

## **COVID-19 Response to Nepali Migrant Workers-Relief and Repatriation Program**

The major support sectors under this project are: **immediate shelter and food distribution, legal counseling and re-employment support, documentation support for the needy migrant workers to link with diplomatic missions and other concerned authorities at destinations, support for small detention fines, organizing outreach camp and supporting workers for passport renewal and counselling as per the need, tele-medicine/small medical assistance, air ticket and PCR test support to facilitate the repatriation support. Similarly, hotel quarantine support, PCR test and transportation support** are the support initiatives provided to the needy migrant workers to reach safely at home after arrival to Kathmandu from concerned destination countries.

Moreover, the program also supported some medical logistic items to the provincial/local level quarantines. The program volunteers both at destinations and country origin reached out to the needy Nepali migrant workers through different medium and identified their issues and grievances which are documented-considering the areas of advocacy that the government/NRNA can intervene to provide support and develop strategies in the favor of Nepali migrant workers.

Project Destination countries are UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and Malaysia. However, the project have also supported in the repartition of migrants from Cambodia and Russia as per the need. After the repatriation of the migrants from destination they are provided the Local Transportation and one time meal at Country of Origin. Hotel quarantine is provided to few migrants as per the need.

*So far, the project has built up relationship with the Nepal Embassy in all the project destination countries. Request for the repatriation of stranded Nepalese migrants comes from the embassy to the National Coordination Council and that is forwarded to the Project Team in Kathmandu. Overall, the project has been successful in building cordial relationship between NCC and the government stakeholders in these destinations.*

**The detailed progress made by the project are described in the following sections with data for the period between August 2020 to August 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Numbers of Migrants reached: 23,013

Numbers of Migrants supported: 22,412

Number of PCR done: 572

Number of Migrants getting local Transportation: 1170

Shelter Support: 3334

Counselling Support in Destination and Nepal: 1201

Number of Migrants participated on Project Outreach Program: 2665

Hotel Quarantine support for Migrants in KTM: 126

Legal/Paralegal Support for Migrants in Destination: 488

Migrants supported to pay detention fee in Destination Countries: 143

Migrants supported for Networking and Documentation in Destination-4953

Supported to family of Migrants for Insurance Claim in Nepal- 3

**Flight Tickets Support for Repatriation: 697 (as of 28 September)**

**Country Wise Support Category:**

Number of Migrants Supported till August 31 2021

Qatar- 6558

Malaysia- 3847

Saudi- 4936

UAE- 3155

Kuwait- 79

Oman- 46

Bahrain- 9

Cambodia- 22

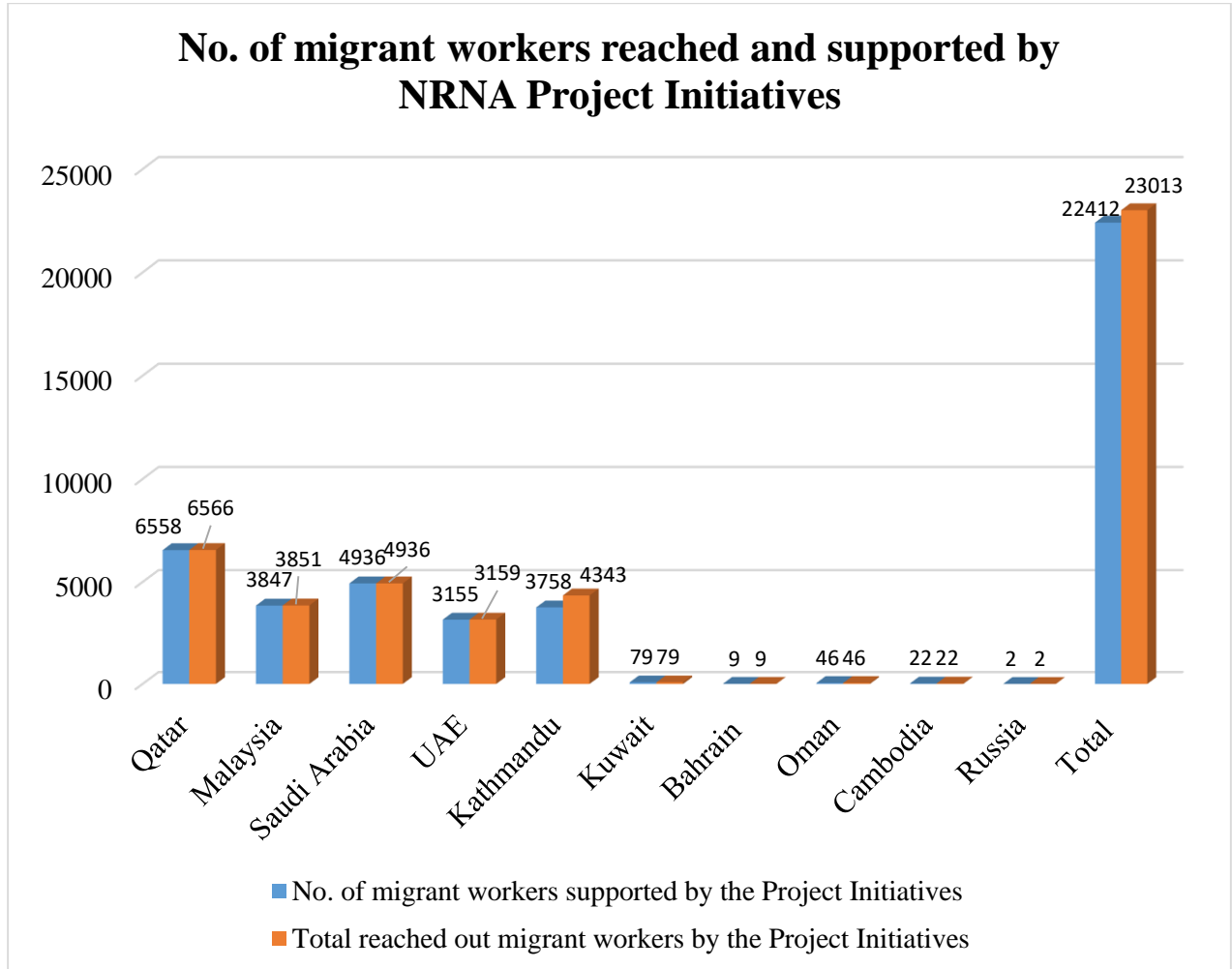
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KTM- 3758

