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Migration and Death

A reality for Nepal



Outline

- Migration Statistics
- Medico-legal significance of Migration
 - Disability Statistics
 - Death Statistics
- Shortcomings reported on UPR on Migrant Workers
- Recommendations

“In total, more than 5,000 workers from this small country have died working abroad since 2008 - more than the number of US troops killed in the Iraq War.”

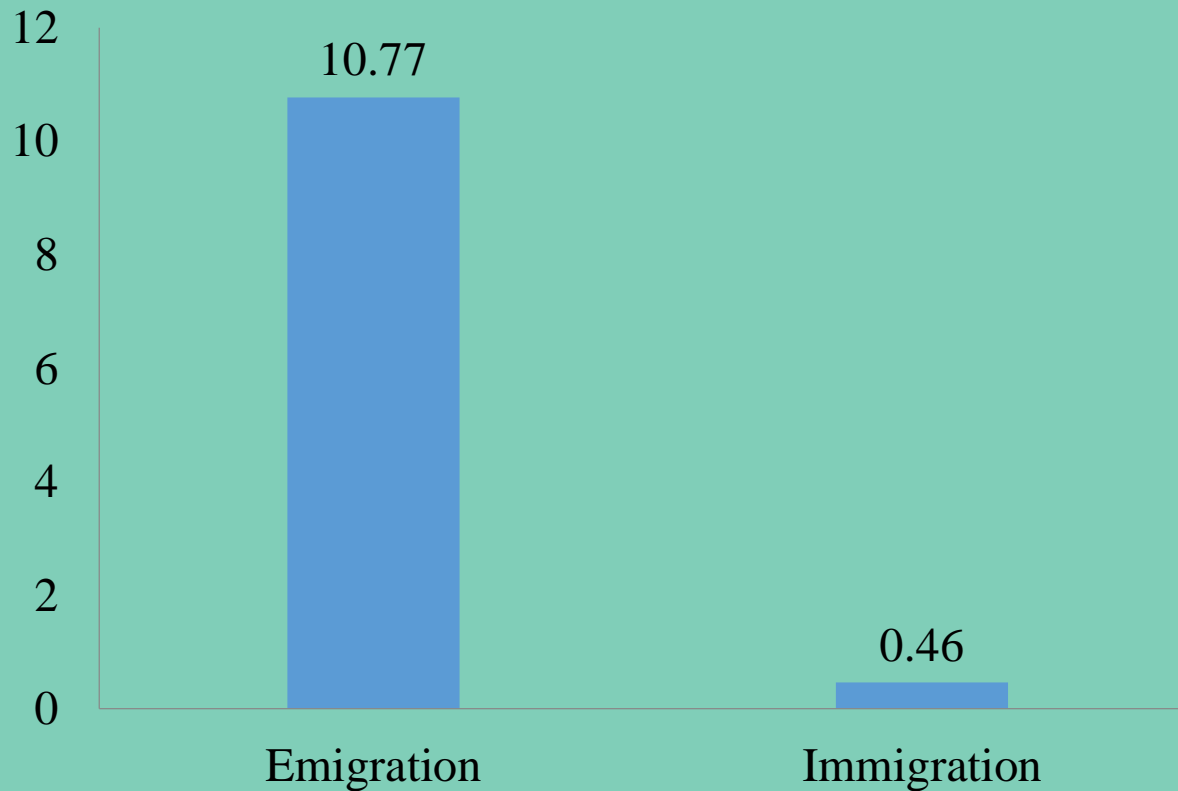
‘Increasing number of deaths among Nepali workers’

