

SPEARHEADING THE MOP PROJECT IN GHA



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1. AMADPOC IN MIGRATION WORK IN GHA

- AMADPOC a bridge between research institutions and policy/programme institutions: Governments, RECs , etc.
- AMADPOC operates against the background of a “Needs Assessment Seminar on Migration and Development Challenges in GHA” (March 2009 courtesy of DFID funding)
- Serving GHA which is lagging behind the rest of SSA sub-regions in migration work.



ADVISORY BOARD

- Consists of those in academia and policy work
- Has been very supportive of AMADPOC [2 in this meeting: Profs Mihyo and Adepoju]
- Need for them to have a meeting for 2-3 days to set up AMADPOC's five-year plan [AMADPOC looking for donor support in this]



1. STAKEHOLDERS

- **Associate Partners by institution:**
- University of Nairobi, Kenya: **drivers;**
- University of Nairobi, Kenya (**policy**)
- Makerere University, Uganda (ISAE): **impact**
- University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: **policy**
- OSSREA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: **impact/policy**



2. STAKEHOLDERS Cont...

B. Boundary Partners:

- Governments and national migration policy initiatives
- Regional Economic Communities (RECS) – IGAD, EAC, COMESA) and their migration policy frameworks
- New Partnership in Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- African Union (AU) and AU-EU migration frameworks
- Foreign Missions' Development Agencies (DFID, USAID, etc.)
- Development Partners: UN agencies
- IOM regional and sub-regional missions



2. STAKEHOLDERS Cont...

- Research-funding organisations (IDRC, Foundations)
- Civil Society Organisations: Trade Unions, Teachers' Unions, Health Professional Associations
- Media houses & Associations: national dailies, Mobile phone companies, TV companies
- Entertainers: movies, soap operas, musicians, etc.



3. THEME 1: DRIVERS OF MIGRATION GHA

- Levels: individual, household, community/national, regional
- Drivers framework:
 - Demographic block
 - Economic block
 - Political situation
 - Social milieu
 - Environmental setting
 - Other

Note: Literature survey by APs in the interest of BPs to provide the state-of the art and identify gaps for research



4. THEME 2: IMPACT OF MIGRATION

- Internal migration and implications for origin and destination development [currently a neglected subject]. A.A. Otieno & G. Odipo
- Internal displacement of population and its impact [rampant in GHA but lacking research]
- Impact of international migration on:
 - Homeland development: multi-level issue
 - Countries of destination: virtually a virgin area
 - Diaspora, destination cohesion and homeland development : little known
 - Dual citizenship: implications not envisaged

NB: Literature survey, research by APs in the interest of BPs



5. THEME 3: MIGRATION POLICY

- Internal migration and development policy interrelations: disharmony & need for harmonisation
- International migration policies in GHA countries
- Migration policy convergence/divergence between countries of origin and destination
- Migration policy frameworks in RECs: IGAD, EAC, COMESA
- Place of **international instruments** in national and regional migration policies: signing, ratification and implementation
- EU-AU policy frameworks: REC and national impact
- NB. Literature survey & research by APs in the interest of BPs



6. THE RESEARCH PROCESS

- Workshop for Associate Partners:
- Getting to know one another for a common cause;
- Understanding of the various themes of 'Migrating out of poverty';
- The state-of-the-art to identify common and peculiar issues;
- Additional support to RPC from well-wishers;
- Work plan with specific time lines



7. MAJOR GHA MIGRATION CORRIDORS

- Internal migration and development: Vision
- Cross-border: the commonest, least tracked, of interest in all RECs
- GHA-SA Africa (to RSA, Botswana, Namibia)
- GHA-North (US, Canada, EU)
- GHA-Gulf States
- Return migration to Southern Sudan



8. DATASETS

- National Population and Housing Censuses: past and 2010 round
- Datasets in the North: OECD, MPI (USA), immigration data of EU countries, Gulf States datasets, EA & SA immigration data
- Population Division of the UN
- Annual authoritative reports: ILO, WB, UNDP etc.
- National migration surveys: Lacking in GHA
- [emulate HSRC (SA), Lesotho, SAMP data]



9. THE WAY FORWARD

- Associate Partners' Workshop a first step
- Consultations with national governments (depending on funding availability)
- Consultations with development partners in GHA (requires funding)
- Consultations with RECs (depending on funding availability)
- A Seminar on Migration Out of GHA (depending on funding availability)
- Research on: (a) IDPs and national development and (b) return migration prospects in Kenya's devolution strategy
- Research on: return migration and reintegration of Southern Sudanese
- Importance of Internship and Attachment Programme



9. THE WAY FORWARD cont...

- Communications strategy to serve all stakeholders and the general public
- (Mrs. R. Barasa will address this)
- AMADPOC needs to be a catalyst for all manner of migration work in GHA, working closely with other institutions
- In the next five years the migration landscape will change considerably in GHA

THANK YOU ALL ASANTE SANA