**Progress of the Project is also shown in the chart below**

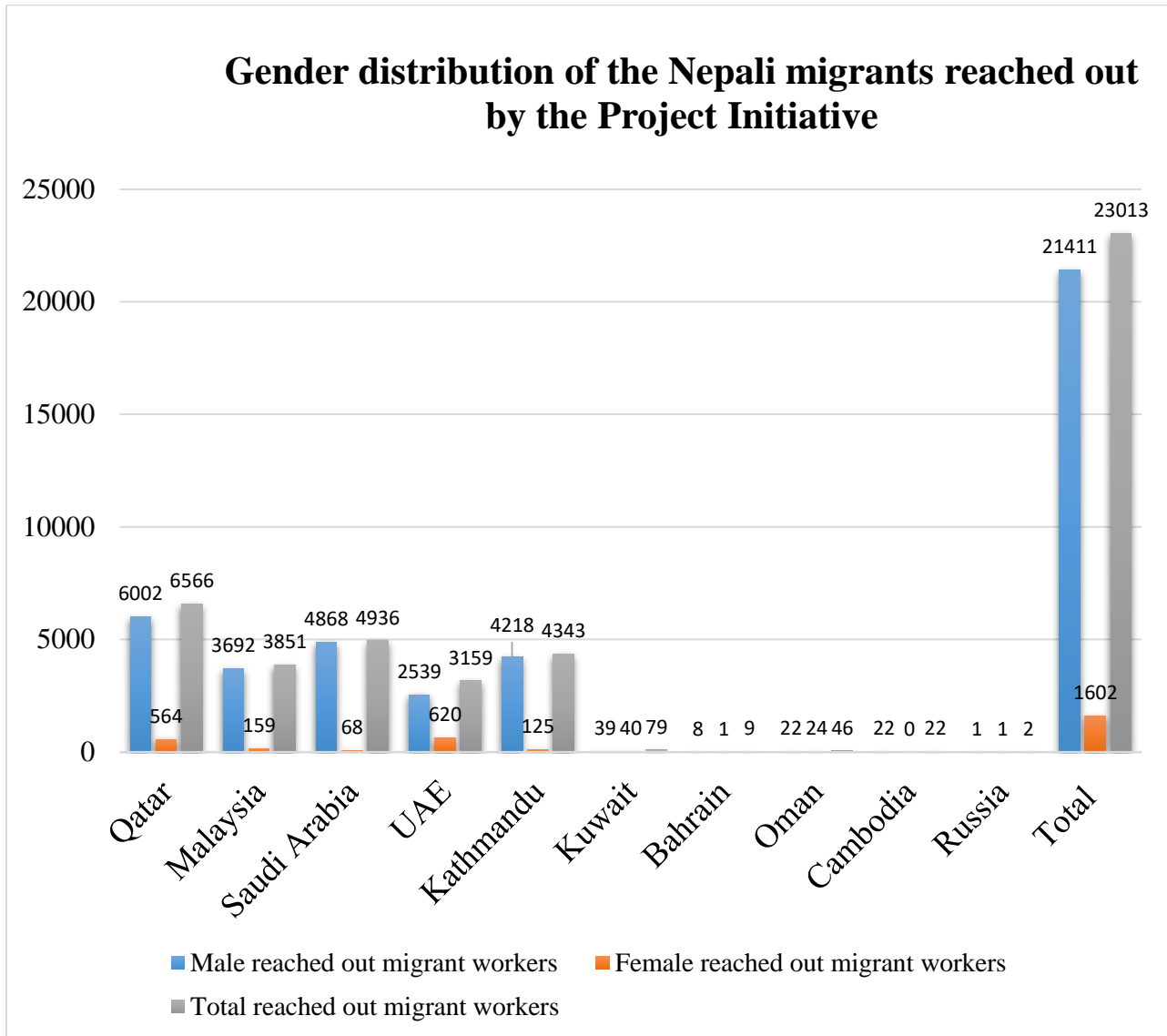
**Total reached out and support received Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives:**

Since the project initiative until August 2021, 23,013 migrant workers have been reached out. Out of which, 22,412 migrants have been supported by the project. The individual countries graphical presentation is presented in the chart below.



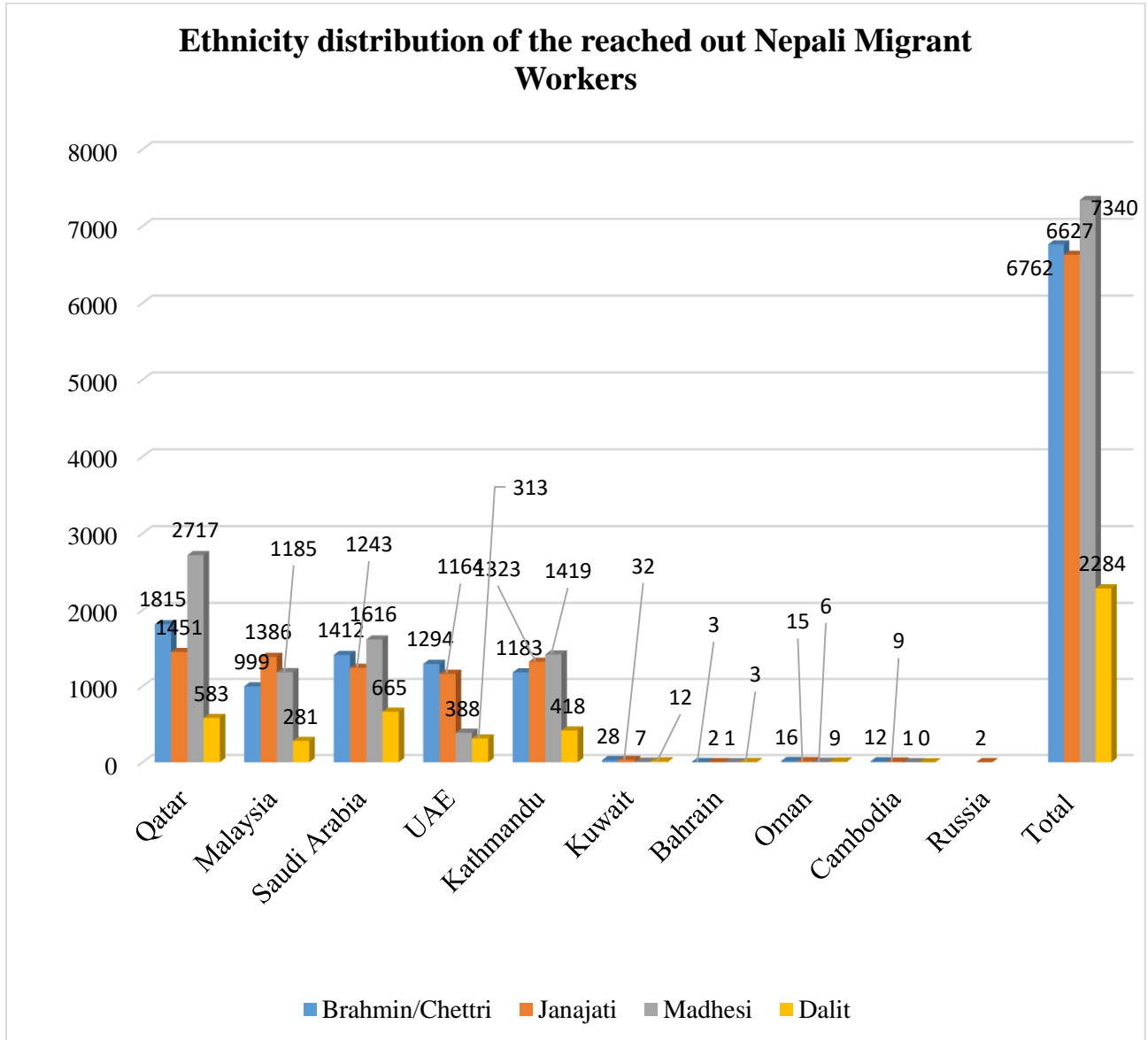
**Gender distribution of the Nepali Migrants reached out by the Project Initiative:**

Till August 2021, the data shows that 21,411 male workers and 1602 female workers out of 23,013 total migrant workers have been reached out by NRNA Project Initiatives. The individual countries graphical presentation is presented in the chart below.