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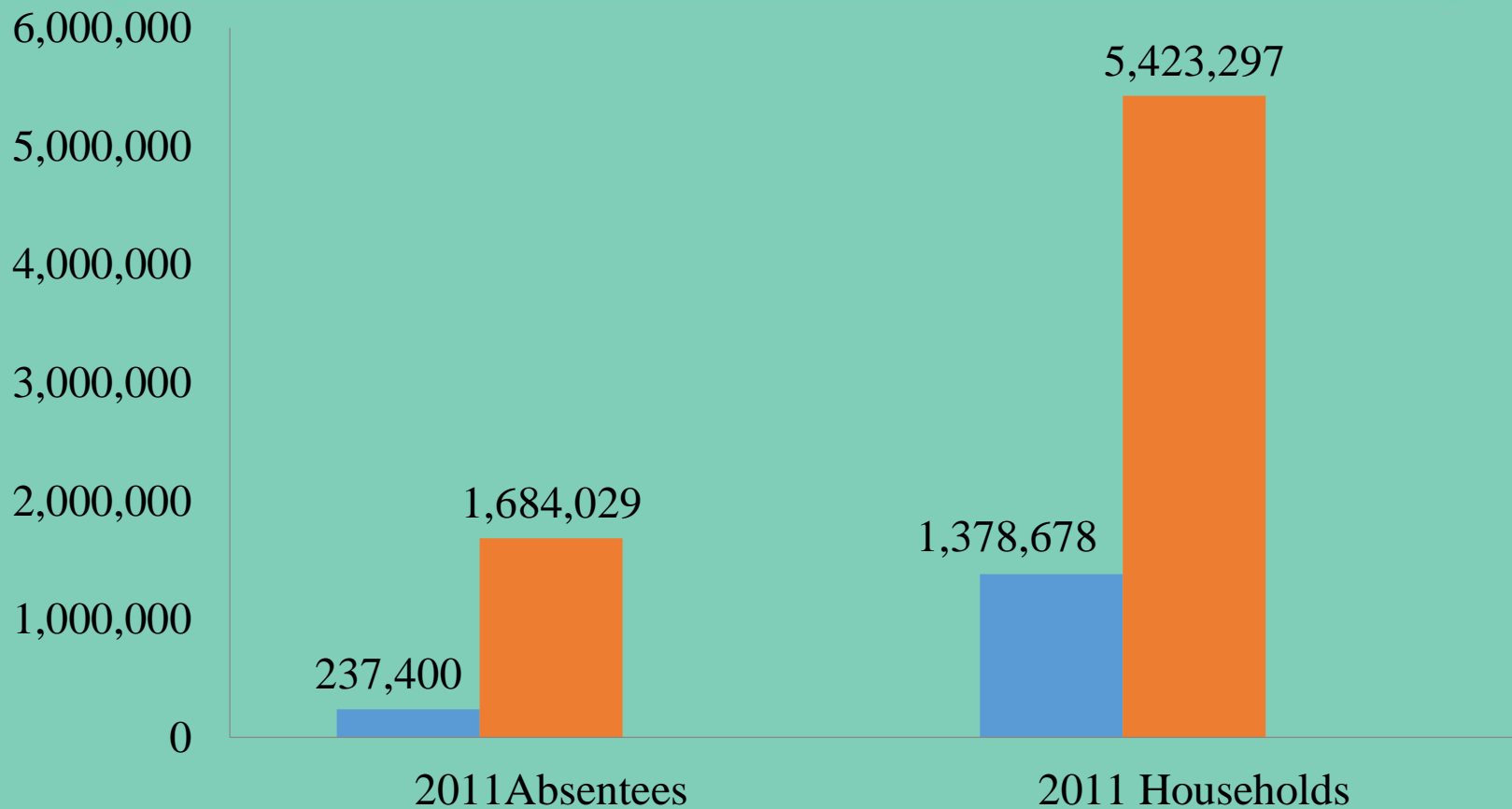
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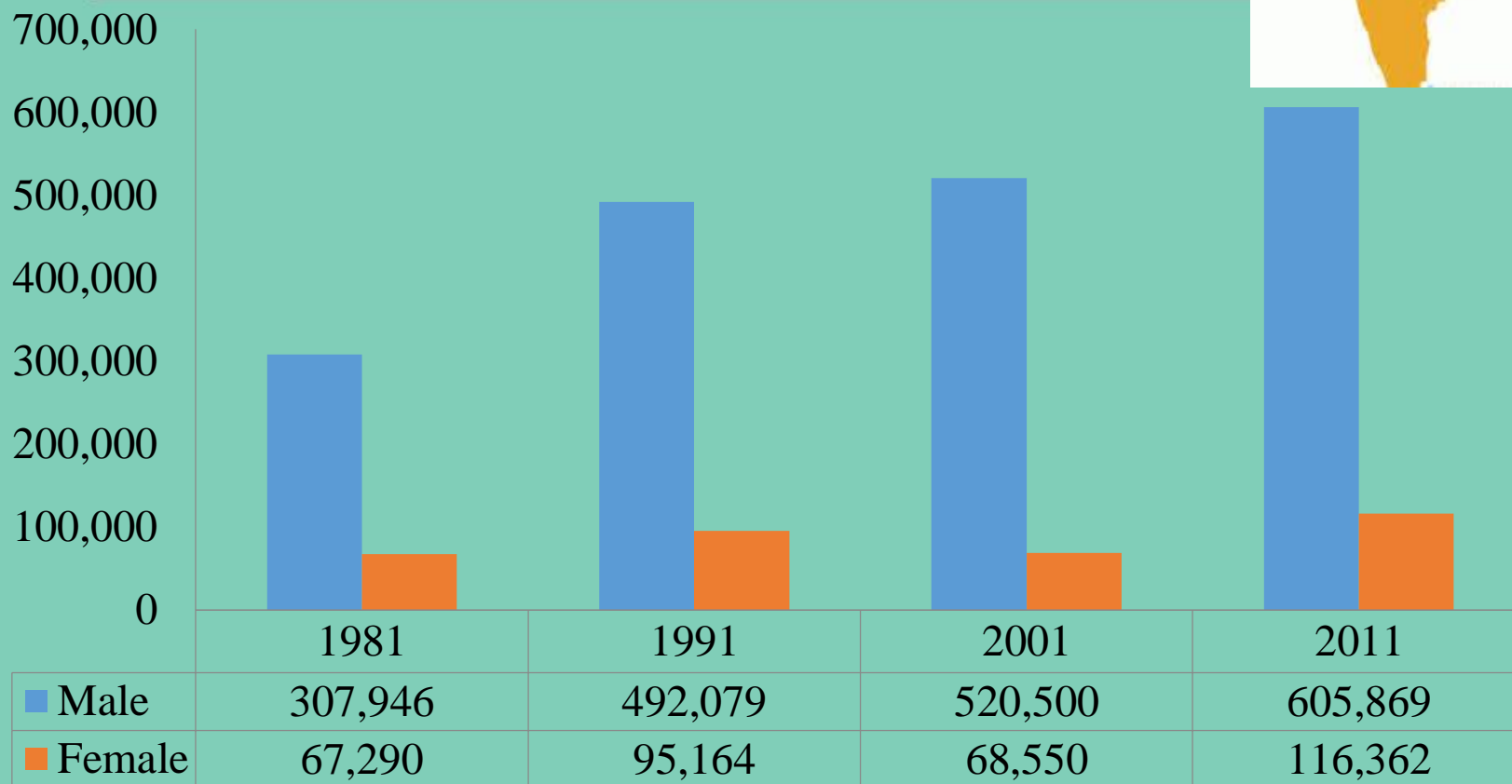
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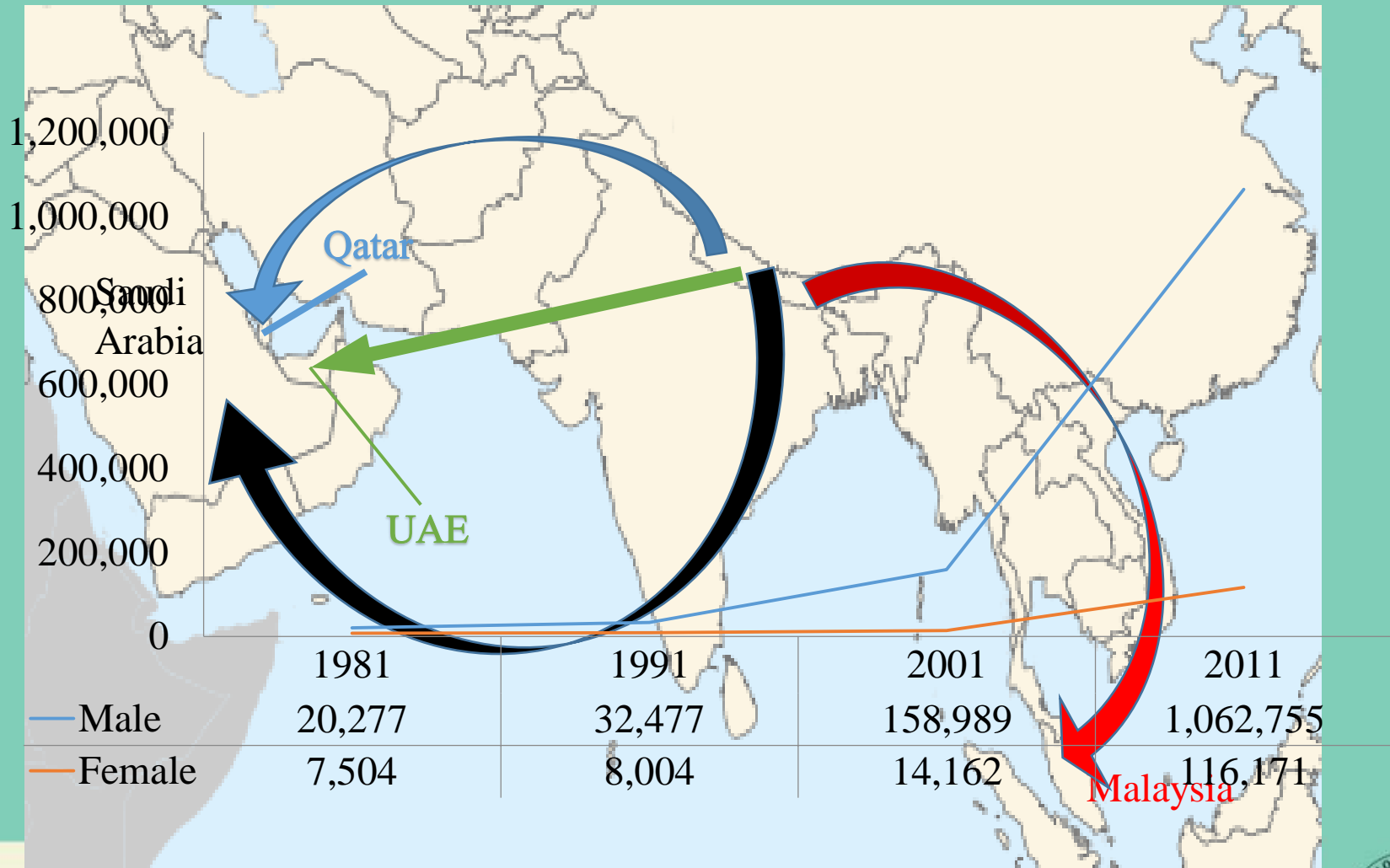
Absentees



