

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This month sees the completion of five years of research, training and capacity-building by the Migration DRC, in which we have sought to influence both national and international agendas on migration and development. Over that time period, the topic has moved to centre-stage internationally, with the upcoming UN Global Forum on Migration and Development in the Philippines the latest manifestation of government and civil society interest in the field. It has also attracted renewed academic interest, with a growing number of books and articles focusing on how migrants can represent a resource for development, but not without significant risks and costs in certain circumstances. The Migration DRC will continue in the coming year to seek to contribute to the evidence base on the links between migration and poverty, and to disseminate our findings to those dealing with this important area.

Richard Black
Director

MIGRATION DRC HIGHLIGHTS

Building Migration into Development Strategies Conference

This conference, which marked the five-year anniversary of the Migration DRC's establishment, took place 28-29 April 2008 at the Royal Society in London. The conference's six sessions included a diverse range of panellists, discussants and participants, including migration researchers, development specialists, policymakers and NGO representatives. It brought together the findings of the latest research on a number of key themes related to the Migration DRC's research over the past five years, and included a series of discussions on potential policies that governments could pursue which would maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of migration for poor people. Session topics at the two-day conference included: Migration in National Development Strategies; Poverty and Livelihoods; Migrations and Skills; Approaches to Diaspora; Independent Child Migration; and Migration Partnerships.

A number of Migration DRC researchers, partners and advisory board members attended the conference, with some serving as panellists or chairing sessions, while others participated in the series of lively discussions that the conference's presentations inspired. Migration DRC director Richard Black said, 'I hope this conference will give added impetus to efforts to integrate knowledge about

Building Migration into Development Strategies Royal Society, London, 28-29 April 2008



Scenes from the conference. Clockwise, from top left: Stephanie Barrientos (Manchester), left, Anne Huennemeyer (KfW Bankengruppe), centre, and John K. Anarfi (ISSER) share an informal chat; Andrea Rossi (Harvard) discusses the effects of migration patterns on children; and the members of Skilled Migration panel prepare for their session (from left): Michael Clemens (Center for Global Development), M. Omar Rahman (Independent University, Bangladesh), Binod Khadria (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) and Ronald Skeldon (Sussex).

migration into poverty alleviation policy'. A full report from the conference – including session minutes, speakers' PowerPoint presentations, an overview of the DRC's research findings related to each session topic, and links to further reading – is available on the Migration DRC's web-site at: www.migrationdrc.org/news/reports/bmds/index.html.

Migration DRC funding extended

The Migration DRC has received funding from the Department for International Development of the UK Government (DFID) to continue its work through to May 2009. The main remits of the additional year are to consolidate and disseminate the findings of the more than 40 research projects that the DRC has undertaken on the last five years, and to engage in further capacity-building activities in Ghana and Bangladesh. In the coming year, the DRC will hold a number of conferences and workshops, including events on social protection and migration, and child migration in West Africa. Additionally, the Migration DRC will expand its policy briefing series, aiming to publish ten new briefings related to the findings of DRC research projects in the coming year. Whilst the extra year of funding focuses on Ghana and Bangladesh, we hope to collaborate with Albania and Egypt through other funding sources.

Child Migration component added to Migration in National Surveys

Thanks to funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, a child migration component has been added to the Migration in National Surveys database compiled by the Migration DRC. The directory includes censuses, and nationally representative data such as Living Standards Measurement Surveys and Demographic and Health Surveys. The new child migration component includes an outline of what information is available in each country's dataset about migrant children, including what ages of children are covered and what types of children's movements are captured. The research has been led by Ann Whitehead, with Adriana Castaldo as Research Fellow and Gunjan Sondhi as Research Assistant. Funding from Rockefeller has recently been confirmed to 2009. In relation to this project, Adriana and Gunjan presented a paper on 'Child Migration in National Surveys' at the Child Migration workshop that took place at Sussex from 6-8 May 2008 (see below).

Migration DRC research recognised by DFID

The Global Migrant Origin database compiled by the Migration DRC was profiled as part of DFID's research highlights in the organisation's *Research Strategy: 2008-2013*, which was published in April 2008 (available online: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/Research-Strategy-08.pdf>; see p. 14). A still photograph from 'Egyptian workers in Paris', a film made by Migration DRC researchers Reem Saad and Nasseif Azmy in 2005, was also included in DFID's *Research Strategy* (see p. 10). In addition, DFID profiled the Global Migrant Origin database on its

research4development web-site in December 2007 and highlighted RMMRU's advocacy work with the Bihari refugees in Bangladesh on the same web-site in January 2008. DFID's research4development site can be viewed at: <http://www.research4development.info/caseStudies.asp>.