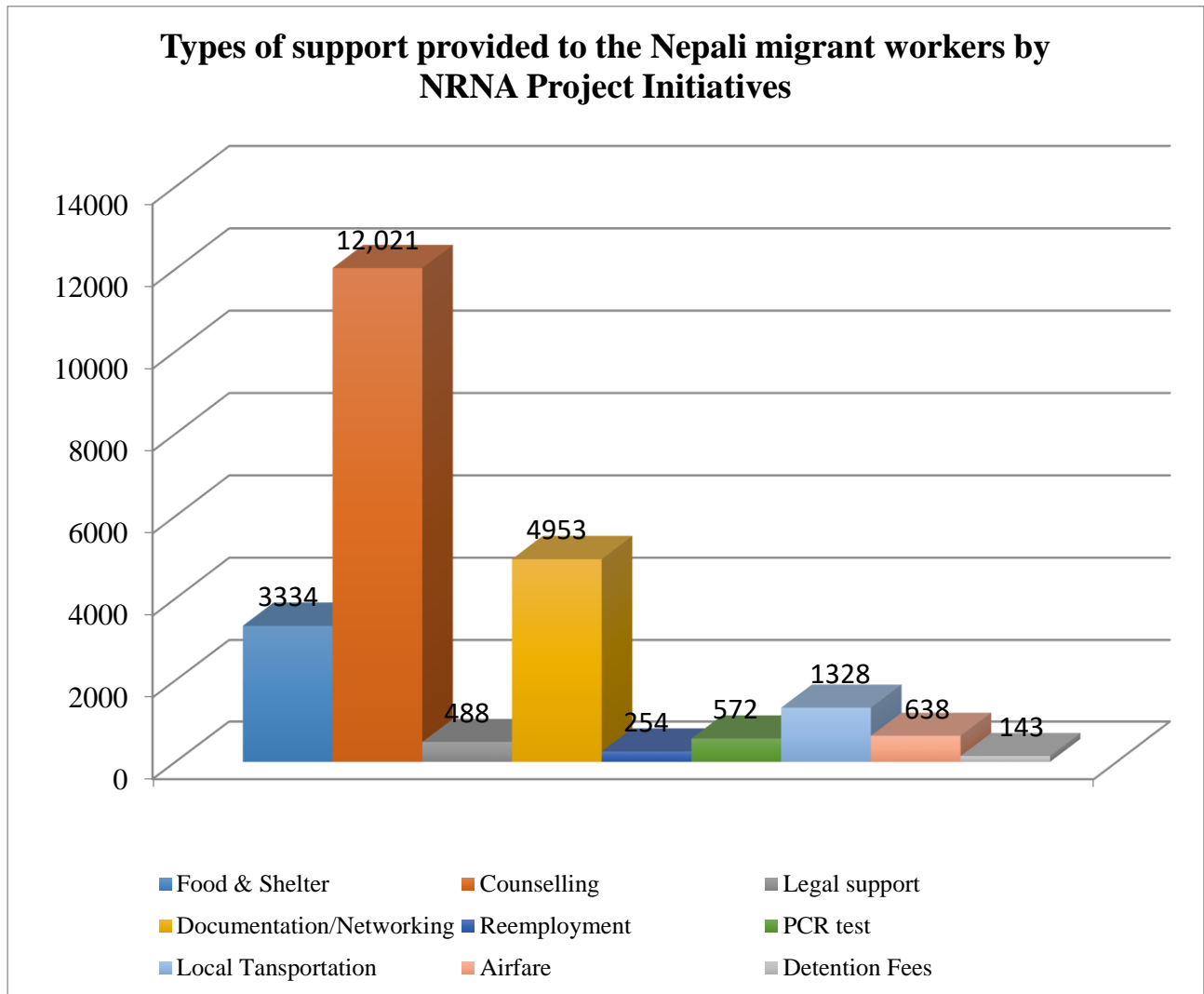
**Ethnicity distribution of the Nepali Migrants reached out by the Project Initiative:**

Till August 2021, 6762 (B/C), 6627 (Janajati), 7340 (Madhesi) and 2284 (Dalit) have been reached out by NRNA Project Initiatives. The individual countries graphical presentation is presented in the chart below.



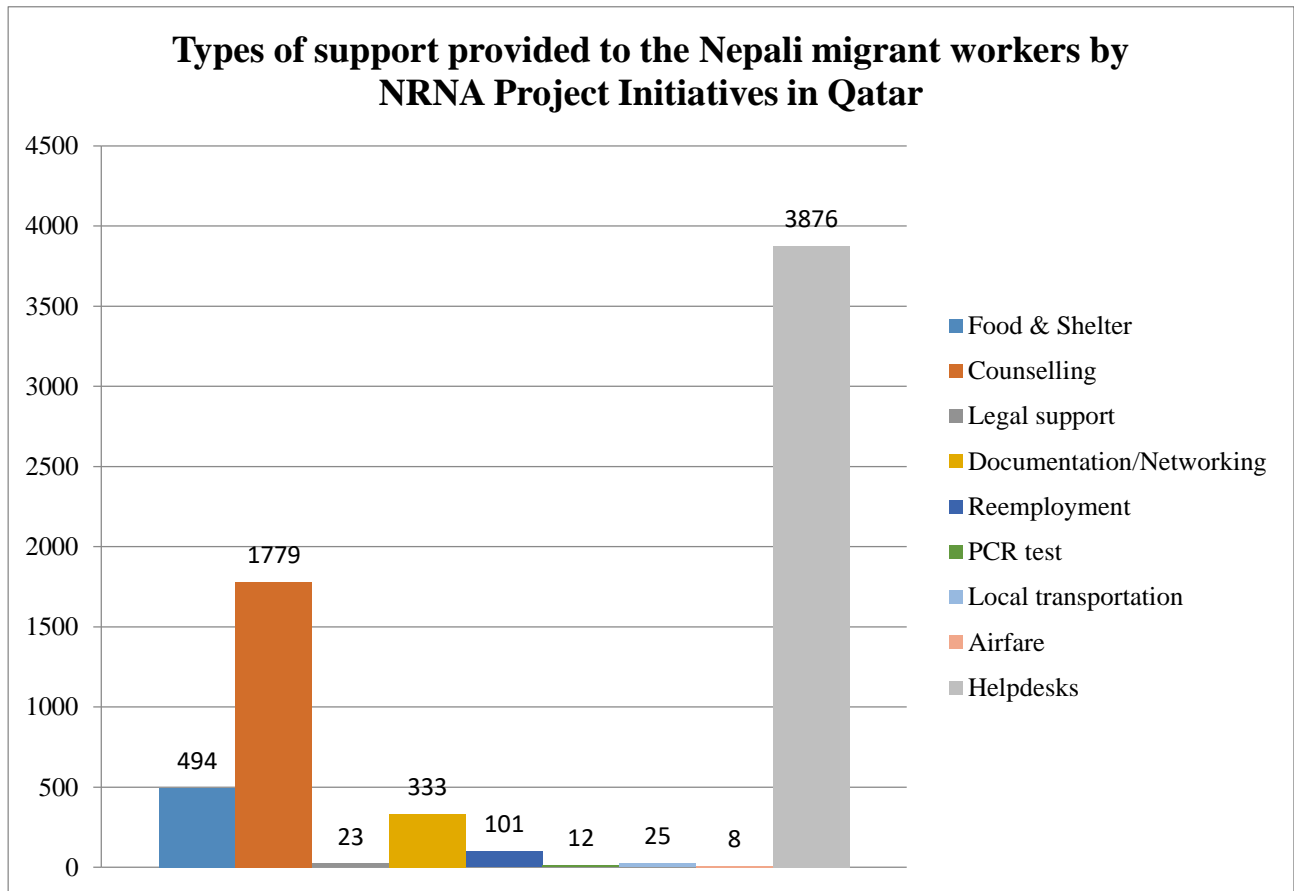
## Categories of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives