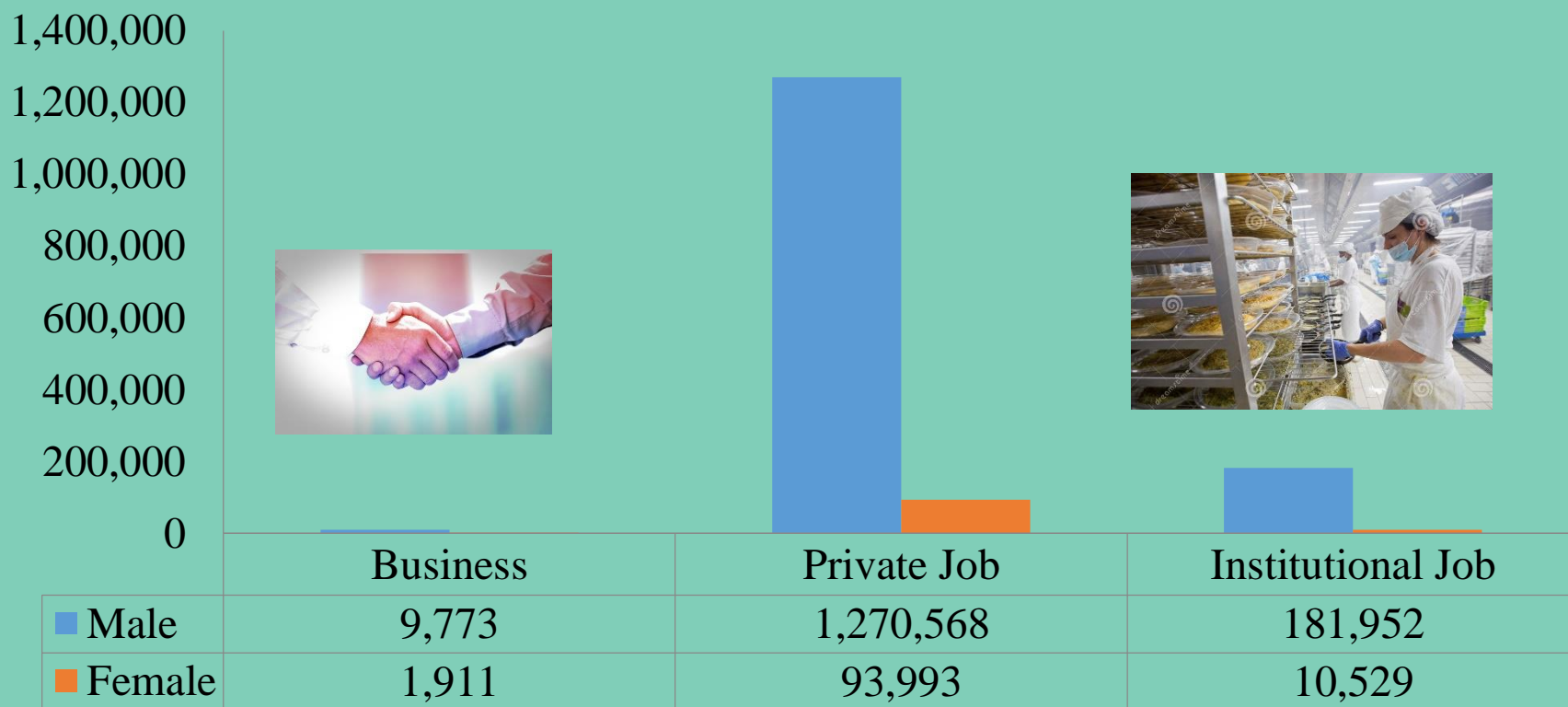
Emigration – India



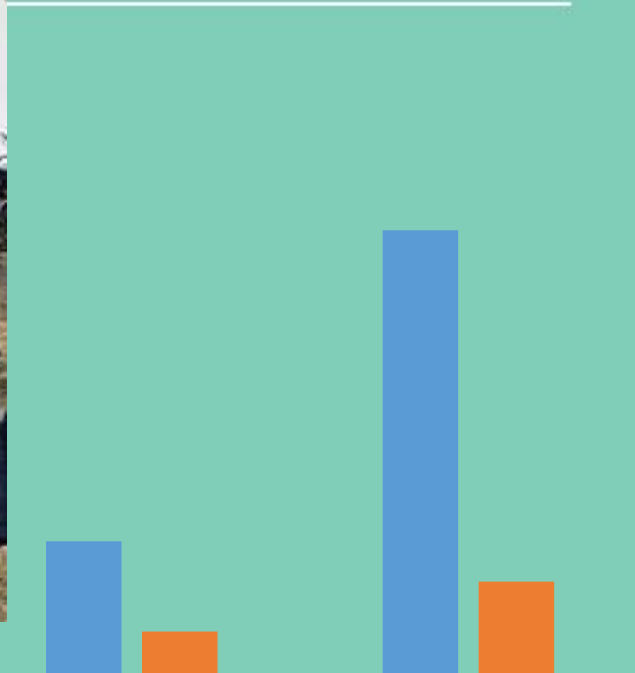
Emigration – Other countries



Cause of Absence



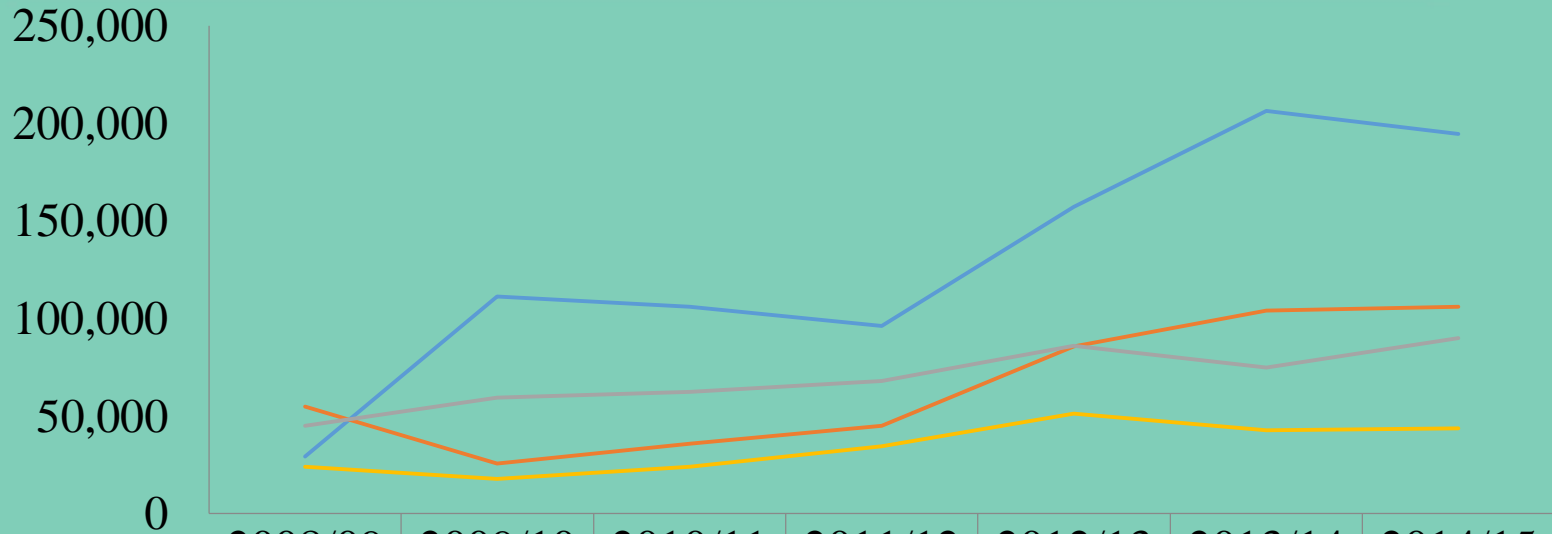
Cause of Absence



	Conflict	Dependent	Others	Not Stated
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Male	2,249	54,764	20,230	67,607
Female	394	76,341	6,451	14,103



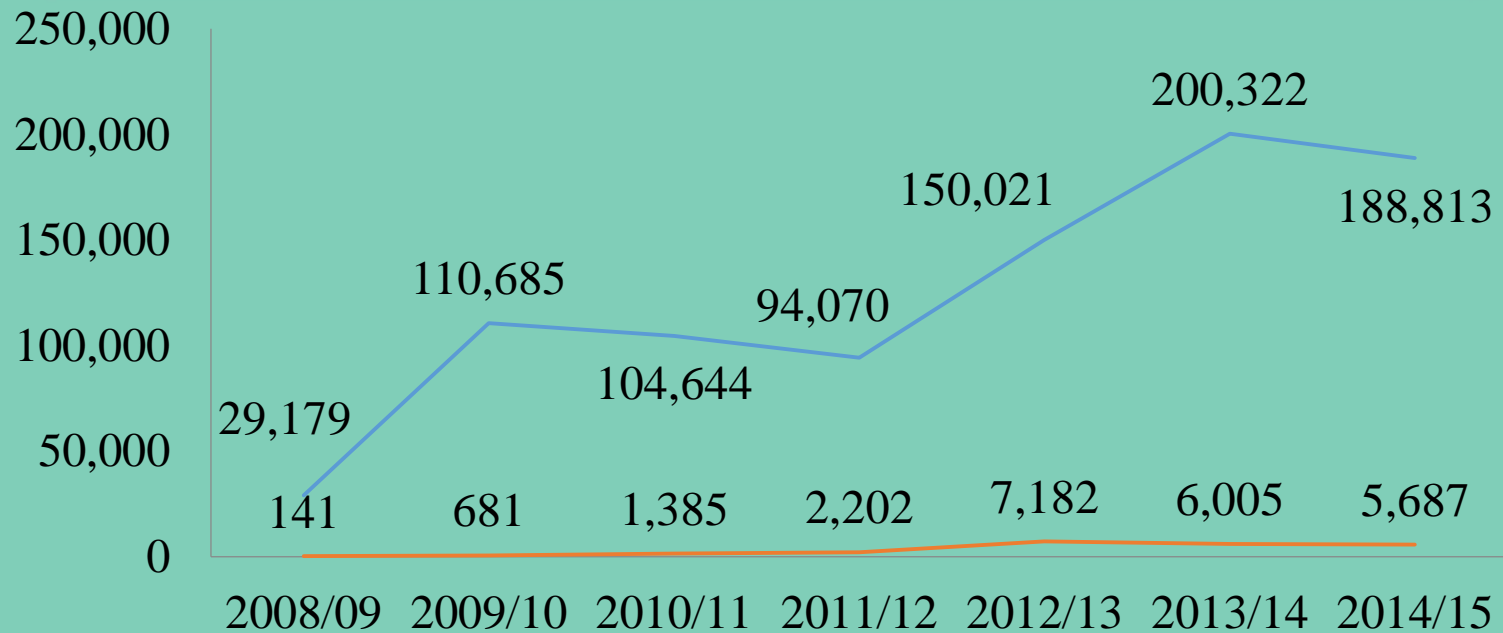
Yearly Emigration (2008/09 to 2014/15)