Migration DRC researcher Abdur Rafique's book published in Bengali

Known Face, Unknown Life: Voices of the Poor from Murshidabad, a book based on Rafique's research on internal migrants in West Bengal, was published in Bengali in March 2008 by Ganchil publishing in Kolkata, India. The book was reviewed by the Bengali-language newspaper *Anandabazar Patrika* — which has the largest circulation of any Bengali publication — on 1 March 2008. An English version of Rafique's book will be published shortly, as part of the Migration DRC's increased efforts to highlight its research findings on internal migration.

MIGRATION DRC WORKSHOPS

Agro-exports from Ghana: Pineapples and Cocoa 8 May 2008

This workshop was held in Accra and presented the findings of three separate research projects on the Ghanaian agro-export sector carried out by the Migration DRC, the University of Copenhagen, and the University of Ghana, respectively. Among the themes the workshop focused on were how globalisation is affecting the livelihoods of farmers and migrant workers; how the expansion of the agro-export sector has affected sustainable agricultural production in Ghana; and what factors are needed to enhance local livelihoods and sustainable agricultural production. Migration DRC researchers Stephanie Barrientos, John K. Anarfi, and Nicolina Lamhauge each presented research findings related to the Migration DRC's study of the social protection of migrant workers in the Ghanaian pineapple sector during a workshop panel on that topic. Stephanie and Nana Akua Anyidoho, who contributed to the DRC's pineapple sector study, both took part in a panel on mapping sustainable agricultural production at the workshop. Workshop invitees included members of the Ghanaian government, representatives of Ghanaian pineapple and cocoa farms, and representatives of the World Bank, the EU and DFID.

Children on the Move in the Developing World: Sharing Research Findings 6-8 May 2008

This three-day workshop was held at the University of Sussex and included 29 participants, including a number of Migration DRC researchers working on child migration as well as academics from institutions in the UK, Europe and the United States and members of civil society groups conducting research on child migration. The workshop featured 23 presentations on recent research on child migration in developing countries. Researchers who

presented papers related to DRC research projects at the conference included Dorte Thorsen (Nordic Africa Institute), Sumaiya Khair (RMMRU), Iman Hashim (Sussex), Adriana Castaldo and Gunjan Sondhi (Sussex), Stephen Kwankye (RIPS), Cynthia Tagoe (ISSER), Kasia Grabska (IDS), and Vegard Iversen (Manchester).

Migration, Education and Socio-Economic Mobility 6-7 November 2007

The main goal of this two-day workshop held at the University of East Anglia was to explore the processes through which migration and education interact to contribute to economic and social mobility. A total of 12 papers were presented in five sessions. Each of the papers represented a particular entry point into how we might understand the complex and dynamic relationship between migration, education and economic and social mobility. DRC researchers who presented papers included Nitya Rao (UEA), who gave a paper entitled 'Gendered Migration Flows as Mediators of Material and Symbolic Mobility: Evidence from Bangladesh and India', and Ben Rogaly and Becky Taylor (Sussex), who gave a joint paper entitled, 'Education, Mobility and Social Identities in Norwich'.

PARTNERSHIP AND CARG MEETINGS

Migration DRC Partnership Meeting 30 April 2008, Bramber House, University of Sussex

Representatives from each of the Migration DRC partner institutions as well as CARG members met for the DRC's annual partnership meeting at the University of Sussex Conference Centre. The group spent the first half of the day reflecting on what had been achieved by individual partners as part of the DRC's communications strategy during the past year, and considered the DRC's performance in the last five years in a number of key areas, including management, capacity building, communications, and working with partners. In the afternoon session, the group looked forward to future projects that will be carried out by DRC partner institutions in the coming year, and discussed potential funding sources for further research projects. Feedback provided by DRC members on the Migration DRC's performance during the past five years will be included in the final report the DRC staff submit to DFID.

