

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Over the last 6 months, the Migration DRC has continued its programme of research, training and capacity building, producing a number of new research reports and other outputs. Highlights range from our new booklet on the 'Voices of Child Migrants', which builds on ethnographic research across four different countries, to an up-to-date list of micro-survey data on migration that will hopefully represent a valuable resource for researchers seeking quantitative answers on migration phenomena. We look forward to your feedback on this research, and this newsletter, and welcome your views on migration and poverty more generally.

Richard Black

DRC HIGHLIGHTS

Voices of Child Migrants

This new booklet brings together testimonials from sixteen children, interviewed in the course of Migration DRC research, highlighting what children themselves think and say about their lives. These narratives are an attempt to imaginatively engage policymakers and others working in relevant fields.



Child protection work undertaken with child migrants tends to emphasize their vulnerability and often dire situations. Their age and immaturity lead to children being represented as the passive victims of difficult circumstances, often in the form of exploitative employers or middlemen. Family relations are often assumed to be ones in which parents are the main decision makers, with children compelled or coerced to move away to work by parents who are either portrayed as inadequate, or as faced with unenviable decisions about their children's welfare because of poverty. Children are assumed to be inevitably corrupted if they work in public places like markets or streets.

The story that has emerged from our research, however, is not only more complex than this, but the part played by children in assessing their own opportunities and responsibilities within the family, in making decisions about

their life trajectories, and in negotiating difficult circumstances, is much more independent and thoughtful. Read more at http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/other_publications/Voices_of_Children.pdf. Also available on ID21 at <http://www.id21.org/>.

Migration in National Surveys

The Migration DRC has created an updated list of recent household survey datasets that contain information about migration in developing countries. The data are mostly from Living Standard Measurement Study (LSMS) surveys, Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), and other household-level surveys that cover a range of household issues about well-being, such as demographic composition, education, health, gender relations, and economic activities, as well as migration. By listing the surveys that include migration-related questions, we aim to provide a comprehensive source of data on migration which is useful for both researchers and policy makers.

Youkang Chin, intern at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (September 2006-January 2007) worked closely with Saskia Gent and Adriana Castaldo to isolate the migration-related components and put together the database. For more details, see http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/resource_guides/Migration_Nationalsurveys/index.html.

Egyptian Workers in Paris

This Migration DRC-funded documentary was screened at the 7th International Arts and Film Festival, 'Human Rights Nights', held in Bologna from 12 to 21 April 2007. The film was part of an ethnographic project looking at Egyptian labour migrants from one particular village in Egypt, working

in the construction sector and in the weekly food markets in Paris. It attempts to understand migration from the point of view of the migrants themselves, particularly in the context of the now chronic problem of unemployment in rural Egypt.

DRC WORKSHOPS

Gender, Migration and Education

8 December 2006

This half-day workshop, held at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, reported back on a pilot phase of research on a study entitled 'Gender Differences in Migration Opportunities: Implications for Educational Choices and Outcomes', being conducted by Nitya Rao and Janet Seeley in India and Bangladesh. The research seeks to identify the linkages between migration opportunities, both perceived and actual, and the educational decisions/choices of boys and girls, in a context of globalisation. The research also tries to understand the perceived contribution of migration and mobility to enhancing earnings, and the building of social and symbolic capital and gendered identities.

Participants at the workshop included researchers from the University of Sussex (Migration DRC and the Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity (CREATE)), SOAS, the schools of education and development studies at the University of East Anglia, and private consultants working on education.

DRC Research-in-Progress

17 November 2006; 23 February 2006

The Migration DRC recently hosted two research-in-progress sessions at Sussex. The first included presentations broadly around the theme of social protection. Deeptima Massey, a Migration DRC DPhil bursary holder, presented the case of women who stay behind while their male kin (usually husbands) migrate, and the forms of informal support they have recourse to in the event of ill-health or when faced with other adversities. The presentation was based on her fieldwork in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal, India, an area which has a largely male outflow of seasonal migrants. Syeda Rozana Rashid, also a Migration DRC DPhil bursary holder, presented findings from her fieldwork in the Comilla district of Bangladesh. She looked at households from which one or more male members have left for the Gulf or South East Asia. Her objective was to understand the gendered and generational implications of such migration, its consequences for the livelihoods of these households, and the accessibility of social protection for the migrants themselves and those they leave behind.