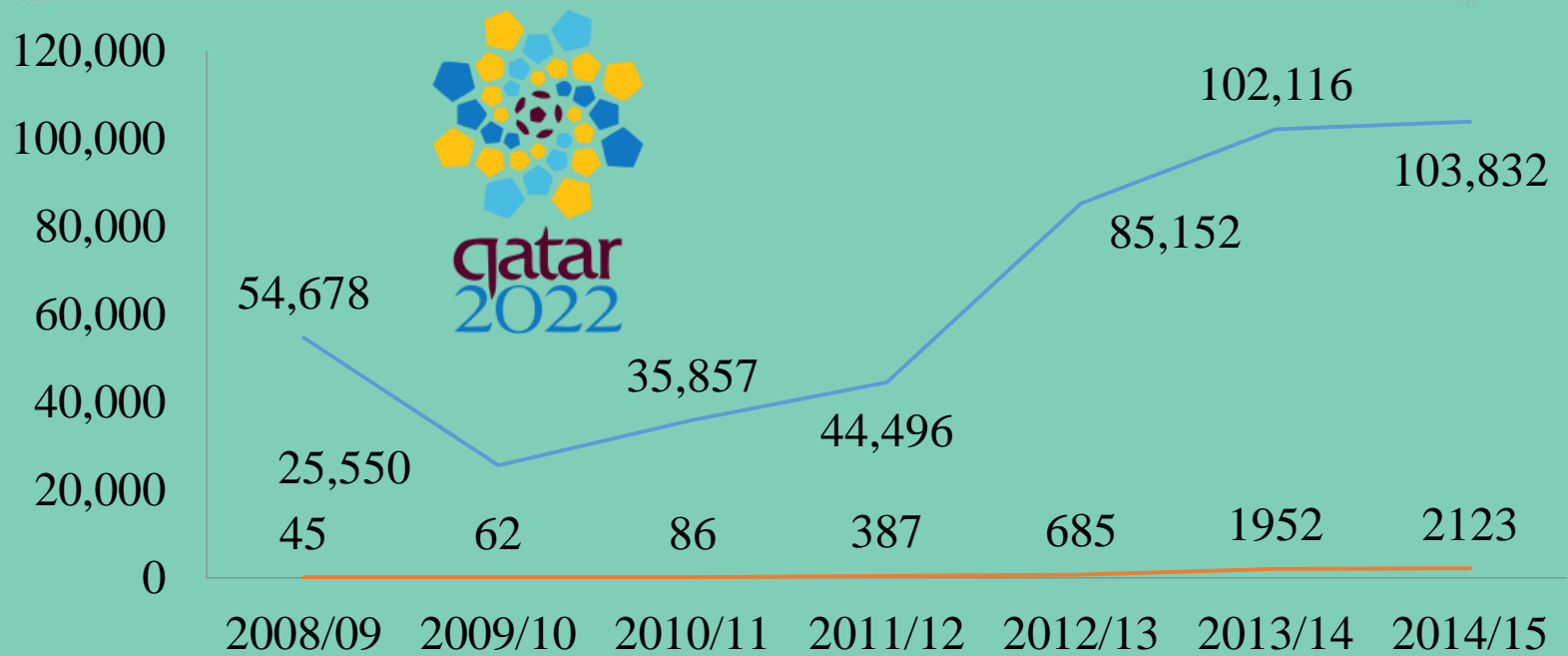
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
— Malaysia	29320	111366	106029	96272	157203	206327	194500
— Qatar	54723	25612	35943	44883	85837	104068	105955
— Saudi Arabia	45044	59549	62499	68103	86126	75010	89909
— UAE	24057	17778	24047	34503	51419	42593	43642



