

## **Managing Labour Migration Initiatives in the Greater Mekong Sub-region**

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Population mobility has been occurring in the Greater Mekong Sub-region for centuries and intraregional flows of migration is projected to continue to grow with increased connectivity, economic inequality, demographic differences, and globalized capitalist economic system. While linkage between migration and development is widely recognized, social costs are also substantial. The stakeholders have been introducing initiatives like bilateral agreements and MOUs to reduce the cost of migration and to increase its benefits. The paper describes experiences, commissioned by regional training institute, from policy dialogues and capacity building programs as an approach to managing labour migration in the sub-region.

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