

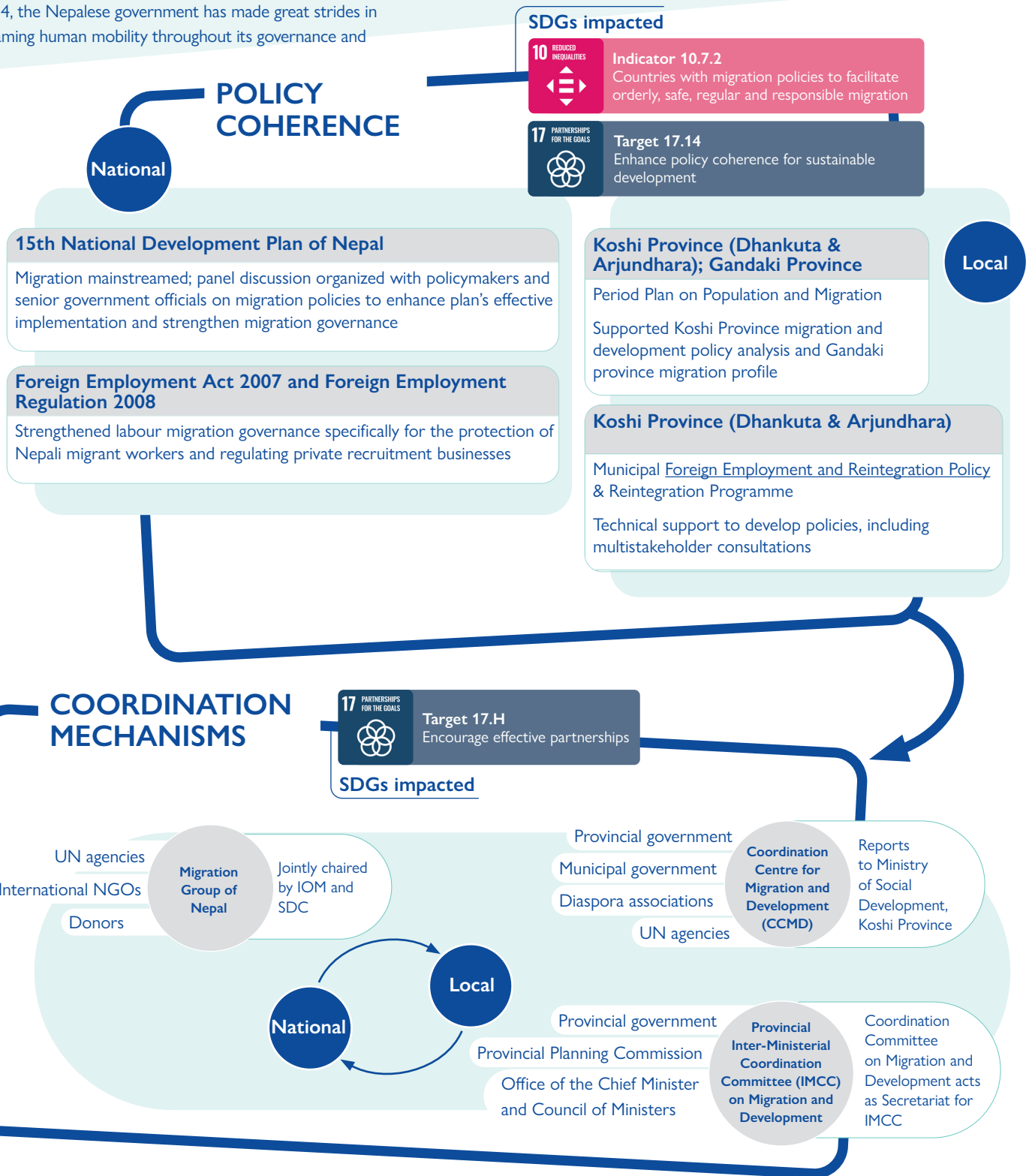
MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NEPAL

2014 - 2023

Thousands of Nepalis migrate every year, primarily as labour migrants and for higher education. Nepali migrants and diaspora are key partners in the country's sustainable development progress and planning, and almost half of Nepali households have a family member who is either working overseas or has returned from working abroad. Internal migration is also a significant population trend, fuelling urbanization. After COVID-19, many migrants returned to Nepal. In particular, Koshi Province received a significant number of returnees from various countries and there is a great opportunity for the sustainable reintegration of this skilled workforce.

development efforts, including its national development and employment policies. The **M4SD Programme** enabled greater engagement and coordination with the local government, primarily in the Gandaki and Koshi Provinces, making these efforts more sustainable. M4SD strengthened local capacities, policies and mechanisms to better empower migrants (especially returning and internal migrants), women, youth, families of migrants, the diaspora and other community members often left behind. Mayors are now strong advocates for this whole-of-community approach, showcasing the value of this Programme.

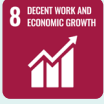
Since 2014, the Nepalese government has made great strides in mainstreaming human mobility throughout its governance and



PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

National

SDGs impacted



School on Migration Studies organized to advocate on changing the narrative around migration and to provide comprehensive information on migration, including protection concerns, to government experts and practitioners

Private sector mapping to link small businesses to local labour market and supply chains

Diaspora mapping in 16 countries to assess diasporas' expertise and interest to support development, in partnership with Non-Resident Nepali Association

Supported the government's participation in regional, global dialogues and forums on migration and development including the SDG Summit and the Colombo Process organized by GOALS programme

Local

Koshi Province (Dhankuta and Arjundhara)

Provided reintegration assistance, including seed funding, entrepreneurship and financial literacy training
Supported the elaboration of the Dhankuta Municipal Migration Profile
Partnership formalised with Global IME Bank to open bank accounts & provide discounted loans to small businesses to the beneficiaries
Multi-stakeholders dialogue organized on migration and development
Reintegration and M&E training

Gandaki Province

Supported the elaboration of the Provincial Migration Profile for stronger, evidence-based policy and to ensure safe, orderly, and regular migration

222 people started or expanded small businesses (farms, animal husbandry, toolmaking)
222 people trained on business management, financial literacy, psychosocial support
8 local entrepreneurs' groups established
399 experts participated in the multi-stakeholder dialogue
91 government officials trained on integrated approach to reintegration and M&E




SDGs impacted



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF NEPAL

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