The project has reached out to the migrant workers with various types of support. This includes food/accommodation, counseling so as to overcome their stress, documentation support and networking with the related embassy, company, manpower, etc., PCR support, transportation support (including in Nepal), and also help them find new jobs. In overall, out of 22,412 supported migrant workers, 3334 are provided with food and accommodations. Its graphical presentation is described below.



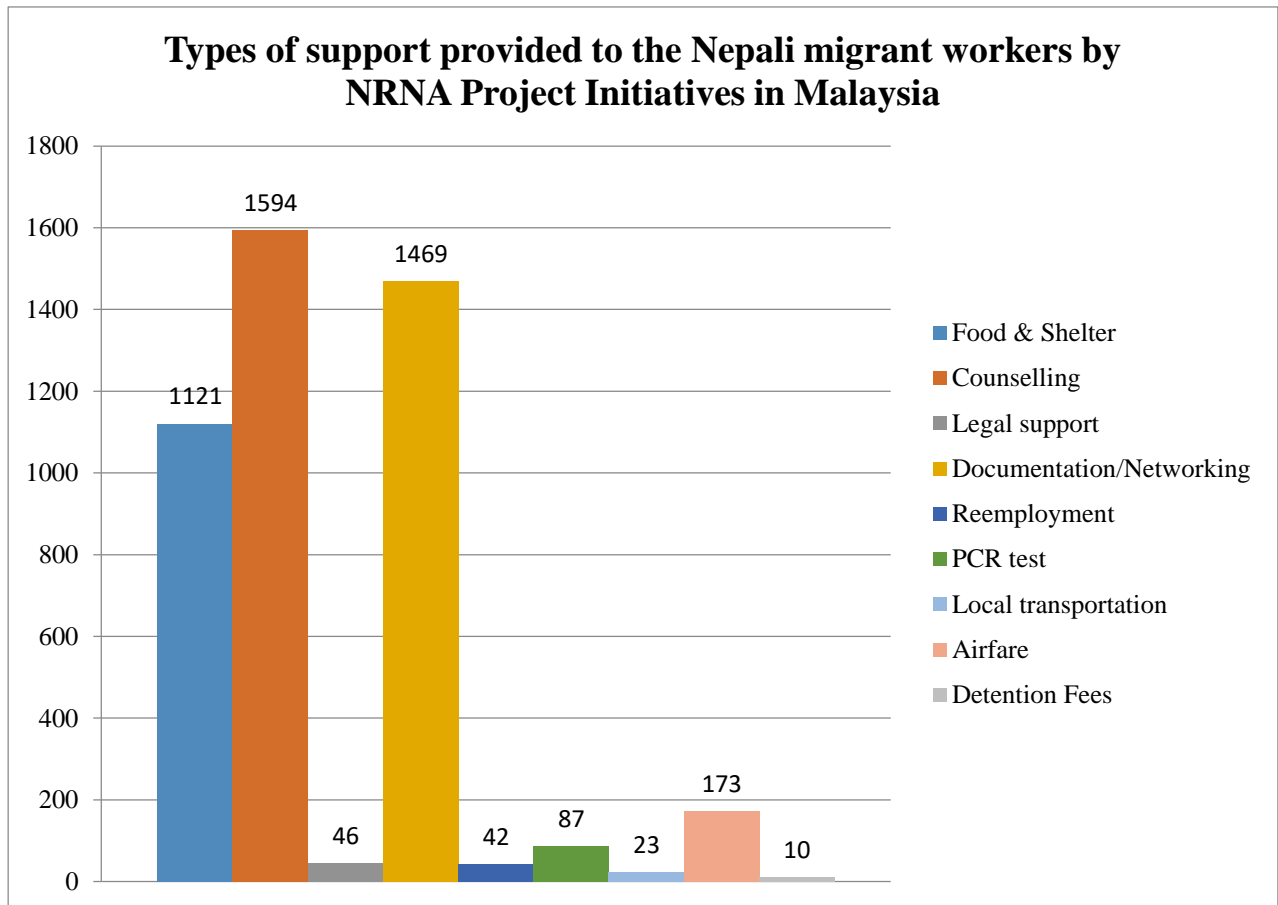
### Types of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives in Qatar:

Above mentioned support categories provided to the Nepali migrant workers in Qatar are represented in a chart below. The August 2021 progress report of the project shows that 6558 migrant workers have been supported by the project in Qatar. Out of them, 494 are provided with food and accommodations, 101 are helped to find out new jobs and 3876 are provided support through helpdesks in their passport renewal.