The focus shifted from South Asia to West Africa with Stephanie Barrientos' and Nicolina Lamhauge's presentation on social protection for migrant labour in Ghana's pineapple sector, a project undertaken jointly by the Institute of Development Studies, and ISSER at the

University of Ghana. While globalisation is intensifying migration flows linked to global production, as evidenced in the case of Ghana's pineapple sector, and migration might be seen as a route out of poverty, it is also intensifying risks and vulnerabilities. This project looks at the interventions that address these risks and vulnerabilities, be they by the government, private sector or the community, to identify the role these actors could play in supporting more integrated social protection. The last presentation, by Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, also on Ghana, looked at how portable or transferable social protection measures, such as pension contributions, might be, particularly for migrants travelling overseas. Rachel's project explores portability for Ghanaian migrants living and working in Nigeria and the UK.

The second DRC Research-in-Progress session was kickstarted by Penelope Anthias, who was a Migration DRC intern with RMMRU, Dhaka. While there, she studied the social impact of migration from Kadarapur village in Bangladesh to Italy, to understand how migration shaped the place of origin, explored here at a household and community level, particularly in terms of the use of remittances. In the following presentation, using survey information from the New European Immigrants and Social Cohesion in Britain project, led by Richard Black and Eugenia Markova (Sussex) with funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, economist Barry Reilly, together with Andrew Newell, sought to understand the determinants of employment and earnings for new East European immigrants in the UK.

Migration DRC partners, ISSER, presented their work on independent north-south child migration, focusing on the way decisions relating to the migration of children are made or negotiated within households. And finally, Richard Black, director of the Migration DRC, took the opportunity to further develop his thoughts on international migration and development, reflecting on the increase in available data on migration in the last four years, including new LSMS surveys and surveys by the World Bank, IPPR-GDN, and the European Training Foundation, to ask where we might go from here in terms of the questions we ask, the need for a proxy for migration's impact on development or vice versa, the impact of policies, even though they may not be specifically directed at migration, to finally ask what levels of analysis we should be using (individual, household, locality, nation or network), and how apt these might be for answering particular types of questions on the impact of migration on development.

Migration, Gender and Generations

19-20 April 2007

The aim of this workshop was to examine themes in migration behaviour and experience that are both gendered and generational. Building on the findings of earlier DRC research projects, the workshop explored migration and the gendered life course; gendered livelihoods and labour markets for migrant youth; migration and changing identities and relations; and looked at the social world as responsibility and opportunity for migrating children. There

were over 30 participants at the workshop, coming from various disciplinary backgrounds from universities across the UK and overseas. The papers covered themes around migration, gender and generations in South Asia, West Africa and Latin America.

Human Resources for Health and Migration: Mobility, Training and the Global Supply of Health Workers
16-17 May 2007

This workshop was planned with the objective of foregrounding cutting edge thinking on the training and migration of health professionals for a mixed audience of academics and practitioners. Bringing together a diverse range of academics, policy makers and practitioners, the workshop examined both levels and locations of training and education of health workers in origins and destinations. It looked at the movement of health professionals to try and identify the most fruitful directions for policy and future research. It threw into stark relief the tensions between local need and global supply, the role for paramedical training, and the role of regional centres in the provision of medical services. Papers from this workshop are available at <http://www.migrationdrc.org/news/reports/mobility/index.html>.



A session in progress at the Sussex workshop on the mobility of health workers.

PARTNERSHIP AND CARG MEETINGS

The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Albania, hosted the Migration DRC's partnership and CARG meetings at the scenic and historic port town of Durres in Albania over 24-26 April. The meetings, which discussed end-of-DRC activities for April 2008, and concept notes for further collaborative research following the current life of the DRC, were complemented by a presentation from our partners at RMMRU, C R Abrar and Tasneem Siddiqui, on building a network, giving us their experience of running the South Asian Migration Research Network (SAMReN).

