

Linkages of Cross border Migrants to HIV & Non HIV related services in Delhi

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Introduction

Migrants encounter with many challenges to avail various health and non health facilities at destination due to lack of their identity proof. Some of the prominent challenges are no saving accounts in bank hence unsafe remittance, unable to access government's social schemes, admission of children in government school, getting ARV Drugs, harassment at Workplace, last but not the least employability. Even though there is a friendly treaty between India and Nepal which declares of providing all sorts of basic facilities to a Migrant at both the countries but in reality it's the toughest part for undocumented Nepalese & Bengali Speaking Migrants in India. Being one of the major destination site, Delhi, the national capital of India has been seen as a major migrant hub where migrants struggle for getting employment, access to various health and non health services. When it comes to a migrant PLWHIV, it has been more challenging to get registered at ARV centre if he doesn't have local identity/address proof. With the consistent and continuous effort of EMPHASIS it has became possible to develop linkages with various Service delivery sites in Delhi where the basic motto is to make the Cross border migrant population aware about HIV and non HIV related services in Delhi and link them to such services

Project and Activities

EMPHASIS (Enhancing mobile populations' access to HIV and AIDS services, information and support) is a 5-year (3 Aug 2009-2 Aug 2014) initiative funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the largest distributor of Lottery good cause funding in the United Kingdom, implemented by CARE and local NGO partners in Nepal, India and Bangladesh. The program aims to reduce the vulnerability of key mobile populations to HIV and AIDS along two mobility routes between Nepal/India and Bangladesh India by delivering focused interventions at source, transit and destination.

Being one of the program in South ASIA working with Cross border migrants with the primary focus on reduction of HIV & AIDS vulnerability & Safe Mobility, EMPHASIS has been able to develop linkages with various service delivery Points on ground such as ICTC, STI Clinic, Govt Health systems, TIs, Gender Resource Centres, Transporters, Money Transfer Agencies, Social welfare schemes of Govt, Local NGO/CBOs etc for ensuring better accessibility of health and non health services by Cross border Migrant Population and also creating an enabling environment for them with effective outreach strategies. In EMPHASIS, We have reached to 9819 Male and 4032 Female Nepalese Migrants, and 1144 Bangla Speaking Migrants with the information on HIV & Non HIV related Services as well. The given data is collected with the support of 2 implementing Partners namely Modicare Foundation, and Anchal Charitable Trust working in Delhi and NCR.

Service Delivery agencies



Results



Conclusion

Owing to the strong linkages with various Service Delivery Agencies at Destination in Delhi, Migrants are gradually getting aware of their rights of availing basic services at destination, started coming out and demanding for services, and raising concerns against inequality. These all further started making a huge impact on the pattern of migration as a whole as the next generation coming along with a bit more awareness on how to access health and non health services at Destination.