

Research on the Migration of Women in 'Migrating out of Poverty'

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Introduction

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Poverty in Africa

- **Issues of Concern:**

- Poverty moved from ABSOLUTE and RELATIVE to CHRONIC in some areas meaning that poverty is getting worse;
- Vulnerable Groups: women (widows) don't have access to assets (land), disadvantaged by patriarchal system. Children esp. orphans suffer chronic poverty; disabled suffer due to disability (neglect); male youth, casual labourers;
- Literature on Poverty: micro and macro to understand a variety of issues that impact on poverty

Poverty in Africa

- **Conditions of poverty:**
 - Lack of income to meet basic needs;
 - Powerlessness in insecurity;
 - Helplessness towards corruption of public services;
 - Exploitation of public services;
 - Vulnerability to natural and economic disasters;
 - Isolation from larger society – underdevelopment
 - Issues affecting poverty e.g. health, access to education, inequality, under development

Migration and Poverty

- **Rural-Urban Migration**

- Migrate for ‘greener pastures’, escaping poverty in rural areas;
- Both may end of experiencing rural and urban poverty;
- Children vulnerable: loose out on education, subsistence, childhood – support family

Migration and Poverty

● International Migration

- Not clear whether female migrants' contribution has impacted on poverty positively or negatively;
- Focus has been on remittances and assessing how they contribute to poverty alleviation;
- Diaspora organisations tend to highlight problems that need to be sorted out, some related to poverty issues e.g. KLN, Mr and Miss East Africa UK, Mazingira Bags.
 - Promote giving back and create awareness;
- Issues highlighted by women tend to focus on issues that affect them e.g. health, economic empowerment
- Women migrating can indirectly help alleviate poverty by raising the productivity level, education, etc

Millennium Development Goals

- **R**educe child mortality
- **A**chieve universal primary education
- **C**ombat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- **E**radicate extreme poverty and hunger
- **P**romote gender equality and empower women
- **I**mprove maternal health
- **E**nsure environmental sustainability
- **D**evelop a global partnership for development

RACE to STAMP out Poverty

Reaching out to Women in Diaspora

- **Awareness**
 - What do they understand about poverty and how does it affect them?
- **Investment initiatives**
 - How do they contribute to poverty reduction?
 - How can their investment initiatives be expanded to include community/national development?
- **Remittances**
 - Where do most of the contributions go?
 - Would they consider giving part of their remittances towards efforts to reduce poverty?
- **Opinions**
 - What is their perception of what is needed?

Recommended Research Questions

- How poverty affects women in international migration and what can they do about it?
- What particular areas do women invest in to alleviate poverty?
- What challenges/barriers do they face that inhibit their efforts?
- How do they measure the successes of their efforts?

Recommended Research Questions

- What is their perception of the government policies towards poverty reduction? Are they aware?
- How can women in diaspora engage effectively with those back home in development initiatives?
- What perceptions do spouses or women's relations have on their internal migration and emigration?



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