More food for thought was provided by research-in-progress



The Migration DRC partners pose for a picture outside the Adriatik Hotel in Durres, Albania on 26 April 2007.

presentations. Adriana Castaldo (Sussex) presented her work with Barry Reilly, entitled 'Do Migrant Remittances Affect the Consumption Patterns of Albanian Households?'. Ray Jureidini's (FMRS) presented preliminary observations on migrant domestic workers in Cairo, and Nitya Rao talked through initial findings from her fieldwork in Bangladesh in a presentation entitled, 'Globalisation, Migration and the Reconstruction of Gender and Class Identities: Insights from Rural Bangladesh'.

An introduction to Albania was provided by Russell King on 'Albanian Migration: Characteristics and Paradoxes of an Evolving Diaspora' and by Ilir Gedeshi and Eno Ngjela on 'Remittances and Albanian Development'. Tours of the ethnographic and archaeological museums in Kruja, the amphitheatre and museum in Durres, and a trip to Tirana gave us further insights into a country that remained closed to the world for several decades until the 1990s.

MIGRATION DRC PEOPLE

We are delighted to welcome **Philippe Fargues** as the new Director of the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies centre at the American University in Cairo. Before heading up FMRS, Philippe was Director of the Euro-Mediterranean Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration (CARIM) at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) from 2004.

Our congratulations to **Abdur Rafique**, researcher with Ben Rogaly and Deeptima Massey on 'Social Protection of Temporary Work Migrants in India', who has been awarded the Commonwealth scholarship for a Master's in Education at Sussex, after being nominated by the Migration DRC. Rafique begins the programme in Autumn 2007.

Sarah Sadek, who was key to the organisation of several forced migration workshops, and the partnership and CARG meetings in Cairo in April 2006, left FMRS in December 2006 to pursue a Master's programme at the University of East London. She is replaced by **Assmaa Naguib**.

Twice in the last six months, **Adriana Castaldo** (Sussex) spent time with Migration DRC partners, ISSER and RIPS, at the University of Ghana. She visited Ghana in December 2006 to provide support with cleaning newly collected datasets on migrant workers in the pineapple export sector in Ghana, being conducted jointly by the Institute of Development Studies and ISSER. She also gave inputs into the design for the survey ISSER are conducting on the reintegration of child migrants in the north of the country.

Adriana returned to Accra in February 2007 to run a course on logistic regression models using SPSS for Master's and research students. On this visit too, she provided inputs into other research projects, conducting further quantitative analysis for the paper ISSER has produced on the migration of health professionals, which she, together with John Agyei (ISSER) presented at the workshop, 'Human Resources for Health and Migration', at Sussex in May 2007.



Adriana with colleagues in Ghana.

Interns

Youkang Chin completed her internship at Sussex (see Migration in National Surveys above) and returned to South Korea in January 2007. She has since been offered a six-month internship with the International Organisation of Migration based at Seoul.

Victoria Redclift worked with RMMRU, Bangladesh, on their project raising awareness of the predicament of Bangladesh's Urdu-speaking community, who are yet to be accorded full citizenship rights. She co-authored, with C R Abrar, a paper entitled 'A Forsaken Minority: Intergenerational Identity and Citizenship among the Camp Based Bihari Community in Bangladesh' for the Migration DRC workshop on Migration, Gender and Generations held at Sussex over 19-20 April. And **Bethan Lewis**, the intern in ISSER, Ghana, is working with John Anarfi and Stephen Kwankye on a paper on 'Autonomous Child Migrants from Northern Ghana to Southern Cities: How Does a Child's Familial Responsibilities Affect Migration Patterns and Experience, and How is this Gendered?' which was also presented at the same workshop.

Reeda Khader Elburai, who was an intern with the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies centre at the American University in Cairo, talks below of her experience.

