As part of its universal mandate to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, UN Women’s work with women migrants draws upon International Human Rights standards and encompasses countries of origin and destination.

In line with the global trend, women now comprise 48 per cent of migrants in Asia-Pacific.

Women represent 82 per cent of the 52-100 million migrant domestic workers worldwide.

The project on “Empowerment of Women Migrant Workers through Implementation of Standard Terms of Employment” is being implemented by UN Women in South Asia.

With support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UN Women is working in partnership with Regional and National government organizations, private recruitment agencies, civil society actors, other UN Agencies and women migrant worker groups, to promote and implement standard terms of employment as the lack of it results in exploitation and violation of women migrant workers rights.
PROJECT GOAL
To ensure that the rights of women migrant workers, especially domestic workers, are protected and promoted through improved terms of employment.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
On the road to achieving the project’s goal, UN Women focuses on ensuring that more governments are implementing standard terms of employment contracts for women migrant workers. The project implementation strategy focuses on five areas: 1) Partnership, 2) Synergies with multilateral organizations, 3) Global Fora and Follow up, 4) Regional dialogue mechanisms for advocacy, and 5) Capacity Development.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A. National governments are engaged in discussions on Standard Terms of Employment for women migrant domestic workers.

B. Governments have increased awareness of policy frameworks and the role of recruitment/employment agencies, to facilitate the implementation of Standard Terms of Employment for domestic women migrant workers.

C. Outcomes of Global and Regional processes are aligned and linked to National programmes.

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