CARG Meeting 1 May 2008, Innovation Centre, University of Sussex

At its annual meeting, the Migration DRC's Centre Advisory and Review Group (CARG) discussed the DRC's work over the last year; provided feedback on the *Building Migration into Development Strategies* conference; and considered what steps should be taken in order to apply for continuation of funding. CARG members highlighted the success of the Migration DRC's communications strategy over the past year in helping to disseminate research findings to local media and to other researchers,



Migration DRC researchers and CARG members following the annual DRC Partnership Meeting, which was held at the University of Sussex on 30 April 2008.

policymakers, and NGO representatives. CARG members praised the international balance of academics and policymakers at the *Building Migration into Development Strategies* conference, although some expressed regret that there was not more participation by UK government representatives at the conference. CARG members also recommended that the DRC's work on internal migration should be highlighted more in the coming year, as this topic could have been more extensively discussed at the conference. The group also discussed possible future avenues for the Migration DRC, within the context of the publication of DFID's newly-published *Research Strategy: 2008-2013*.

MIGRATION DRC PEOPLE

Congratulations to Migration DRC Research Manager **Meera Warriar** who gave birth to her son, Markus, on 9 April. **Saskia Gent** has taken over as Acting Research Manager until December 2008. The Migration DRC has also welcomed two new members to its communications staff. **Romy Danflous** joined Sussex as a Communications and Policy Officer, beginning work on 15 May, and **Jon Sward** joined the Migration DRC staff on 3 March as a Communications Assistant. Both Romy and Jon will be working to help publicise the Migration DRC's research findings in the next year.

Interns

Franziska Meissner began her six-month internship at Sussex in February 2008, and took a central role in organising the workshop entitled *Children on the Move in the Developing World* (see above), which took place at the University of Sussex in May. She will continue to work under the supervision of Ann Whitehead on the DRC's

research on child migration in the coming months, while also pursuing an MSc at Sussex, with a focus on Migration Studies. **Margaret Appiah** of Ghana joined RMMRU in late May 2008, and will complete a three-month internship. She has been involved in a number of activities thus far, including organising a policy dialogue on institutional and regulatory reforms for nurse training in Bangladesh and coordinating a study on migration and livelihood patterns of female workers in Dhaka conducted by the Young Researchers' Forum of RMMRU. She is also bringing up to date RMMRU's research on the migration patterns of Bangladeshi nurses under the supervision of Tasneem Siddiqui. **Darren Middleton** of the UK, meanwhile, completed his six-month internship at RMMRU this spring. He prepared a policy brief on the 1990 UN Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights that has now been published and undertook fieldwork at the makeshift camp of Burmese Rohingyas near Teknaf town, southeast Bangladesh.

Fellowships

Jakob Myschetzky (Denmark) and **Todd Lester** (USA) both completed fellowships at FMRS this spring. Jakob was at FMRS from 1 December 2007 to the end of April 2008, while Todd completed his fellowship at the end of March 2008. Both Jakob and Todd were involved in planning and carrying out the *Living Together – CAIRO* training workshop at FMRS that took place in February and March of this year (see below). Jakob also pursued research on flows of highly skilled migration from Egypt during his time at FMRS.

FUTURE INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Migration DRC will soon be inviting new applications for internships to begin in October 2008 for a period of three to six months. Internships will be available at Sussex and our partner institutions in Bangladesh and Ghana. The call for applications and further information about internships will be accessible on the Migration DRC web site by the 16th of June.

The Migration DRC and RMMRU are offering a six-month fellowship in Bangladesh, which will include three months of active research supervised by a senior researcher at RMMRU. The deadline to apply is 20 June 2008. More details are available via RMMRU's web-site at: http://www.rmmru.net/Fellowship_advert.pdf.

NEWS FROM THE MIGRATION DRC PARTNERS

RIPS and ISSER, Ghana

The Ghanaian DRC partners launched a Migration Dissemination Network on 30 October 2007 that included journalists, child activists, post-graduate students, and DRC researchers. As part of the network's activities, RIPS and ISSER have compiled fact-sheets outlining research findings, and have been producing a *Migration Update Bulletin*. Thus far, the network has contributed to increased

coverage of migration issues in a number of Ghanaian print publications. In addition, John K. Anarfi (ISSER) and Stephen Kwankye (RIPS) were interviewed by three Ghanaian radio stations about migration patterns in the country.