I started my work at the beginning of October 2006. The first two months I was directed by Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond to attend the course which is given to the students of Refugee Law Diploma. I studied some important subjects including Introduction to Refugee Studies and Refugee Law. I also attended AMERA's weekly seminars on refugee law covering a number of topics including the meaning of protection, the legal status of Palestinian refugees, the internal flight alternative and many more. Studying these subjects has not only enriched my knowledge and understanding concerning refugee law but it has also provided me with a solid theoretical background in refugee law. During this time I also served as an interpreter for Arabic-speaking refugees.... All of the above has provided me with valuable experience which I am looking forward to develop further as I continue my work with refugees.

This summer, **Luciano Canova** and **Natalia Dylawerska** take up internships with CESS, Albania. Luciano is currently pursuing a PhD at the Catholic University of Milan following an MA in Economics from the University of Sussex. Natalia teaches French as a foreign language in Gdynia in Poland while working on her Master's in Political Science.

Darren Middleton goes to RMMRU, Bangladesh. Darren completed a Master's in Refugee Studies from the University of East London in 2002 and holds positions as a Settlement Worker at the Coventry Refugee Centre and a Night Shelter Volunteer at Coventry Peace House.

At Sussex, we welcome **Gunjan Sondhi**, who is currently completing her MA in International Relations at the University of Sussex. Also joining Sussex as an intern in August this year will be **Jane Rice**, after graduating in June 2007 with a Master's in Joint Honours Anthropology and Social Research at the University of Aberdeen.

NEWS FROM THE MIGRATION DRC PARTNERS

CESS, Albania

CESS recently completed work on a Migration DRC study looking at highly skilled migration and the mobilisation of the diaspora in the context of Albania. They are currently rolling out several communications and dissemination activities from their findings from this project. CESS is also putting together a migration country report, compiling up-to-date research and statistics on migration within and from Albania.

RMMRU, Bangladesh

Recent DRC projects at RMMRU have included studies on student migration from Bangladesh to the UK; internal migration and remittances; identity, rights and citizenship of

the camp-based Urdu-speaking community in Bangladesh; and a study on garment workers in Dhaka city to assess the impact of internal migration. To showcase the work done on the rights of the Urdu-speaking Bihari community of Bangladesh, and to lobby for their rights, RMMRU held a workshop on 24 March 2007. Present at the workshop were human rights activists, delegates from various organisations, academics, media representatives and students. The workshop was chaired by Justice Dr. Syed Riffat Ahmed of the Bangladesh Supreme Court.

FMRS, Egypt

Following the successful completion of a ten-day course on rights-based approaches conducted at FMRS in January (see DRC Training Events below), FMRS is now seeking to replicate this work, possibly in Arabic. Meanwhile, research is under way on the social profile of migrant domestic workers in Egypt, led by Ray Jureidini, looking primarily at other African migrants and Filipinas. FMRS are also gearing up to host the IASFM conference in January 2008.

ISSER and RIPS, Ghana

The Council of the University of Ghana approved the establishment of the Centre for Migration Studies on 1 November 2006. The remit of the Centre is to strengthen the University to contribute to and influence the understanding of and approach to migration issues in Ghana. Meanwhile, research on the reintegration of child migrants is ongoing with our partners ISSER and RIPS, as also work on a country migration report.

University of East Anglia

Nitya Rao and Janet Seeley at UEA are leading research on a project entitled 'Gender Differences in Migration Opportunities: Implications for Educational Choices and Outcomes'. An international workshop is planned for early November on the broad theme of educational preference and mobility.

IDS/University of Sussex

Work continues on two projects being conducted at IDS – one on portability, access and reciprocity – social protection regimes for migrants, led by Rachel Sabates-Wheeler (IDS), and the other on social protection of migrant workers in Ghana's pineapple sector, led by Stephanie Barrientos (IDS) and John Anarfi (ISSER, Ghana). There are research links between the two projects, and a workshop is to be organised soon to disseminate some of the findings.

DRC TRAINING EVENTS

Refugees and Migrants, and a Rights-based Approach to Development
8-18 January 2007

FMRS hosted this ten-day course in January 2007 with the

aim of raising awareness amongst policy makers (governmental, international organisations and NGOs) on issues of forced migration and development. While the first part of the course provided a theoretical and more general framework, the second part moved from theory to practice by engaging participants in proposing alternative policies to enhance the developmental potential of forced migrants, and creating rights-based solutions to the problems of forced migration. Sessions offered insights into human rights discourses, cultural relativism, state obligations, including binding laws relating to refugees, regional monitoring mechanisms, good practices, and donors and their roles.

