad

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Overview

- Viet Nam is a developing country
- Current population is 87 million
- Working age (15 – 64) is 68%
- 1.7 million new workers entered the workforce annually
- 75% of workforce in rural areas
- “population bonus”
Types of migration for Vietnamese citizens

- Overseas employment
- Education, training and research
- Marriages and family
- Irregular migration, including trafficking in persons
- Humanitarian schemes
- Others
Vietnamese overseas

- Roughly 4 million abroad
  - 3.2 have long-term residence
  - 500,000 workers under contracts
  - Tens of thousands of students, researchers
  - Nearly 300,000 Vietnamese brides
  - A considerable number of illegal residence, victims of human trafficking
The impacts of Migration

- Remittances: 7.2 billion USD in 2010 (World Bank), compared to 9.6 billion FDI and 2.6 billion ODA

- Science, technology and “grey matter” transfers
Problems

- Discrimination
- Abuses and violence
- Protection of rights and interests
- Illicit profit-making
- Irregular migration, specially trafficking in persons
- Brain drain
Data collection and analysis: challenges

- Lack of a coordinating body
- Data and Information are segmented
- Lack of accountability: Inconsistency in collecting and analyzing
- Lack of professionalism in ensuring data quality: Definition, contents, formats and collection procedures differentiate from each ministries
- Data is collected only from exit points, does not reflect the whole process of migration (destination and return)
- Accessibility, publication and use of information and data are still limited with low accuracy
Data development

- Implementation of the project “Developing Migration Profiles and database of Vietnamese migrating abroad”
  - Implementing party: Consular Department – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Partners: IOM and other functional bodies
  - Finance: Funded by EC
  - Implementing period: From 17/6/2010 to 31/8/2011
Objectives of the project

- To strengthen the capacity of relevant authorities in making policy on international migration, specially the migration of Vietnamese abroad
- To enhance the coordination and information sharing among authorities on cohesive data management
- To contribute to the establishment of coordination guidelines between ministries and other stakeholders to effectively access and use the data on migration
Main activities

- 2 preparatory training workshops and 2 International conferences
- to set up a technical working group, which includes officials and experts from all relevant ministries and other stakeholders
- to collect data
- to analyze the information and data collected
- to make a general report on Vietnamese citizens migrating abroad
- to create a database and a website
Outputs of the project

- 1 migration profiles
- 1 website
- A mapping of relevant authorities in charge of migration
- Coordination mechanism on migration issues
- Recommendations to the Government to enhance the effectiveness of migration management for the benefits of all parties involved
Thank you!