## Types of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives in Malaysia

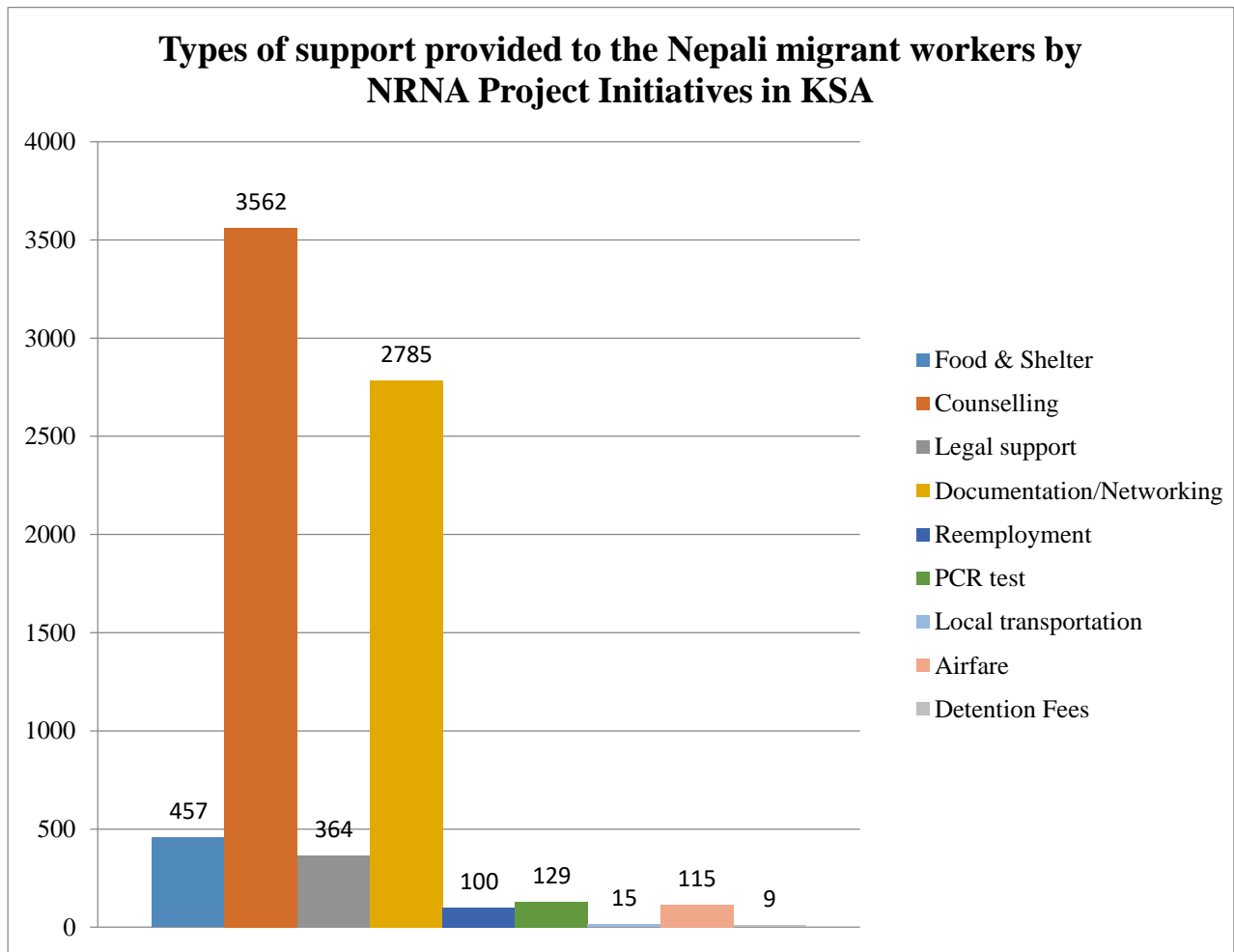
The August 2021 progress report of the project shows that 3847 migrant workers have been supported by the project in Malaysia. Out of them, 1121 are provided with food and accommodations, 42 are helped to find out new jobs whereas 1594 are counseled to overcome their stress and look out for their further plan. Its graphical presentation is presented below.





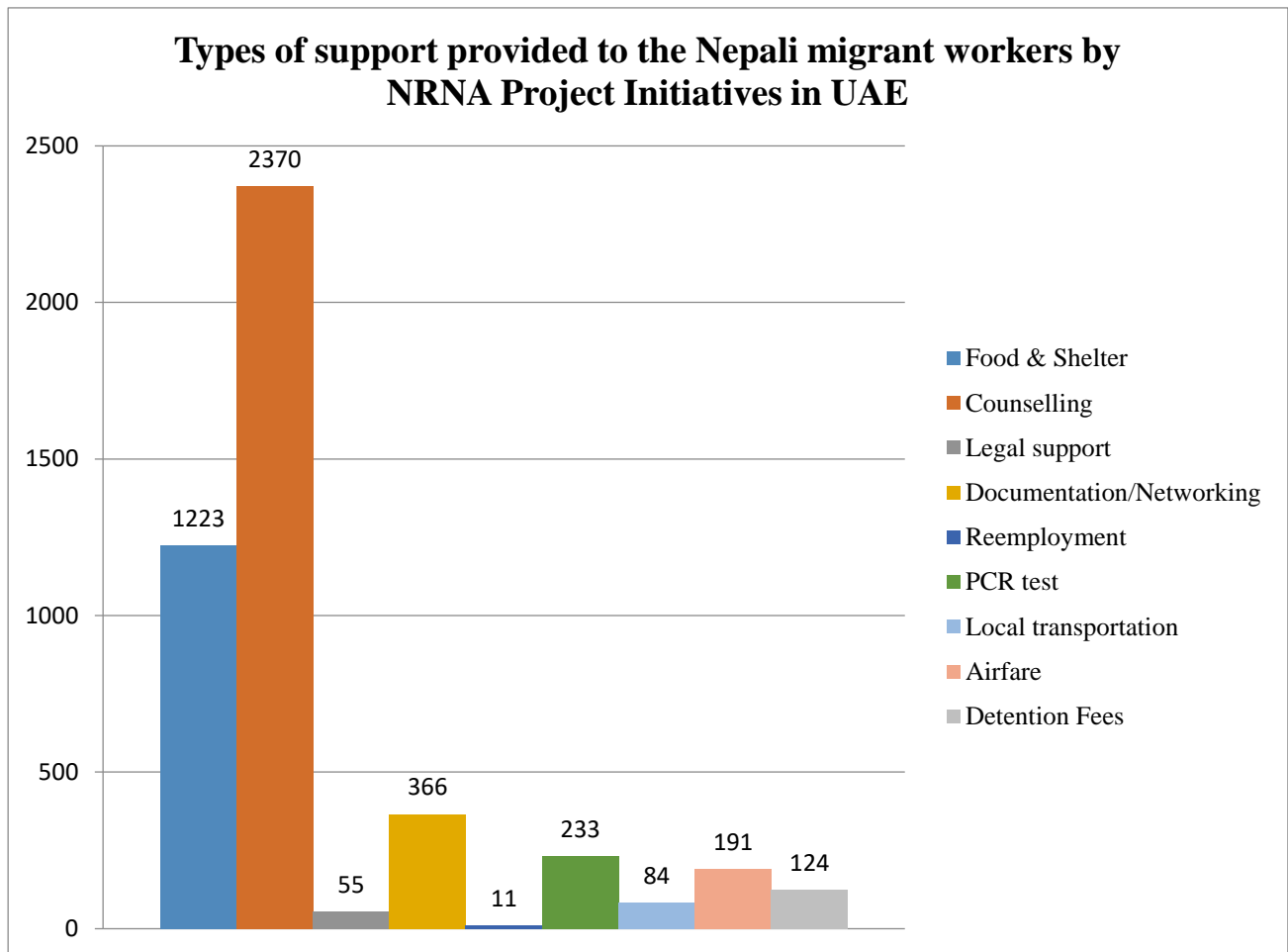
## Types of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives in Saudi Arabia

The August 2021 progress report of the project shows that 4936 migrant workers have been supported by the project in Saudi Arabia. Out of them, 457 are provided with food and accommodations, 100 are helped to find out new jobs whereas 3562 are counseled to overcome their stress. 2785 are facilitated to return Nepal through documentation and co-ordination with the concerned bodies (as, Embassy). Its graphical presentation is presented below.