Praise for the course has been pouring in. One participant described it as 'ten days of amazing learning and inspiration. I benefitted greatly... and am extremely happy to have met so many wonderful and interesting people.... This course opened my eyes to a whole new and practical field, where the focus is much more positive...' (Kristen Biehl). Another participant said, 'I have to say that my experience in Egypt for the course changed the way I see and do my job, all for the best' (Barbara Perez-Martinez).

Migration and Development: Policy and Practice
7 November 2006

Following on from the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in September 2006, this workshop sought to stimulate thinking on concrete approaches to migration and development, and to explore policy options in the light of cutting edge research at the Migration DRC, and had representation from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for Works and Pensions, the Department for International Development, the Home Office, the Joseph Rowntree Foundations, Connections for Development and the Joint Committee for the Welfare of Immigrants. Speakers included Richard Black and Ron Skeldon from the Migration DRC, Heaven Crawley (University of Swansea), Danny Sriskandarajan (Institute of Public Policy Research – IPPR) and Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (African Foundation for Development – AFFORD).

Migration Modules in Other Training Events

Meera Warriar provided training on migration and development on the Global Development Course offered by Ethical Events Ltd in London on 15 November 2006. The course was attended by 14 participants from House of Commons, UNICEF, Christian Aid, IPPF, The Mothers' Union, Water Aid, and the Fairtrade Foundation.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Working Papers

Recent papers from the work of the Migration DRC include:

WP-T16, 'The Positives and Negatives of Children's Independent Migration: Assessing the Evidence and the Debates' by Iman M Hashim.

WP-T17, 'Migration for Hard Work: A Reluctant Livelihood Strategy for Poor Households in West Bengal, India' by Abdur Rafique, Deeptima Massey and Ben Rogaly.

WP-T18, 'Place, Social Protection and Migration in Bangladesh: A Londoni Village in Biswanath' by Katy Gardner and Zahir Ahmed.

Our country paper series has new papers on Europe and Central Asia:

WP-C9, '[Understanding Migration as a Driver of Poverty Reduction in Europe and Central Asia](#)' by Richard Black, Larissa Jones, Maria Cristina Pantiru, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, Ronald Skeldon and Zana Vathi.

WP-C10, 'Migration and Poverty Reduction in Moldova' by Maria Cristina Pantiru, Richard Black and Rachel Sabates-Wheeler.

WP-C11, 'Migration and Poverty Reduction in Tajikistan' by Larissa Jones, Richard Black and Ron Skeldon

WP-C12, 'Migration and Poverty Reduction in Kosovo' by Zana Vathi and Richard Black

Papers in the pipeline include:

- 'Migration, Legal Status and Poverty: Evidence from Return to Ghana' by Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, Claudia Natali and Richard Black
- 'Coping Strategies of Independent Child Migrants from Northern Ghana to Southern Cities' by Stephen O. Kwankye, John K. Anarfi and Cynthia Addoquaye Tagoe
- 'Independent North-South Child Migration in Ghana: The Decision Making Process' by Stephen O. Kwankye, John K. Anarfi and Cynthia Addoquaye Tagoe
- 'Beyond Rights: Integration Between Liberians and their Ghanaian Neighbours in the New Buduburam Community' by John K Anarfi and Kobina Graham
- 'Highly Skilled Migration from Albania: An Assessment of Current Trends and the Ways Ahead' by Etleva Germenji, Ilir Gedeshi and Richard Black
- 'Determinants of Extra-Territorial Voting' by Michael Collyer and Zana Vathi

New Policy Briefings

No. 7: Migration and Inequality: Policy Implications

No. 8: Rights-based Policies and Forced Migrants

No. 9: Social Protection and Internal Migration in Bangladesh: Supporting the Poorest

All our working papers and policy briefings are available to download as PDF files from <http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/index.html>.

Other Publications by DRC Members

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