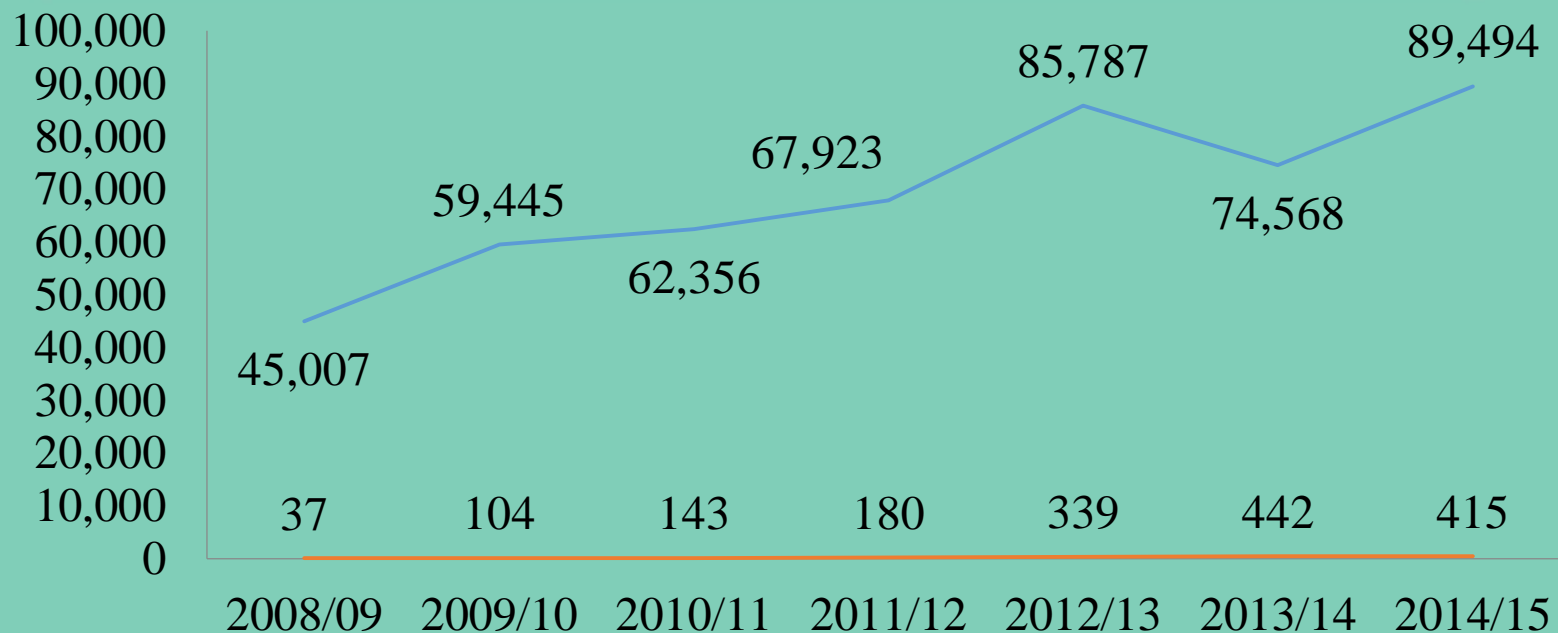
Malaysia



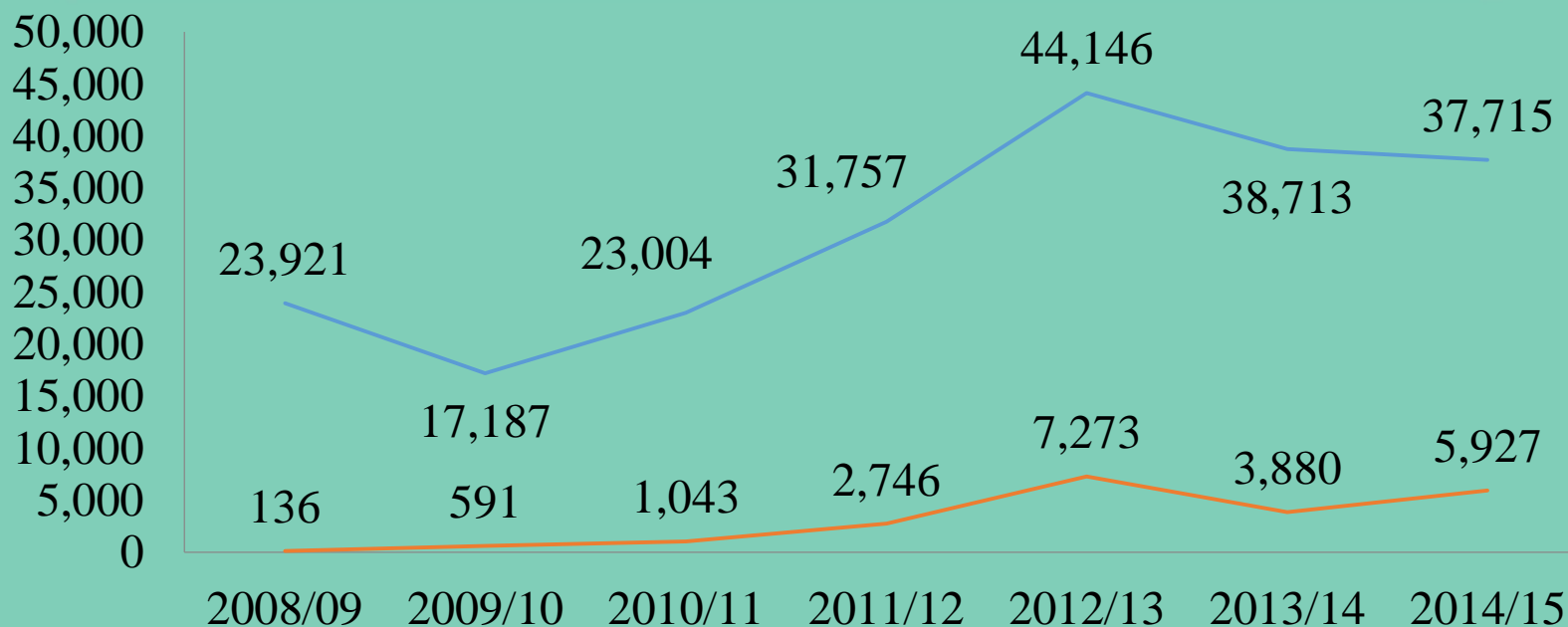
Qatar



Saudi Arabia



United Arab Emirates



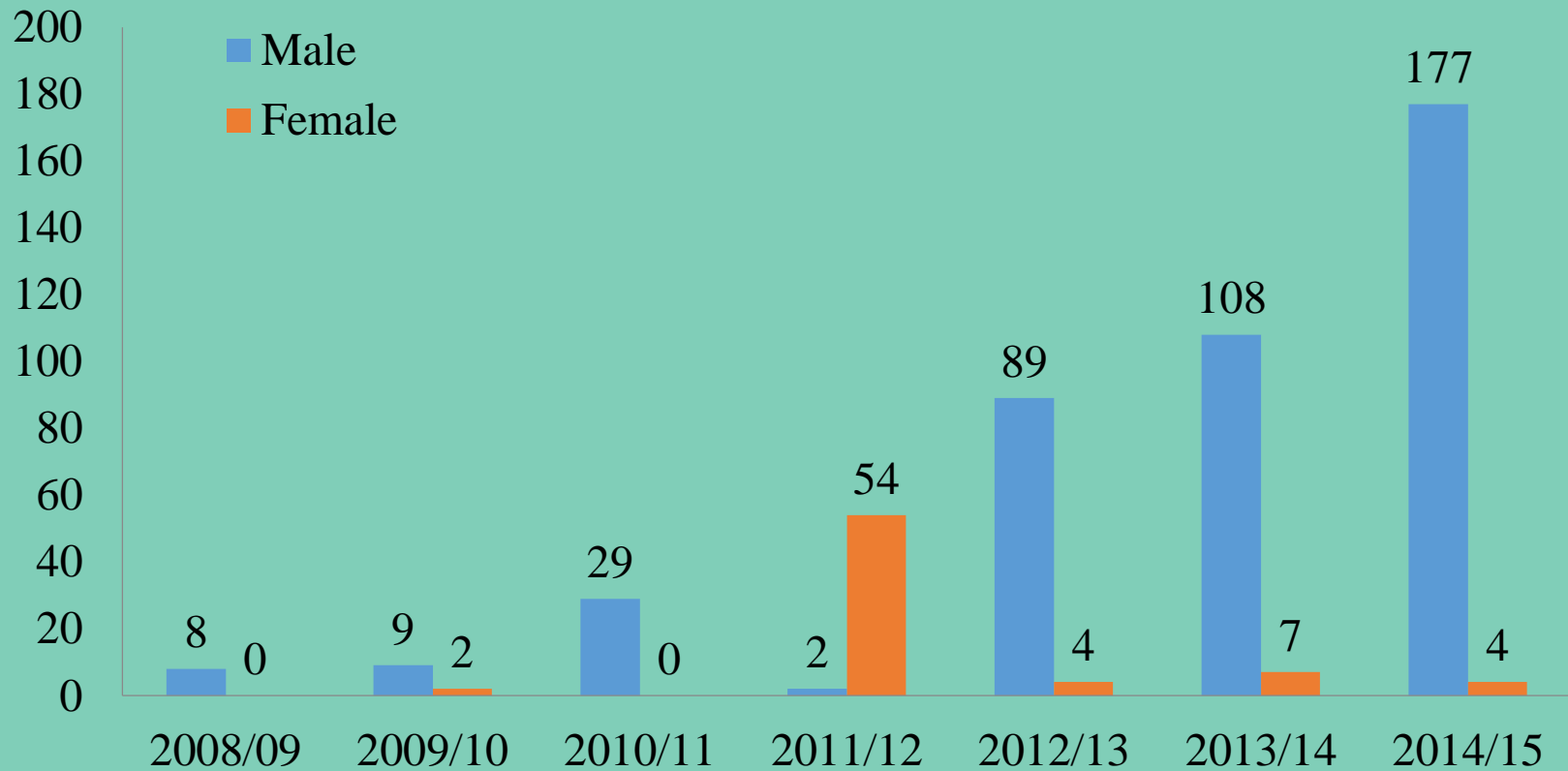


Medico-Legal Significance of Migration

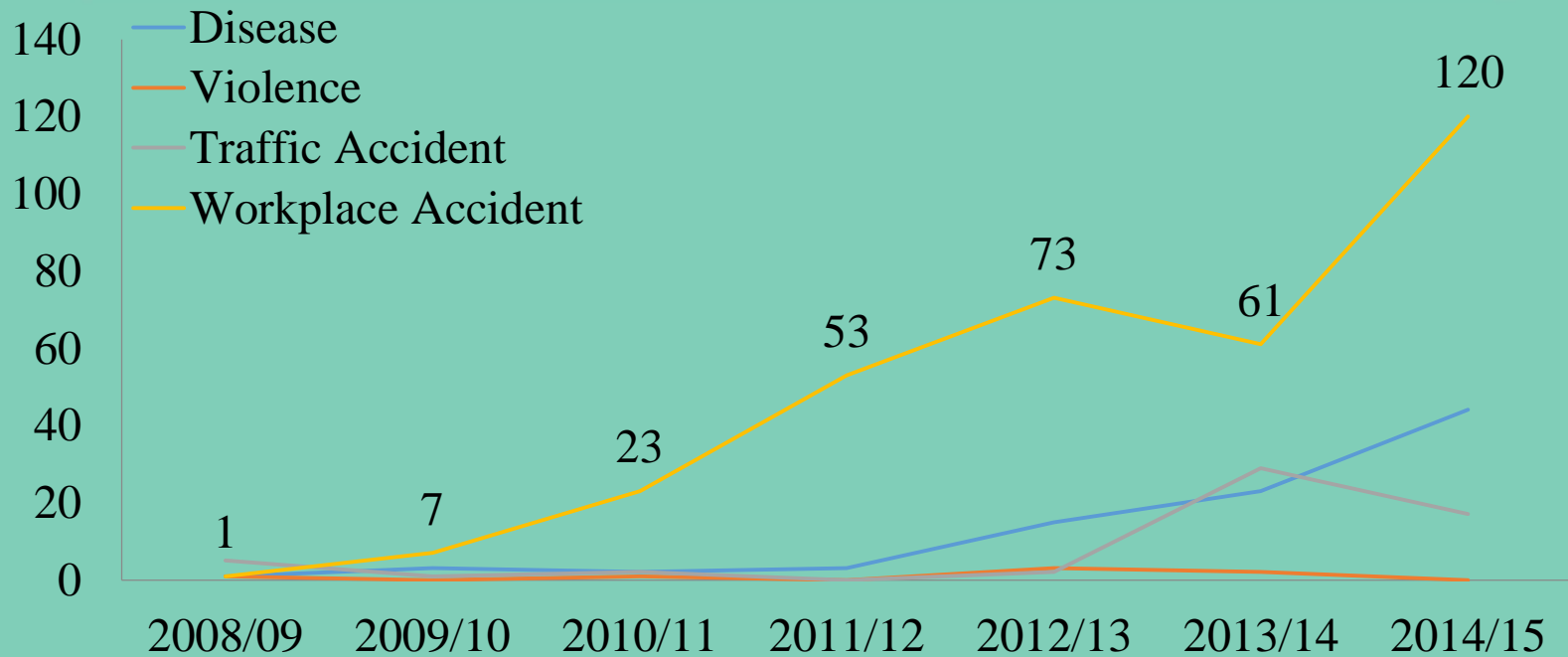


Physical Disability

2008/09 – 2014/15