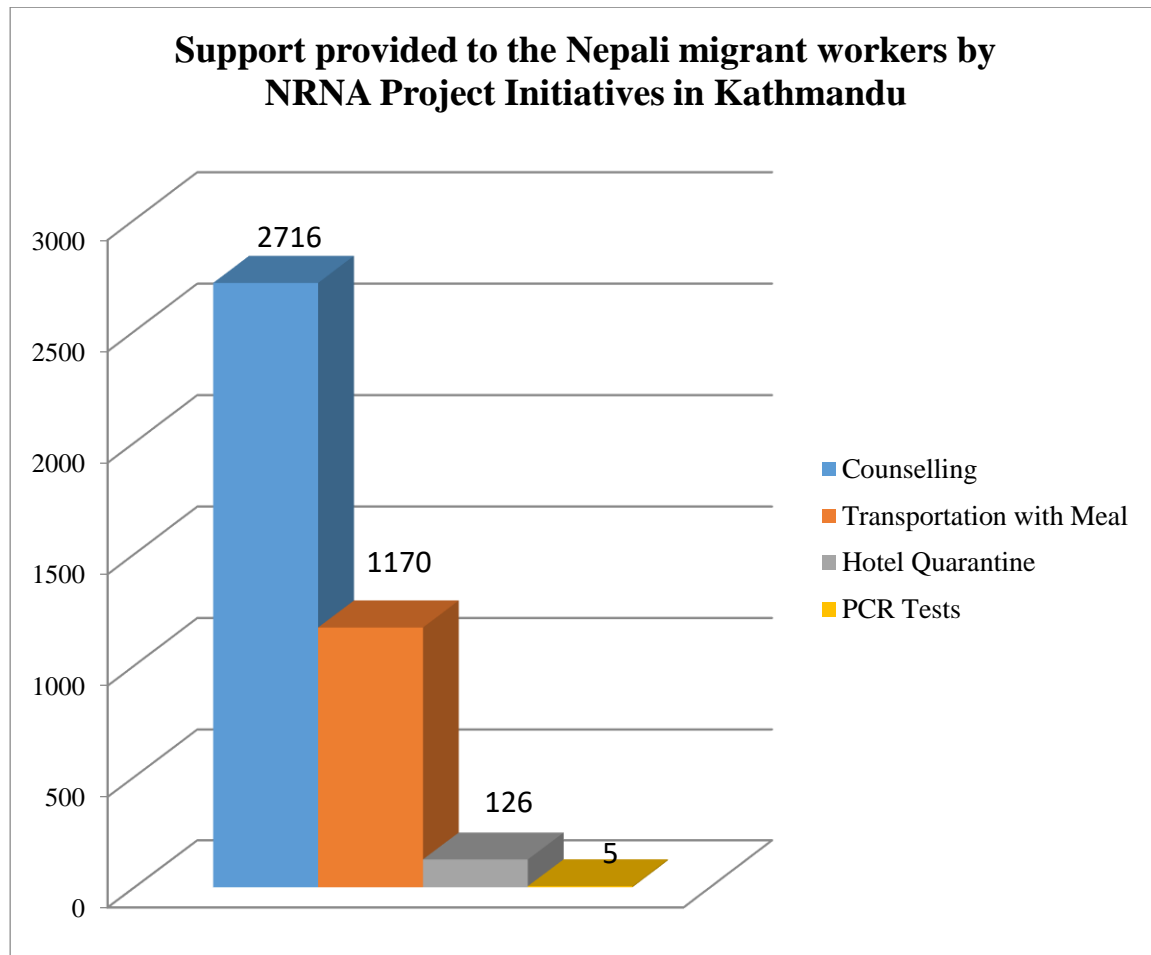
## Types of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives in UAE

The August 2021 progress report of the project shows that 3155 migrant workers have been supported by the project in UAE. Out of them, 1223 are provided with food and accommodations, 11 are helped to find out new jobs whereas 2370 are counseled to overcome their stress. Its graphical presentation is presented below.



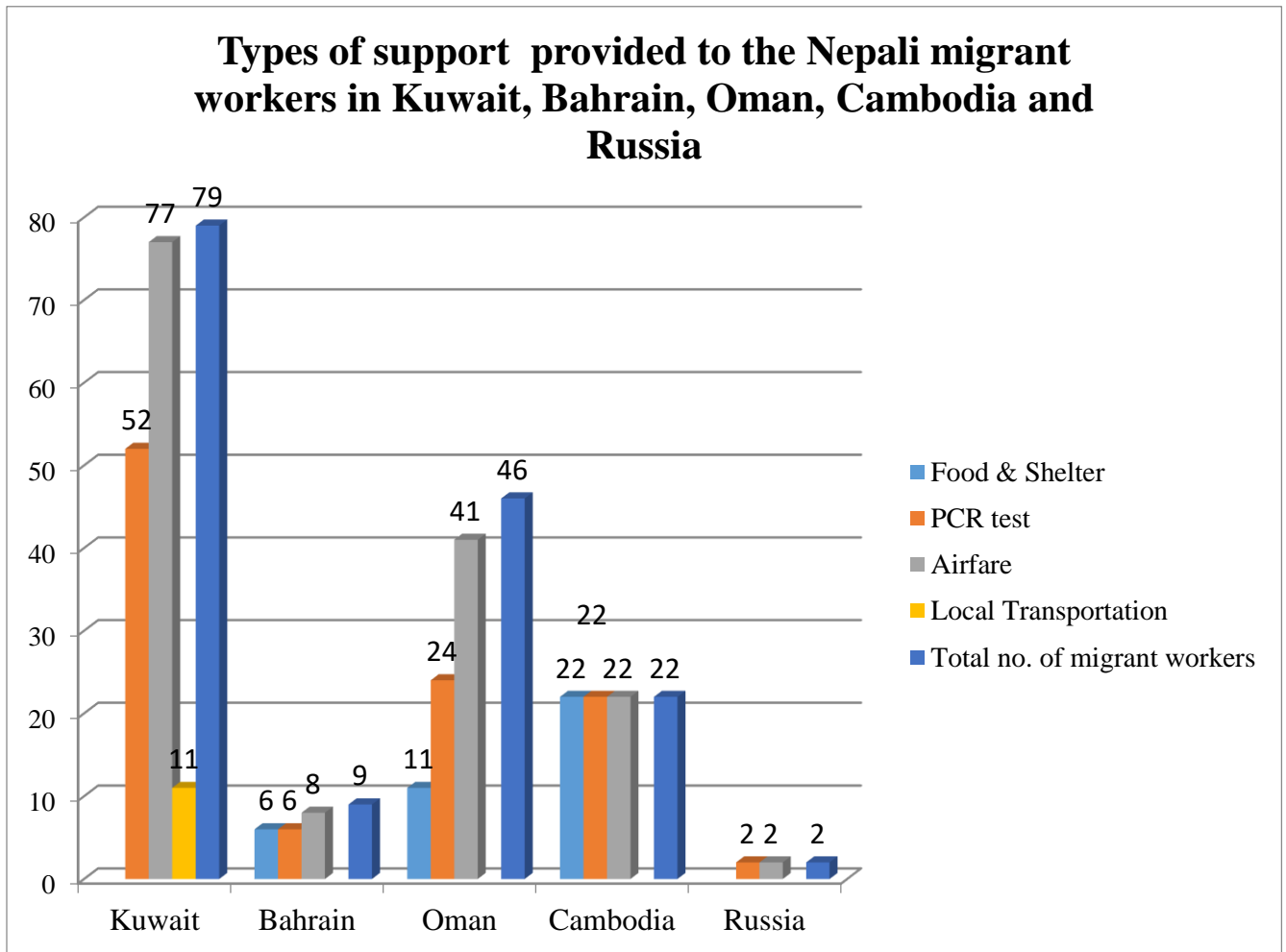
## Support provided to the Nepali migrant workers by NRNA Project Initiatives in Kathmandu

