

MOVING OUT OF POVERTY: Making Migration Work Better for Poor People



Why is migration important to development?

- Migration is a fact of life...an essential part of millions of poor people's lives and livelihoods.
- Migration is already contributing to development.
- Better managed migration has the potential to contribute significantly to poverty reduction.

What are the linkages between migration and poverty?

- Migration can both cause and be caused by poverty – linkages are complex and context specific.
- The inclusion of poor men and women in global and internal labour markets can make a significant contribution to poverty reduction.
- Migration can increase and decrease inequality.

Unpacking migration and the MDGs

- **Poverty reduction** – remittances and other diaspora activity.
- **Gender equality** – women become empowered but vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking.
- **Health** – risks during and after migration; limited services; loss of health professionals through migration, increased access to health services.
- **Education** – disruption of children's education, increased access to education.
- **Environmental sustainability** – rights of slum dwellers and contribution of dwellers to local and national economy ignored.

Policies that could make migration work better for the poor

- Plan for internal migration.
- Opportunities for low skilled migration.
- Circulation of highly skilled migrants.
- Migrants' access to rights.
- Lower cost and secure ways of sending money home.
- Engaging diaspora
- Facilitating regional mobility.
- International consensus-building and approaches.

What this means for development agencies, like DFID

- Facilitating safer and cheaper remittance transfers.
- Effective working with the diaspora in the UK
- Tackling brain drain.
- Facilitating better internal migration.
- Exploring options for circular migration policy at EU and UK level.
- Building evidence base.
- Building international consensus at Global Forum in July
- Regional migration
- Policy coherence

Reality Check

- Migration is politically sensitive policy area.
- Policy coherence challenging.
- Nexus between migration/development offers a platform for win-wins.
- Nexus between evidence/political will could offer platform for action.
- Long term approach.