RMMRU, Bangladesh

RMMRU launched its Safe Migration Campaign in March 2008. This included the formation of a Migrant Rights Protection Committee in eight locations, in partnership with seven NGO groups working at the grassroots level. The campaign launch included a rally attended by migrant workers, the start of a 13-episode television series based on the theme of migration, and a promotional campaign that included music, posters and billboard adverts. The slogan of the campaign, which will continue for a further two years, is: 'We go abroad to build the nation, we demand safe migration'.

FMRS, Egypt

FMRS hosted the 11th conference of the International Association of the Study of Forced Migration from 6-10 Jan 2008 in Cairo. Kasia Grabska, a Migration DRC researcher pursuing a PhD at IDS, organised a panel at the conference entitled 'Transnational Gender Lives: Displacement, Rupture and Rights', and presented a paper based on research with Sudanese refugees entitled, 'Lost Boys, Invisible Girls: Stories of Marriage Across Borders'.

FMRS has continued its efforts to translate five working papers on migration from English into Arabic, with the final two translations in the process of being completed. FMRS completed a year-long series of monthly training workshops for journalists in May, which included monthly press releases related to forced migration and migrants' rights. The programme has helped to boost coverage of migration issues in the Egyptian press. A collection of writings from Palestinian children living in refugee camps in Lebanon collected by FMRS researchers is due to be printed and distributed in this month.

CESS, Albania

CESS engaged in a number of projects intended to enhance the discussion on 'brain drain' in Albania, including a series of conferences at Albanian universities and a nationally televised debate that included a representative of the Albanian prime minister's office. CESS has also undertaken a number of measures to make the Albanian media more aware of the development potential of return or circular migration of Albanian migrants, and will continue to participate in debates surrounding brain drain in Albania.

University of East Anglia

A Migration DRC research report led by UEA's Janet Seeley entitled 'Social Protection by and for Temporary Work Migrants and their Households in Northwest Bangladesh' was published in January 2008. The project focused on the

livelihood strategies of families in the village community of Gaibanda in Bangladesh, where temporary migration for work is a common livelihood strategy. Janet was assisted on the project by a trio from Bangladesh, including lead researcher Md. Azmal Kabir and research assistants Nazmun Nahar Lipi and Sadia Afrin. Janet is also co-editing a book on Social Protection and Migration with CR Abrar from RMMRU which is due to be published later this year. The book includes the contributions of a number of Migration DRC researchers who have conducted work in South Asia.

University of Sussex

Migration DRC director Richard Black has been honoured by the Royal Geographical Society, who awarded him the prestigious Back Award for 'research contributing to public policy on migration, refugees and development'. The award was made at the 2008 RGS-IBG AGM on the 2 June, at the Society's headquarters in central London. Richard also served as a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report, which was published on 17 November 2007, writing on environmental migration related climate change. Richard was also interviewed by *EurAsylum* for its monthly policy interview in May regarding the DRC's work on migration research. The interview can be viewed on *EurAsylum's* web-site: <http://www.eurasylum.org/Portal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=2&tabid=19>

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Rachel Sabates-Wheeler submitted a synthesis report to DFID in mid-April detailing the initial findings of Migration DRC research on Malawian returnee migrants who had migrated to the UK and South Africa. Research for the quantitative study was carried out between January-August 2007 and is part of a larger project on the social protection of migrants being carried out by the Migration DRC in partnership with The Southern Africa Trust Fund. A final report will be published later this year following a Migration DRC workshop on social protection and migration. Rachel also gave the keynote address at an ILO/ISSA conference on migration in Bermuda in May.

DRC TRAINING EVENTS

Residential Training Course on Migration, Globalisation, Security and Development
9-16 March 2008

RMMRU held this short course in partnership with the Nepal Institute of Development Studies at the Godavari Village Resort, Nepal. The course attracted 26 participants from South Asia and beyond and included members of the Migration DRC, SAMReN, the International Labour Organisation and the Migrant Forum in Asia. Ronald Skeldon (Sussex) gave the inaugural lecture at the start of the course, which employed a highly-participatory model and included the drafting of a model declaration on the rights of outgoing migrant workers.

Living Together-CAIRO: Training of Trainers
Feb-March 2008

This training workshop at the American University of Cairo was offered to a diverse group of representatives from multicultural community-based organisations in Cairo, with a view to developing new initiatives and projects. It took place as part of the *Living Together-CAIRO* programme that has been organised by FMRS in conjunction with Tadamon – the Egyptian Multicultural Council.

