SKILLS AND MIGRATION: LEBANON

Overview

12.3%

International emigrants
(as % of total population)

27.2%

International immigrants
(as % of total population)

GDP and migration

Reasons to migrate:

From Lebanon

- Limited job opportunities for qualified profiles
- Increased cost of living
- Better living conditions abroad

To Lebanon

- Availability of low-skilled jobs
- Refuge / asylum from conflicts in Syria and Palestine

Top 10 countries of emigration, 2020

Key achievements

- National Strategic Framework for TVET 2018–22 promotes employability and inclusiveness for migrants
- Lebanon Crisis Response Plan targeting skills for both refugee and host communities
- Steps taken to start abolishing the exploiting kafala system

How can the ETF help?

- Support to a joint public-private task force to help employers in monitoring labour market developments and skills needs
- Global inventory of regional and national qualifications frameworks

Possible way forward

- A comprehensive labour market assessment
- Exploring opportunities offered by the EU Talent Partnerships
- Advocate for the abolition of kafala systems for migrant workers

Profile of migrants:

From Lebanon

- 50% secondary education or higher
- 25% tertiary education
- 59.2% male
- 40.8% female

To Lebanon

- 68% Low level of skills (foreign workers)
- 49% male
- 51% female
- 82% Refugees / asylum seekers

Outbound mobility ratio of tertiary level students:

7.9%

Full datasets, definitions and sources are available in the ETF Skills and Migration country fiche Lebanon: https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/regions-and-countries/countries/lebanon