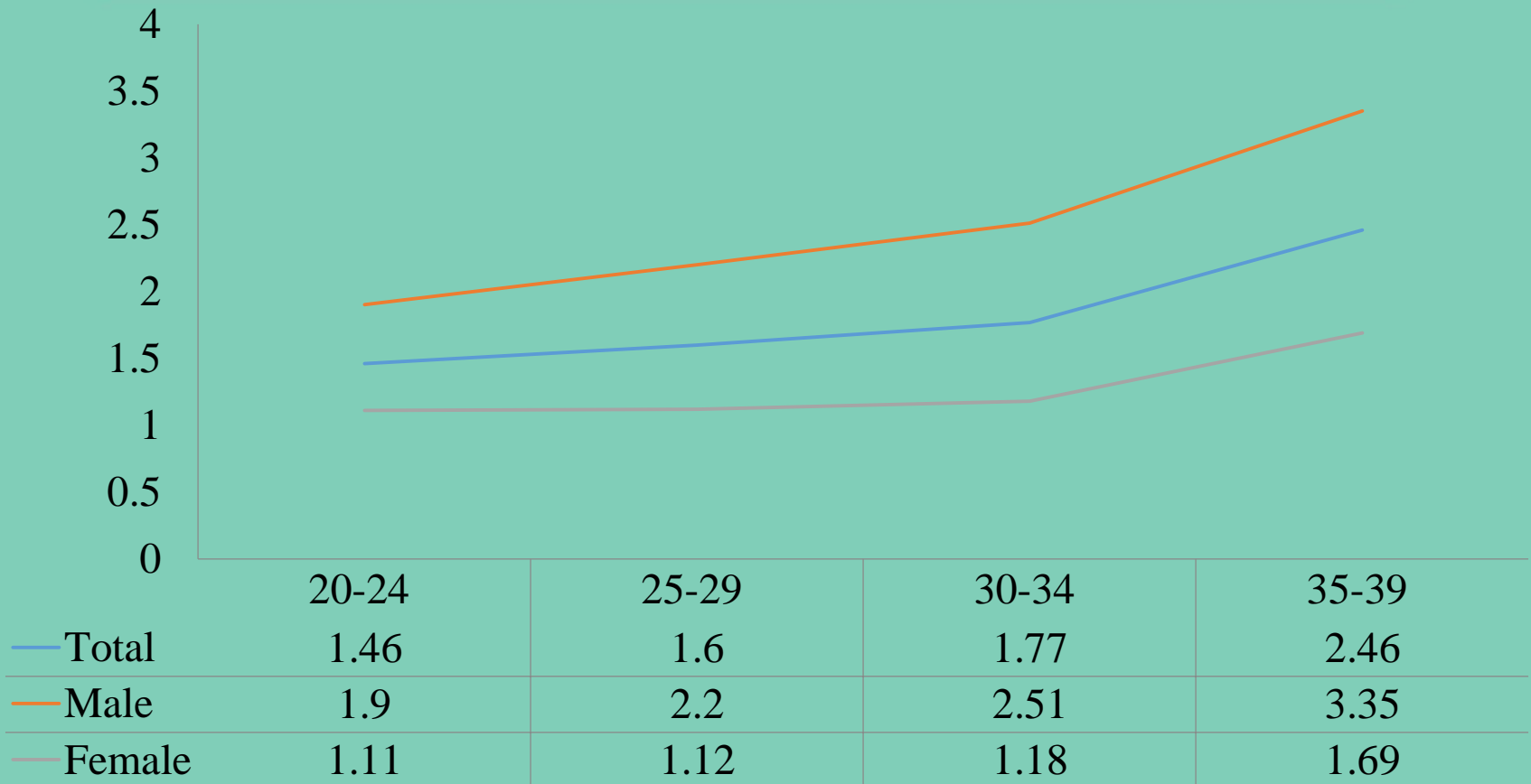


Causes of Injury and Disability 2008/09 – 2014/15

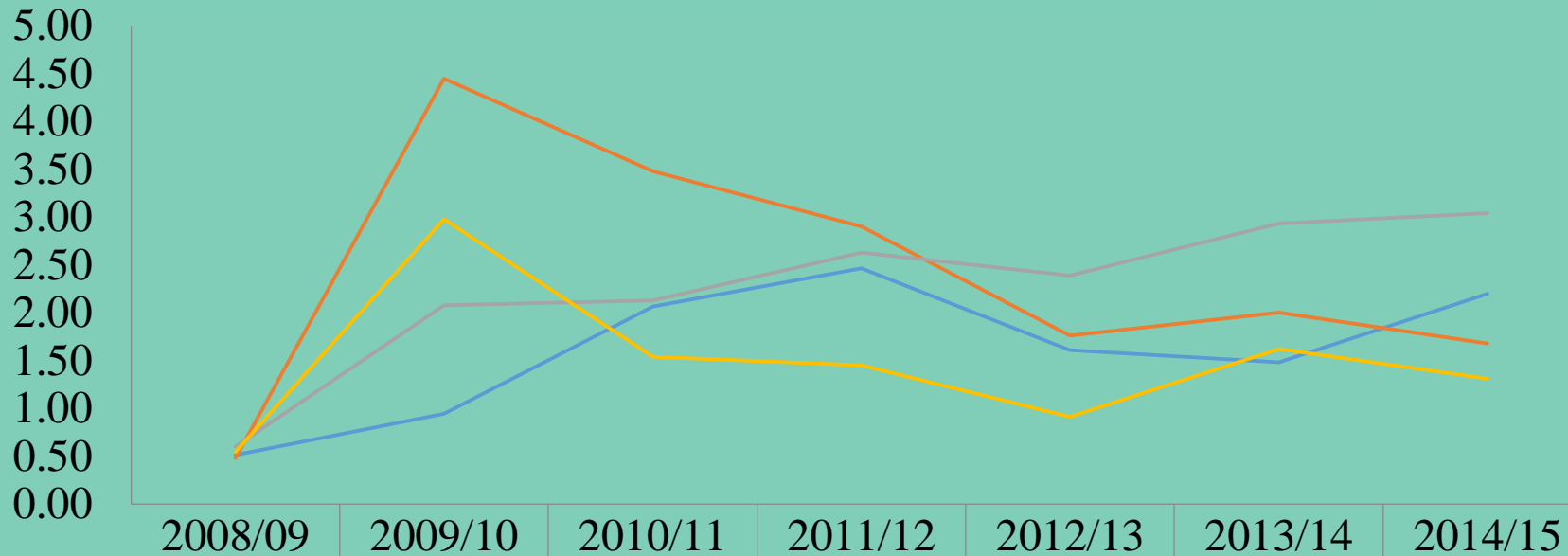


Death statistics

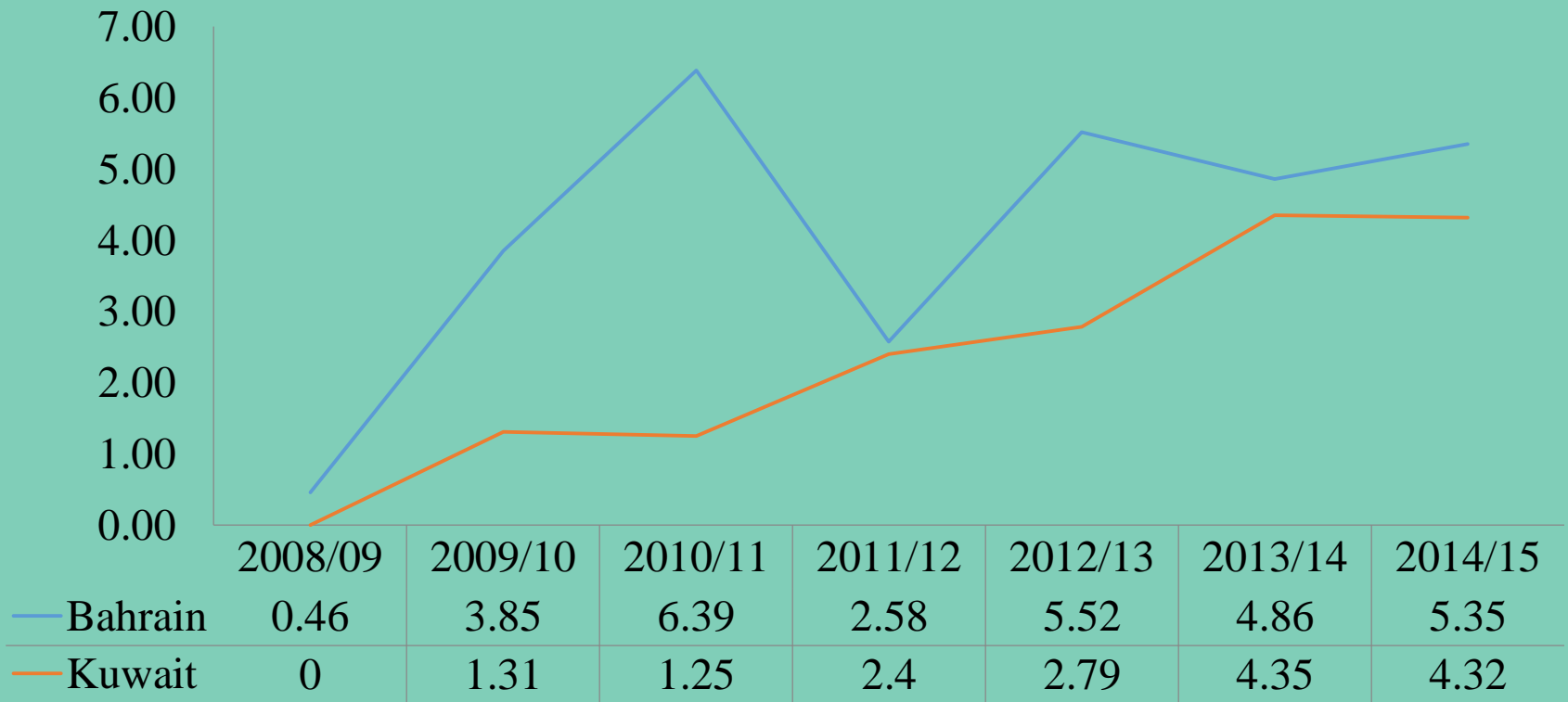
Nepal Census 2011



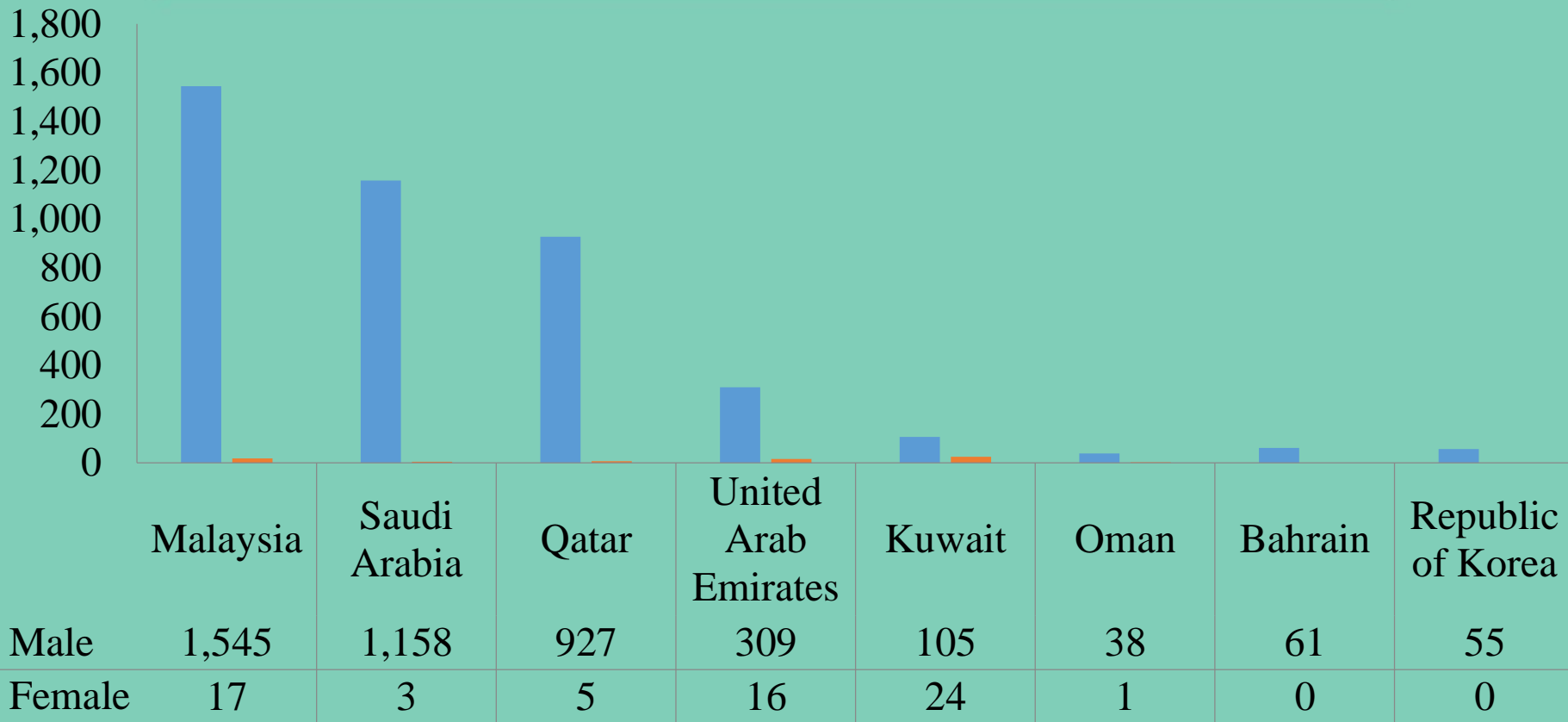
Death Rate (Nepalese Workers Abroad)



— Malaysia	0.51	0.94	2.07	2.46	1.61	1.48	2.20
— Qatar	0.48	4.45	3.48	2.9	1.76	2	1.68
— Saudi Arabia	0.6	2.08	2.13	2.63	2.39	2.93	3.04
— UAE	0.54	2.98	1.54	1.45	0.91	1.62	1.31



Total number of Deaths (2008/09 – 2014/15)



Death scares: How potential work-migrants infer mortality rates from migrant deaths

