

CSOs and NGOs Working for the Rights of Migrant Workers¹

Name of Organisation: Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee—PNCC, Nepal

Website of Organisation: <http://www.pncc.org.np/>

Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/pncc.nepal/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee (PNCC) is a non-profit organisation of returnee migrant workers who are dedicated to protecting and promoting migrant workers' rights at the national, regional and international levels. The organisation was established in 1998 under the name Pravasi Nepali Sewa Samiti (PNSS) in Saudi Arabia. PNSS focused on rescuing distressed migrant workers in Saudi Arabia. However, after realising the need of an organisation to coordinate movement of Nepali migrant workers and other destination countries, PNSS later expanded to Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee in 2009. As one of Nepa's pioneer organisations that work with migrants, PNCC have represented the Nepalese Civil Society Organisations in various national, regional and international policy dialogues.

PNCC conducts advocacy and capacity training workshops that aim to educate migrant workers. PNCC has been constantly working to raise awareness among the migrant community through various interventions including establishment of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs). In addition, various educational campaigns, production and distribution of related Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials and audio/video materials, counselling services to migrant workers and their families, capacity building events for government and non-governmental actors including members of migrant community, training events on various issues of migration and mass awareness campaigns.

PNCC also has an "Access to Justice" Program. The program provides counselling services to people that want to be migrant workers and migrant workers that have returned to Nepal. They also extend this service to their families as well. PNCC have a program known as the Rapid Response Mechanism for stranded and distressed Nepalese migrants. This mechanism provides immediate support to Nepalese migrant workers in distress. PNCC does this through its networks and Migrant Resource Centres. PNCC also provides basic legal aid services to migrants and their families, regardless of their documentation status.

PNCC also focuses on empowering and engaging returnee migrants in a sustaining enterprise through providing training programs on enterprise development, facilitation on technical training on skill enhancement, market study and research, capital generation and mentorship programs for returnee migrant entrepreneurs. PNCC liaisons with major financial institutions, technical training providers, research institutions and economic think tanks for these training programs.

Contact address: P.O Box: 20218, Anamnagar, Kathmandu-Nepal

Email: info@pncc.org.np

Website: <http://www.pncc.org.np/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pncc.nepal/>

Profile written June 2017

¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers more broadly.