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Population (millions, 2009)	1,568
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000–09)	1.6
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	322.7
Labor force (millions, 2008)	606.6
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	5.2
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	29.8
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	5,140
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	1,644
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	1,096
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005–09)	7.6
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	–
Age dependency ratio (2009)	58.5

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **26.7 million** or **1.6 percent** of population
- Top 5 emigration countries: India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka
- Destinations: high-income OECD countries (23.6 percent), high-income non-OECD countries (34.2 percent), intra-regional (28.2 percent), other developing countries (9.4 percent), unidentified (4.6 percent)
- Top 5 migration corridors: Bangladesh–India, Afghanistan–the Islamic Republic of Iran, India–the United States, India–Saudi Arabia, India–United Arab Emirates

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (top 5 countries): Sri Lanka (29.7 percent), Afghanistan (23.3 percent), Pakistan (12.6 percent), Nepal (5.3 percent), Bangladesh (4.3 percent)
- Emigration of physicians: **76,517** or **10.6 percent** of physicians trained in the region

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **12.2 million** or **0.7 percent** of population (compared to 215.8 million or 3.2 percent for the world)
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **45.6 percent** (compared to 48.4 percent for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **20.0 percent** (compared to 7.6 percent for the world)
- Top 5 immigration countries: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Remittances

<i>US\$ billions</i>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward remittance flows	10.0	17.2	28.7	33.9	42.5	54.0	71.6	74.9^a	82.6
<i>All developing countries</i>	55.2	81.3	159.3	192.1	226.7	278.5	324.8	307.1	325.5
Outward remittance flows	0.5	0.6	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.5	4.3	4.6^b	–
<i>All developing countries</i>	10.4	9.5	28.5	33.0	41.0	52.7	67.3	58.7	–

Note: This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger.

a. 4.8% of GDP in 2009.

b. 0.3% of GDP in 2009.

REMITTANCES

- Top 5 remittance recipients in 2010 (billions): India (\$55.0 bn), Bangladesh (\$11.1 bn), Pakistan (\$9.4 bn), Sri Lanka (\$3.6 bn), Nepal (\$3.5 bn), Maldives (\$0.0 bn)
- Top 5 remittance recipients in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Nepal (22.9 percent), Bangladesh (11.8 percent), Sri Lanka (7.9 percent), Pakistan (6.0 percent), India (3.9 percent), Maldives (0.2 percent)