

# Nepal

South Asia

LOW INCOME

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| Population (millions, 2009)  | 29.3  |
| Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)                         | 2.1   |
| Population density (people per km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)             | 199.9 |
| Labor force (millions, 2008)                                       | 11.8  |
| Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)                         | –     |
| Urban population (% of pop., 2009)                                 | 17.7  |
| Surface area (1,000 km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)                        | 147.2 |
| GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)  | 12.8  |
| GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)                          | 440   |
| GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)                                | 4.0   |
| Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005) | 54.7  |
| Age dependency ratio (2009)  | 68.3  |

## Migration

### EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **982.2 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **3.3%**
- Top destination countries: India, Qatar, the United States, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Australia, Canada

### SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **5.3%**
- Emigration of physicians: **40** or **3.3%** of physicians trained in the country  
(Source: *Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010*)

### IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **945.9 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **3.2%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **68.2%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **13.8%**
- Top source countries: India, Bhutan, Pakistan, China, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, New Zealand

## Remittances

| US\$ millions                              | 2003       | 2004       | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | 2010e        |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Inward remittance flows<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>771</b> | <b>823</b> | <b>1,212</b> | <b>1,453</b> | <b>1,734</b> | <b>2,727</b> | <b>2,986</b> | <b>3,513</b> |
| <i>of which</i>                            |            |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Workers' remittances                       | 744        | 793        | 1,126        | 1,373        | 1,647        | 2,581        | 2,858        | –            |
| Compensation of employees                  | 27         | 30         | 85           | 80           | 87           | 146          | 127          | –            |
| Migrants' transfers                        | –          | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            | 1            | –            |
| <b>Outward remittance flows</b>            | <b>26</b>  | <b>64</b>  | <b>66</b>    | <b>79</b>    | <b>4</b>     | <b>5</b>     | <b>12</b>    | <b>–</b>     |
| <i>of which</i>                            |            |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Workers' remittances                       | 25         | 63         | 60           | 69           | –            | –            | –            | –            |
| Compensation of employees                  | 1          | 1          | 5            | 10           | 4            | 5            | 12           | –            |
| Migrants' transfers                        | –          | –          | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            | –            |

a. For comparison: net ODA received US\$0.7 bn, exports of goods and services US\$1.5 bn in 2008.

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