

Ministry to facilitate increased export labour

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The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection plans to facilitate increase of Kenyan migrant workers from about 3 million to 10 million over the next few years, Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui has said.

Mr Chelugui said, to achieve the objective, the government was engaging bilateral partners to identify opportunities for skilled and non-skilled Kenyans for export labour and the need to fast-track processing of relevant travel documents.

The Cabinet Secretary added that the government was also engaging employment agencies to streamline the operations and revamp the management of the migrant labour

Mr Chelugui said by exporting more skilled and non-skilled labour, the country stands to expand employment opportunities and benefit from billions of annual diaspora remittance that will support and strengthen the growth of the local economy.

Speaking at the NSSF building in Nairobi today January 25th 2021, Mr Chelugui said, the Ministry, working with the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), has developed a three weeks basic course for migrant domestic workers on fundamental mannerisms, traditional and cultural values of the middle East states to ease their integration and minimise cultural conflict and shock.

He said the training is meant to prepare the migrant labour on how to cope in their new environments and address challenges experienced earlier between the workers, the recruitment agents and the employers.

He said the government is ready to endorse citizens seeking job opportunities outside the country as long as they follow the right procedure. He said migrant workers need to be vetted to ensure they are not a security risk in the destination markets.

The Chairman of the Home Care Trainers Society Kenya, Mr Stanley Michuki, urged government to approve more training schools for domestic workers because of the huge demand.