Maheshwor Shrestha, MIT

<https://economics.mit.edu/files/10692>

April 2016

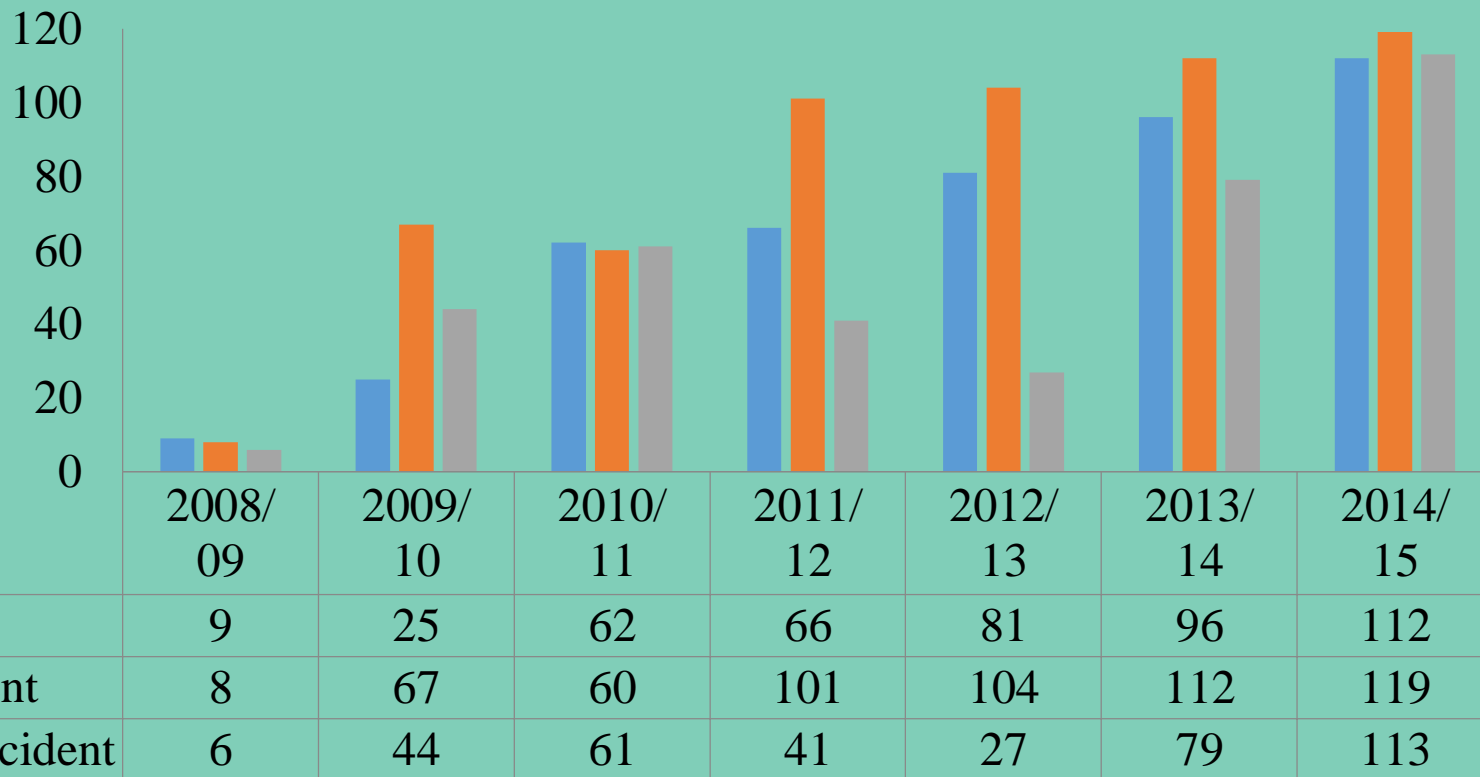
Single migrant death in origin district – reduces migration flow by 1.2 percent for 12 subsequent months

Substitution to other destination countries – 0.9 percent for 12 subsequent months

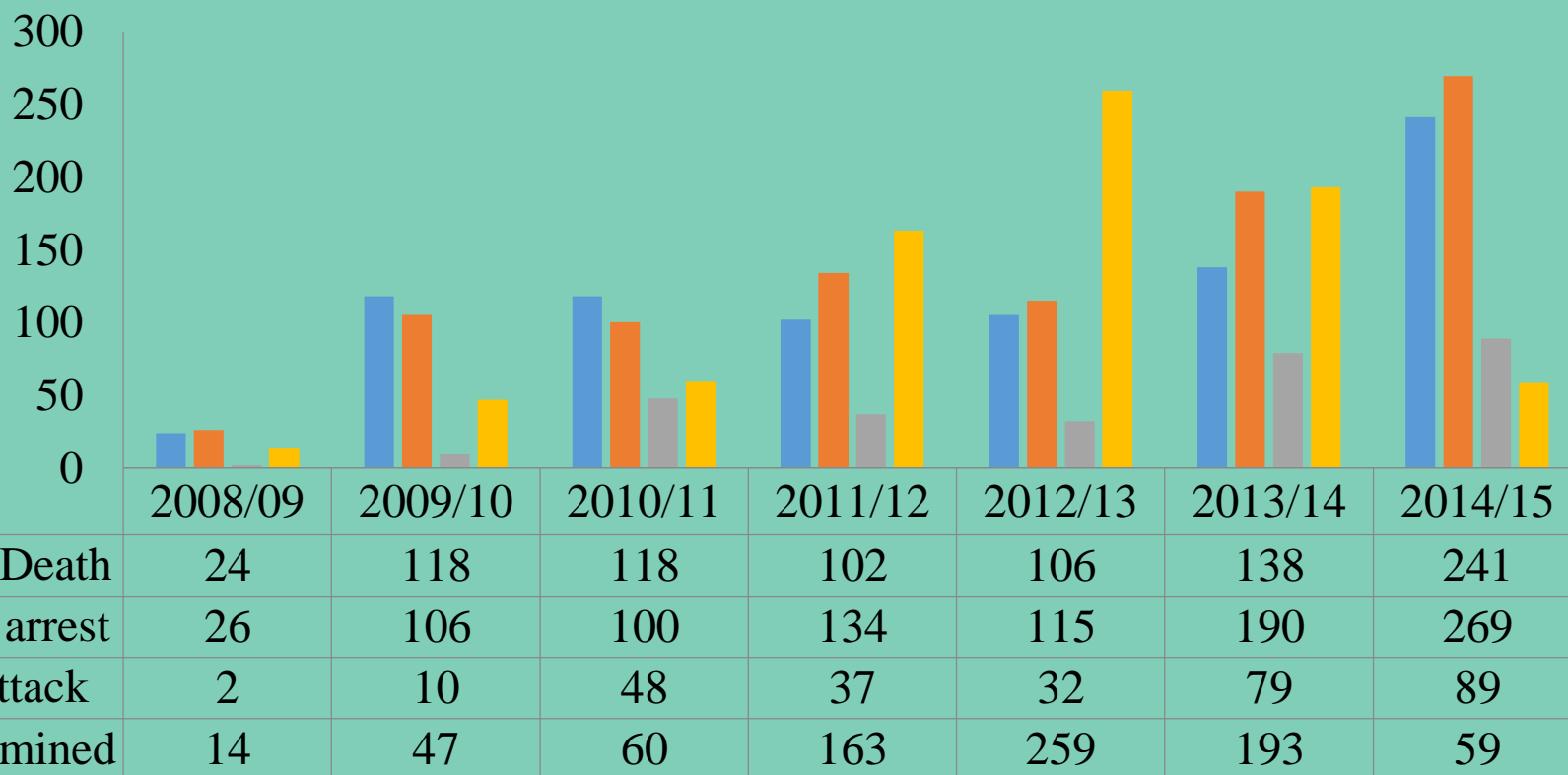
Perceived mortality rate increase of 6.7 per thousand for a two-year migration episode



Incidents of Death (Nepalese Workers Abroad)



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Traffic accidents

Country	Traffic accident														
	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M+F
Saudi Arabia	4		42	1	40		59		71		66		57		340
Malaysia			14		2		13	2	11		17		24		83
Qatar			1	1	9		13		5		6		14		49
United Arab Emirates	2		7		6		4	2	6		9	1	8	1	46
Kuwait					1		3		5		4		11		24
Bahrain	1		1		1		3		3		2		1		12
Republic of Korea					1				1		4		3		9
Oman	1						2		1		2	1			7
Japan									1						1
Total	8	0	65	2	60	0	97	4	104	0	110	2	118	1	571

Traffic accidents



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Suicides

Country	Suicide														
	2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M+F
Malaysia	2		4		37		25	2	34		41		43	1	144
Saudi Arabia	1		3	1	8		14		17		18		33		60
Qatar	2		11		8		7		15		13		12		54
United Arab Emirates	3		1	2		1	8		3		6	3	6	1	26
Kuwait					2	1	2	1		3	4	5	9	1	18
Republic of Korea					3		3		3		3		5		11
Total	8	1	21	4	60	2	61	5	76	5	87	9	109	3	451

Universal Periodic Review on Migrant Workers – Human Rights Council, 2015

- **Violation of Human rights**
 - **Medical Certification**



Foreign Employment Act, 2007

Provisions relating to health check up: (1) A worker who goes for foreign employment shall, prior to going abroad, get his or her **health checked up** by a health institution having obtained permission from the Government of Nepal.

(2) If a person who has gone for foreign employment after having undergone health check up pursuant to Sub-section (1) is compelled to return to Nepal because of a **false health check up report given knowingly or recklessly or maliciously**, the institution which has given such false health check up report shall **bear the expenses incurred** in going for foreign employment and returning to Nepal.



Summary

- Approximately 10% of Nepal's population has migrated from their homes
- Massive outflow of labourer to Malaysia and Gulf countries
- Deaths increased – consistent with Nepalese figures
 - Traffic accidents
 - Suicides
 - Disease and natural causes



Recommendations

- Mental State Examination by a certified psychiatrist should be made compulsory
- Implementation of more stringent penalties
- Traffic safety should be a priority in orientation
- Investigation of deaths due to disease and natural causes to determine the underlying cause of death



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