Among 3758 Nepali migrant workers supported in Kathmandu by HCA till August 2021, 2716 are counseled on the basis of their issues and 1170 are provided with the local transportation support. 126 are supported in hotel quarantine after their arrival in Nepal and 5 with PCR tests for the exit from the respected quarantines. Its graphical presentation is presented below.



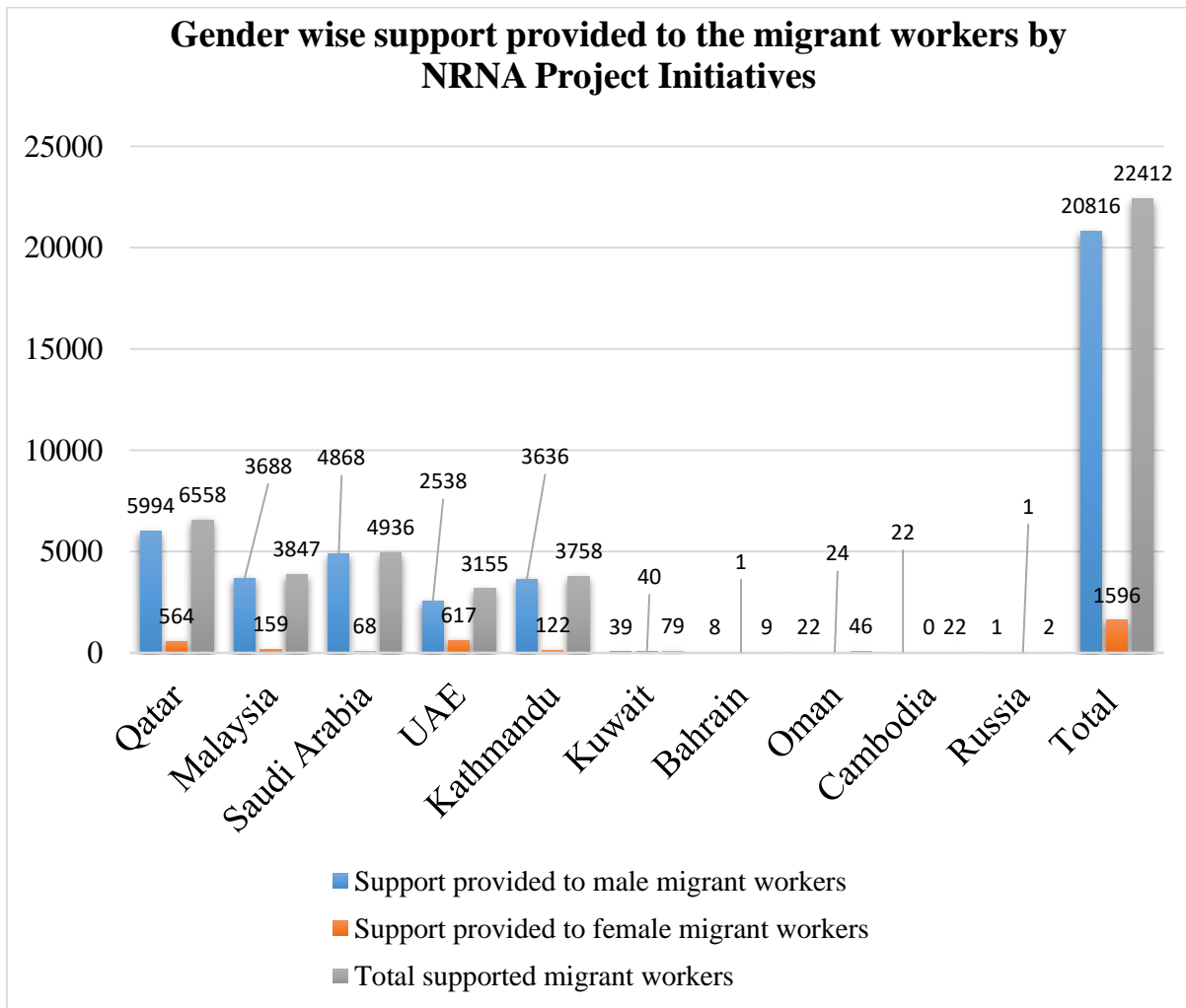
## Types of support provided to the Nepali migrant workers in other different destination countries

Different types of support have been provided to the Nepali migrant workers in other destination countries as well till August 2021. Specifically, 79, 9, 46, 22 and 2 migrant workers from Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Cambodia and Russia respectively have been supported with food, shelter, air fare, PCR tests and local transportation. The individual countries representation with the specific support is presented in the chart below.



