

Participant Biography - Motasim Billah

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Motasim Billah is a Researcher at the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU). At RMMRU, Motasim works in the research and communication division in a Global Consortium on Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium (RPC) based at University of Sussex, UK. The overarching aim of the consortium is to provide research evidence to contribute to better policies to improve the lives and well-being of poor migrants, their communities and countries. Over the last three years, he had been involved in research on different aspects of migration - i.e, rights of migrant workers, remittance and migration governance and a study on Social Protection of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in the Gulf. The study identified the major problems and vulnerabilities of Bangladeshi migrant workers in the Middle Eastern countries and provided concrete recommendations to the policy makers. In the past three years he has been involved with a major civil society campaign in Bangladesh to push government ratify the 1990 UN convention. The Bangladesh government ratified the convention in April 2011.