Refugees and Migrants: A Rights-Based Approach to Development
13-23 January 2008

This ten-day short course was put on by FMRS at the American University of Cairo and attracted 33 regional experts from 12 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The course was the first of its kind conducted in the Arabic language, and the curriculum was designed to provide a common basis of understanding, tools of analysis and legal criteria for cooperation across various specialisations in the field. The course's ultimate purpose was to ensure greater well-being for refugees and migrants in their integration into host societies and/or their pursuit of asylum, among other solutions. The course was directed by Barbara Harrell-Bond and Joseph Schechla, and assisted by seven other AUC lecturers: Ayman Halasa, Amany Ibrahim, Amin Mekki Medani, Hossam Bahgat, Abdul Hamid Qutb, Khair Smadi, Lana Baydas, Michael Kagan, Moataz al-Fugeiry, Martin Jones and Natalie Forcier-Beville.

Migration and Development: Policy and Practice
6 Dec 2007

This one day workshop took place at Central Hall, Westminster, in London and targeted policymakers from across Whitehall and volunteer-sector employees. It looked at various aspects of the links between migration, development and the policy process. Presentations were given by five experts on migration and development policy, followed by questions and discussion from conference participants. Richard Black gave a paper entitled 'Migration and Development: Current Thinking', and Ronald Skeldon gave a paper on 'Migration and the Policy Process'. The latter paper is available as a working paper on the DRC web-site at: http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/working_papers/WP-T20.pdf.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Recently published Migration DRC working papers include:

WP-T26, 'Women's Migration, Urban Poverty and Child Health in Rajasthan' by M. Unnithan-Kumar, K. McNay and A. Castaldo.

WP-T25, 'Highly Skilled Migration from Albania: An Assessment of Current Trends and the Ways Forward', by E. Germenji and I. Gedeshi.

WP-T24, 'Child Migration, Child Agency and Inter-generational Relations in Africa and South Asia', by A. Whitehead, I.M. Hashim and V. Iversen.

WP-T23, 'Coping Strategies of Independent Child Migrants from Northern Ghana to Southern Cities', by S. Kwankye, J.K. Anarfi, C.A. Tagoe and A. Castaldo.

Latest Migration DRC research reports:

'Social Protection by and for Temporary Work Migrants and their Households in Northwest Bangladesh' by J. Seeley, et al. (Jan 2008).

Migration DRC working papers in the pipeline include:

'Key Determinants of Migration among Health Professionals in Ghana' by J. Anarfi, P. Quartey and J. Ageyi. .

'Demographics and Climate Change: Future Trends and Their Policy Implications for Migration' by R. Black, D. Kniveton, R. Skeldon, D. Coppard, A. Murata and K. Schmidt-Verkerk.

'Independent North-South Child Migration in Ghana: The Decision Making Process' by S. Kwankye, J. Anarfi and C. Tagoe.

Other forthcoming papers by DRC members include:

Black, R. and A. Castaldo. 'Return migration and entrepreneurship in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire: the role of capital transfers'. Forthcoming in: *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*.

Rogaly, B. 'Migrant Workers in the ILO's 'Global Alliance Against Forced Labour' Report: A Critique'. Forthcoming in: *Third World Quarterly* (Special Edition on Globalisation and Migration – Oct 2008).

Other papers/presentations by DRC Members in the last six months include:

Black, R. and E. Markova (2008). 'The experiences of 'new' East European immigrants in the UK labour market'. In: *Benefits: The Journal of Poverty and Social Justice* Vol. 16: 19-32.

Kniveton, D., K. Schmidt-Verkerk, C. Smith and R. Black (2008). *Climate Change and Migration: Improving Methodologies to Estimate Flows*. Geneva: IOM Migration Research Series, No. 33.

Kwankye, S. (2008). 'The social and reproductive health implications of north-south independent child migration and re-integration'. Presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists' annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, 9-12 April 2008.

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Rao, N. (2008) 'Migration, Domestic Work and the Value of Labour: Insights from Jharkhand, India'. Presented at a conference at the University of Warwick entitled *Waged Domestic Work and the Making of the Modern World*, 9-11 May 2008.

Sabates-Wheeler, R and I. MacAuslan. (2007) 'Migration and Social Protection: Exposing Problems of Access'. In: *Development* (Special Issue on Migration) Vol. 50 (4): 26-32.

Skeldon, R. (2008). 'International Migration as a Tool in Development Policy: a Passing Phase?' In: *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 34 (1): 1-18.

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