

MICROLINKS WEBINAR: LEVERAGING RECONSTRUCTION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATING GOOD JOBS

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Ahmed USAID Microlinks: Good morning everyone! Welcome to this webinar. Tell us where you're joining from.

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Welcome everyone!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: We've just open our introductory polls. Please take a few minutes to respond and thanks again for joining us!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: To kick off the introductions, you have the Microlinks team here, Adam A, Chrissy, Kristin, and Adam S joining here from sunny Washington, DC!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Please let us know where you're joining us from and who you're affiliated with

Holger Lehmann: Hi - My name is Holger and I am with Plan International as their regional Disaster Risk Management Programme Specialist in West and Central Africa - currently coordinating a working group on Youth Economic Empowerment in Emergencies

Ahmed USAID Microlinks: Welcome Holger!

Sean Griffin: Hello. My name is Sean. I work with CRS as a Program Manager in Ukraine. At this moment located in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Adam Ahmed Microlinks: Hi Sean, Thanks for joining us today!

Ekanath Khatiwada: Hi I am Ekanath, joining from Philipinnes.I work for Habitat for Humanity International

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Welcome, Ekanath!

Julian Burgan: Hello! My name is Julian and I am in the U.S. with Overseas Strategic Consulting, Ltd. Looking forward to this!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Great, glad to have you here, Julian!

Ambar Valles: Hello, my name is Amabr Valles and I am at State Department DRL in Washington DC

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Welcome, Ambar!

Vidya Diwakar: Hi all, Vidya Diwakar here from the Chronic Poverty team at the Overseas Development Institute in London.

Adam Ahmed Microlinks: Hi Vidya!Wonderful to have you with us today.

Andrew Golda: Namaste - I'm Andy Golda from USAID/Nepal's Office of Disaster Risk Reduction, Reconstructon and Resilience.

Adam Ahmed Microlinks: Hi Andrew. Namaste!

KDAD AV Tech: Kristin O'Planick is introducing the webinar and laying out the agenda ...

Ekanath Khatiwada: Hi Andrew ,Namaste. Glad to hear from you ...

Ekanath Khatiwada: How did you align your reconstruction initiatives to housing sector?

Ekanath Khatiwada: in Nepal

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Hello. I am Ritobrato Bhattacharyya, with EDII, from Kolkata, India.

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Great question, Ekanath. Please keep those questions coming folks!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: And welcome Ritobrato!

Jennifer Oomen: Hi this is Jennifer Oomen joining from Singapore. Sorry I'm late, some challenges with the platform

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Glad you could join us, Jennifer!

Anoop Agarwal: Hi, this is Anoop Agarwal from GoodWeave International in DC

Gilberto Amaya: Any discussion on jobs in other sectors, like agriculture, to produce food for the reconstruction workers using internally displaced persons?

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Welcome, Anoop!

Dilip Bhandari: Hi, this is Dilip Bhandari from Heifer International,, AR

Gilberto Amaya: Where do we access the heport just mentioned?

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Thanks for joining, Dilip!

Ekanath Khatiwada: In one hand we are in shortage of skills labour to expedite the reconstruction work now . there is a huge job opportunities. At the same time all the trained skills workers continue going abroad. what could be key challanges your research pointed out?

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: And Gilberto, you can access the report on the event page here: <https://www.solidaritycenter.org/publication/rebuilding-nepal-creating-good-job-amid-reconstruction-migration/>

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: you can also access the report through the links and resources pods that will appear in the Q&A layout coming up

Gilberto Amaya: Thank you very much, Chrissy.

KDAD AV Tech: To see a slide full screen, hover your mouse over the four arrows in the presentation window and click on those arrows

Bholanath Regmi: I am listeninggreat program

Anoop Agarwal: Will you share the presentation after the webinar?

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Hi Anoop. We certainly will. We will send out an email with the presentation and other event materials within a few weeks of the event

Anoop Agarwal: Great, thank you!

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: you can also find the presentation in the resource pod in the next Q&A layout

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: no problem!

Ekanath Khatiwada: Vocational /Skills trainings are not well linked with start up capital and market opportunities....

Roji Puri: thank you i am listening

Andrew Golda: What types of infrastructure are you talking about? Most reconstruction is taking place in the education and health sectors.

Bholanath Regmi: yes ! Nepal has opportunities with the biodiversity and geographical positveness.

Ekanath Khatiwada: Yes , we are advocating Nepalese diaspora community and migrants workers to re investment back to Nepal.

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Do you think that reconstruction goals are aligned with the objectives of systemic economic development, vis-a-vis time horizon?

Bholanath Regmi: do we get the presentation slide after the meeting?

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Systemic labour policy shanges are strategic unlike reconstruction objectives, I think.

Gregory Randolph: Ekanath, can you elaborate on this question? I'm not sure I understand what you mean. "How did you align your reconstruction initiatives to housing sector in Nepal?"

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Bholanath, yes, we'll send an email with the presentation and other event materials following the event

Bholanath Regmi: Thank you so much . it will help me to for better understanding.

Ekanath Khatiwada: I meant, were you mostly focusing to 're construction sector ie Housing sector ? or not ...

Andrew Golda: so Ekanath - USAID is investing both in housing reconstruction and the reconstruction of public buildings

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Did the study cover which sectors-jobs will have higher economic impact in the long term?

Ekanath Khatiwada: Thanks Andrew, glad to know that. hope to discuss more in coming days

Andrew Golda: What are the unions in Nepal that are most relevant for reconstruction?

Bholanath Regmi: I think Nepal,s workers union talk rarely about migrant workers. We have bben seen they generally advocate for domestic workers.

Bholanath Regmi: So nepal's union should focus to migrant workers too.

Anastasia de Santos: What about jobs that are maybe medium quality but better than what workers currently have? Is it our place to decide for them? It is not always possible or sustainable to "create" only "High quality" jobs.

Bholanath Regmi: One of the tools for create job and for financial inclusion is income generating programs like Microfinance and special income generating programs. It will mobilise income of migrants and also create jobs for migrants when they returned to Nepal.

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: MSME policy - Thanks Gregory for mentioning it

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Thanks everyone for these great questions! Please keep them coming. We are going to open up the closing polls now while the Q&A continues. Please take a few minutes to respond.

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Thank you for your responses.

Bholanath Regmi: Great to be a participant of the webinar. Thanks !

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Proof of Concept - Gujarat: BBC Article <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-12309791>

KDAD AV Tech: Thank you to all our presenters for their engaging and informative content!

KDAD AV Tech: And, as always, to you, our participants!

Ritobrato Bhattacharyya: Great Webinar. Stimulating much. Thank you.

Chrissy USAID Microlinks 2: Thanks again to our excellent presenters, and thank you to our participants for some great questions! Please complete the polls before you leave and we'll keep the room open for several minutes so you can wrap up the polls and chats.

Sean Griffin: Thank you.

Prachi Agarwal: Thank you all.

Ambar Valles: thank you!

KDAD AV Tech: Look for an email with links to the recorded presentation and related resources!

Roji Puri: Thank you so much