

Caring for the Vulnerable – Transnational Social Protection of Bangladeshi Migrants' Families in the EU (CASTLE 2)



Project Highlights

Donor: Co-funded by the European Union, contracted by ICMPD through the Migration Partnership Facility.

Duration: 1 March 2026 - 14 May 2028

Geographical Scope: Bangladesh, Romania and Greece

Lead Partner: Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania)

Project Partners: Terre des hommes Foundation (Delegations: Bangladesh; Romania; and Greece)

Primary Beneficiaries:

Bangladeshi labour migrants in Romania and Greece and their family members, including women, children, and youth in both host countries and Bangladesh.

Secondary Target Groups:

Social protection providers, local authorities, recruitment actors, civil society organizations, researchers, community leaders, and media professionals working on migration-related issues.

Project Summary

The project aims to improve access to rights, services, and protection for Bangladeshi labour migrants and their transnational families, with a particular focus on Hybrid Transnational Social Protection (HTSP).

Objective 1: To enhance understanding and engagement of key stakeholders—academics, policymakers, service providers, civil society, and transnational families in addressing HTSP needs.

Objective 2: To strengthen the capacity of social service providers and professionals in Romania and Greece to support the protection and integration of Bangladeshi migrants and their families.

Objective 3: To empower Bangladeshi transnational families through accurate information, awareness-raising, and community-based support related to safe migration, integration, and well-being.



Expected Results and Impact

- Improved evidence base on the social protection strategies and needs of Bangladeshi transnational families
- Enhanced capacity of service providers to deliver inclusive and rights-based support
- Increased access to accurate information for migrants and families, reducing vulnerability to exploitation
- Strengthened cooperation among stakeholders across Bangladesh, Romania, and Greece
- Policy-relevant recommendations supporting safer, more sustainable migration governance

Key Components and Activities

- **Research and Evidence Generation:** Conducting research on the HTSP landscapes of Bangladeshi transnational families. This includes mapping protection gaps, identifying service access barriers, and analysing how different migration pathways affect family well-being.
- **Capacity Building of Service Providers:** Delivering training for Romanian and Greek professionals, including social workers, local authorities, health and legal service providers, and NGO staffs to enhance cultural competence, understanding of migrants' rights, and practical tools for supporting transnational families.
- **Information, Outreach, and Family Empowerment:** Promoting awareness of pre-migration information, migrants' rights in destination countries, and youth-led integration initiatives to foster social inclusion and resilience.
- **Policy Dialogue and Stakeholder Cooperation:** Organizing multi-level dialogues, peer exchanges, and roundtables bringing key stakeholders to discuss findings, identify policy gaps, and develop evidence-based recommendations.
- **Media Engagement and Public Awareness:** Training of media professionals on migration and transnational families to promote balanced, human-centred narratives, while recognizing and awarding high-quality media products that enhance public understanding and social cohesion.



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