

Kenya's new push for a secure work environment overseas

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The government is urging Kenyans to apply for various job opportunities sourced abroad, as part of its efforts to tackle unemployment, and assures them of their safety as they go to work abroad.

Principal Secretary of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime (pictured), mentioned that the Labour migration desk at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) will assist in enhancing the safety of Kenyans working in the diaspora.

During an interview with the press in Mombasa, PS Mwadime emphasized that this initiative aims to curb irregular migration, creating a safe, fair, regular, and productive working environment in the diaspora.

Mwadime explained that the operationalization of the Labour Migration Desk is part of a government initiative to curb illegal migration in the country.

He highlighted that labor



migration significantly contributes to the growth and development of the country's economy, serving as a source of employment and livelihood for many Kenyans.

"When these Kenyans work in foreign countries, they invest back home where their families are, and that is how the government earns revenue that is channeled into development programs," he said.

He noted that the number

of Kenyans working abroad has significantly increased, which is estimated to be four million for skilled and non-skilled workers.

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Mwadime said the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with key labour destination countries which include Germany, Austria, Bahrain, Oman, Poland, Jordan, Kuwait, Canada, and Ireland among others.

"In ensuring the promotion of employment opportunities for migrant workers, we had a job order of 200 nurses last year which was secured in March 2023 to go and work in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and this was a government to government initiative," he added.

The PS noted that the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection has also secured 2,500 posts for healthcare professionals to be recruited to work in Saudi Arabia.

He urged qualified health workers to apply for the jobs through the National Employment Agency (NEA) where qualified nurses will be picked for the jobs.

"We want to assure you

that the government is concerned about your safety and welfare from your employer thus nothing should stop you from applying for these jobs," he said.

The PS insisted that the government will keep an eye on its citizens working abroad and provide immediate interventions when an issue arises.

Mwadime said the Ministry has already established help desks and helpline numbers for any inquiries in case of anything.

He added that they will also recruit staff to monitor the activities, welfare and working relations of Kenyans working abroad.

"We have our desks and numbers in these countries thus we will be following up on their welfare with their employers so that we make sure they are all working in a safe environment," he said.

He added a Bill on labour migration will be introduced in Parliament to support the migrant workers' program and ensure their safety in foreign countries.

The PS said through the Migrant Labour Bill, they will also introduce a savings program where migrant workers can make their retirement benefits.

"We want to introduce


a program where migrant workers can save for retirement which will help them in future when they have retired and have come back home," he said.

On her part, Deputy Government Spokesperson Ms Mwanisha Chidzuga said that the President has made good relations with foreign countries to secure employment opportunities for Kenyans. Chidzuga said the government will not only secure opportunities for its people to work abroad but will also ensure that their safety is guaranteed.

"We know there has been fear by Kenyans when it comes to working abroad but we assure them. Opportunities are there and we advise them to apply for these posts since Kenyans are well known for hard work and commitment when given tasks," she said.

She noted that the President is working hard with the relevant Ministry to ensure that the youth who are skilled and cannot secure employment in the country can go and work abroad and improve their quality of life.

Chidzuga advised Kenyans not to be selective and instead apply for opportunities in a bid to eradicate poverty.



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