Global recession and nationalization policies in the GCC countries have resulted in number of migrants losing their jobs in the destination countries. Social and political unrest in the countries is worsening the situation. Rehabilitation and reintegration of the returnees into the society is the prime concern of NORKA Department. NORKA is a single window agency to fulfill an assurance given by the Government of Kerala to its expatriate community. It is aimed at strengthening of relation between the NRKs and the Government of Kerala and the culmination of efforts for finding out solution to problems faced by the NRK community. It is also an attempt at institutionalizing the administrative framework.

As part of the NORKA Department Project for Return Emigrants [NDPREM], a new scheme for rehabilitating the overseas returnees through skill development is designed to be implemented in association with Centre for Management Development, which is an autonomous Institution of Government of Kerala. The programme intends to enable the members to identify their strengths and skills and nurture them to be capable enough to get self employed or start small enterprises or get employed and thus integrate them into the society. The basic approach of the programme would be feasibility analysis of scope of the programme, selection of beneficiaries, cultural integration of returnees with society, skill upgradation training and post training support. The major objectives of the programme are:

- To utilize the experience of overseas returnees for enhancing the economic production of the State
- Creation of sustainable income generation sources through capacity building among overseas returnees
- Creation of employment opportunities through self employment ventures in conformity with local skills and demands for goods and services
- Enhancement of employability of the overseas returnees by exploring the existing opportunities in the skilled labor market
The target group shall be persons having minimum of two years of experience abroad. Interested persons can register as follows.

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