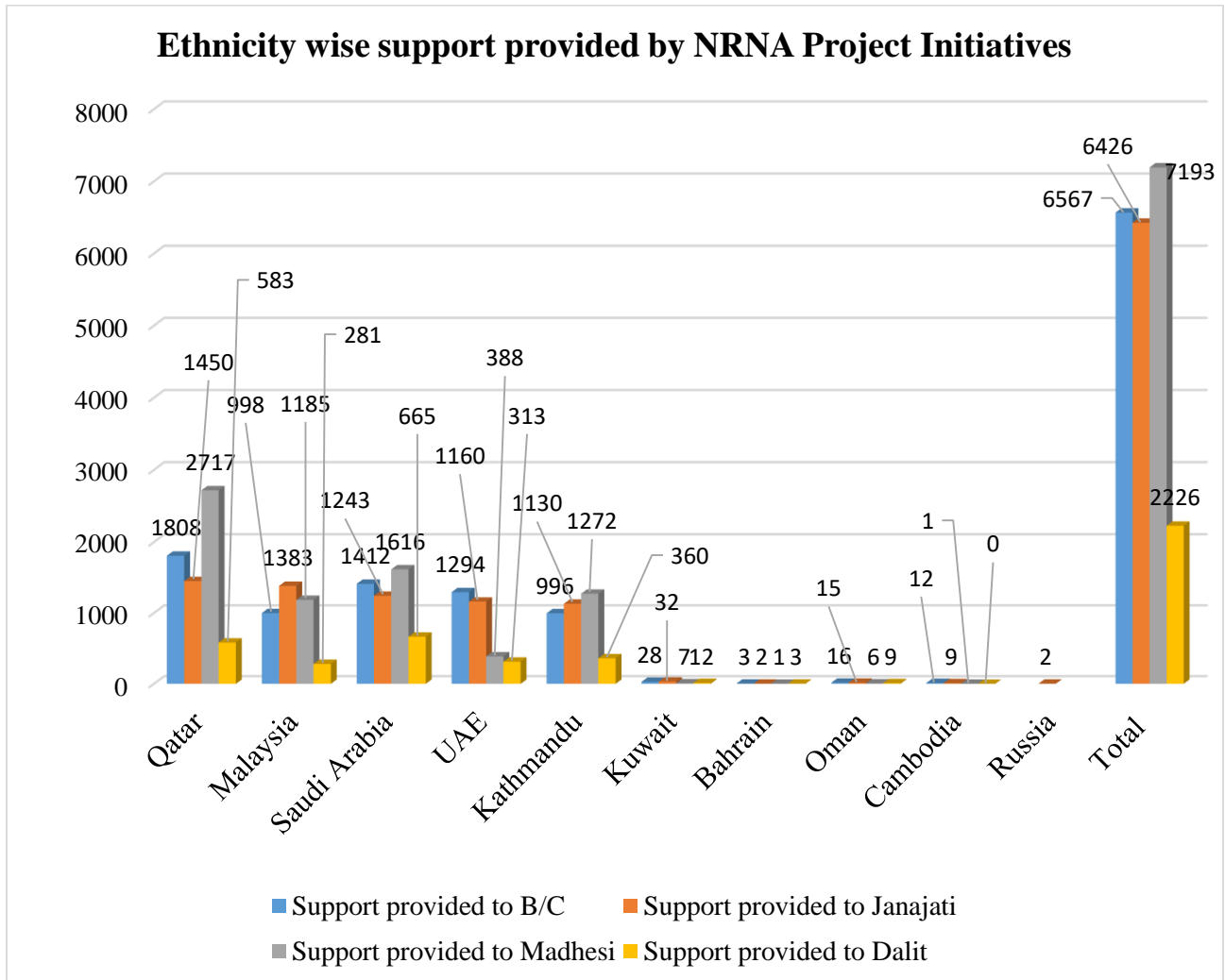
### Gender wise support provided by the Project Initiative

Till August 2021, the data shows that 20,816 male workers and 1596 female workers out of 22,412 total migrant workers have been supported by NRNA Project Initiatives. The individual countries graphical presentation is presented in the chart below.

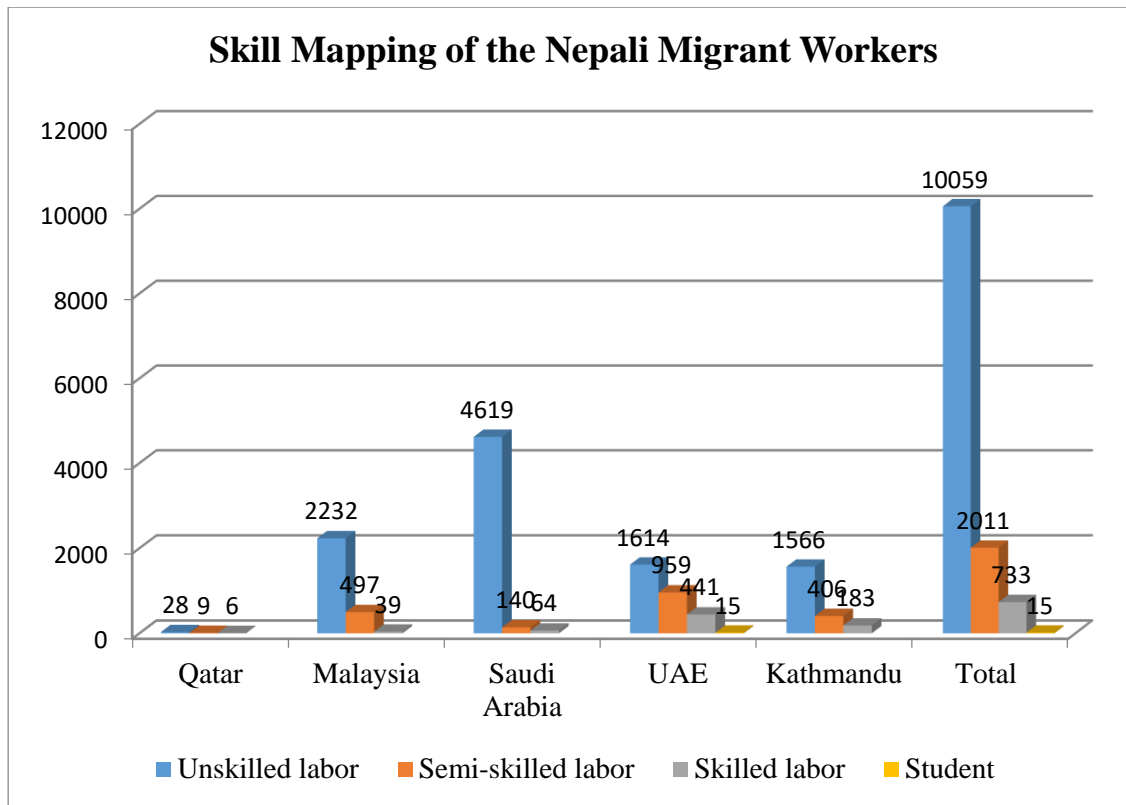


### Ethnicity-wise support provided by the Project Initiative

In total, till date (August 2021), most of the migrant workers are Madhesi (7193) followed by Brahmin/Chettri (6567), Janajati (6426) and Dalit (2226). The individual countries graphical presentation is presented in the chart below.



## Skill Mapping of the Nepali Migrant Workers



The skill of the Nepali migrant workers is differentiated here according to their professions in their respective destination countries. Their work is categorized into unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled labor.

The skill mapping is represented in the chart above including their respective countries. The August 2021 progress report shows that most of the migrant workers i.e. 10,059 of the total reached-out migrants (i.e. 23,013) were practicing unskilled labor in the destination countries. Few (15) are found to be students in those countries.

### Note:

**Unskilled labor** refers to workers who possess no particular skills and likely have no formal education. A few examples of these types of jobs include maids, fast food workers, grocery clerks, janitors, cashier and general labor.

**Semi-skilled labor** does require more skills than an unskilled labor job though it doesn't require advanced training or specialized skills. Drivers, salespersons, bartenders, waiters, flight attendants, Food & Beverage service providers and security guards fall under these types of jobs.

**Skilled labor** refers to workers who have specialized training or skills. They are capable of exercising judgment and have knowledge of the particular trade or industry they work. A few examples are law enforcement officers, financial technicians, nurses, electricians, mason, doctors, cook, plumber and electricians.