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### Dear Members of the G & M Virtual Community,

Hi everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well. This month's issue will bring you the most recent community announcements and information available on our website ([www.un-instraw.org/grvc](http://www.un-instraw.org/grvc)). Please continue reading to find the latest news in the field of Gender & Migration, events & publications.

We are always happy to promote publications from our members, so we congratulate Robyn Magalit Rodriguez (assistant professor of sociology at Rutgers University) on her latest book *"Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World"* (The Guardian Press).

Please remember that all members are invited to promote their publications and share their articles with our community. Feel free to visit the [library](#) any time and publish your own article/note (to post a document, please log in first on then click on "submit to the library" on right side of your browser –green menu).

This month we are particularly excited to conduct the:

### [III Virtual Discussion on Gender, Migration & Remittances](#) (31 May to 18 June).

Please, don't wait to post your comments and contribute to this global discussion. We'll be happy to learn about your projects, experiences & practices! Every week we'll focus on different issues, so you can join the discussion at any moment.

Thank you once again for all your support! Warm regards,

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### Other news:

[New Video on Sexual Violence and Migration from MSF](#)

[Dynamic Diaspora: New Series on Women and Immigration](#)

[Migrant Women's Rights in Europe](#)

[Women trafficking & the 2010 Soccer World Cup](#)

[Promoting innovative remittance systems and investment channels for migrants](#)

[Paper: Intra-household tensions and conflicts of interest in migration decision making](#)

[The Migrant Integration Policy Index](#)

[Remittance flows to developing countries remained resilient in 2009](#)

[People Move: A Blog about Migration, Remittances and Development](#)

[Joint Migration and Development Initiative Launched in Egypt](#)

#### Events / Call for papers & proposals:

[4-5 June Event: 'Migration In The Context Of Globalization'](#)

[10-12 June Event: "Migration And Family"](#)

[18 June Event: 'Fostering Dialogue Among Stakeholders in European Research'](#)

[18 June Event: Seminar on Migrant Women in Europe: Challenging policies and highlighting good practices to ensure an inclusive Europe.](#)

[29-30 June Event: "Living Together: Civic, Political & Cultural Engagement among Migrants, Minorities & National Populations - Multidisciplinary Perspectives"](#)

[1-2 July Event: 'Crossings: The Nexus Of Migration And Culture'](#)

[1-2 July Event: 'International Conference: Migration, Gender And Human Security In An Era Of Global Structural Change And Crisis'](#)

[30 July – 2 August Event: Beyond Citizenship: Feminism & the transformation of belonging](#)

[13 Sept Event: 'Extending Social Protection To Migrant Workers And Their Families'](#)

[20 Sept-1 Oct Event: 'Migration: Challenges And Opportunities For Europe'](#)

[21-24 Sept: Event: 'II Congreso Latinoamericano De Trata Y Tráfico De Personas: Migración, Género Y Derechos Humanos'](#)

[3-4 Oct Event: '2010 Cities Of Migration Conference'](#)

[8-11 Nov Event: 'Global Forum On Migration And Development \(GFMD\)'](#)

[16-19 Nov Event: "African Migrations Workshop: The Contribution of African Research to Migration Theory"](#)

[25 Nov Event: 'How Safe Is Safe? Evaluating Migration Channels For Women Migrants'](#)

#### Focus – Virtual Discussion – Gender, Migration & Remittances

##### WELCOME to the III Virtual Discussion!

Between the 31 May and 18 June 2010 the UN-INSTRAW Gender & Migration Virtual Community will be hosting the **[III Virtual Discussion: "Migration, Remittances and Gender-Responsive Local Development"](#)**. This discussion will be based on the UN-INSTRAW and the UNDP research findings in Albania, the Dominican Republic, Lesotho, the Philippines and Senegal. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to exchange ideas and practices on how to better understand the needs and motivations of migrant women and how to promote gender-sensitive development projects around the world.

Please, find below the documents the discussion will be based on.

#### Materials:

[Executive Summaries \(Media Kit section\)](#)

If you need a general introduction to the subject, please read:

[Working Paper 4: Remittances, Amaia Pérez Orozco, Denise Paiewonsky, Santo Domingo, 2007.](#)  
[El paradigma de remesas para el desarrollo: evidencias empíricas y cuestionamientos teóricos desde una perspectiva de género, Amaia Pérez Orozco, Mar García Orozco, Santo Domingo, 2008](#)

**\*\* Themes for WEEK 1 \*\***

## Looking for better results in co-development programs: how to assess the strategies to incorporate a gender perspective.

Although remittances help to increase the social status of women who receive them, studies have indicated that there are not significant changes in their private life, that is, in women's position vis-à-vis men and gender roles. In many cases, women continue to carry the full responsibility for reproductive work while also being in charge of productive tasks, without an equal acknowledgment. At the same time, projects undertaken by women who receive remittances have some different characteristics when compared to those undertaken by men (less investment, less access to credit, less access to resources and more payment of debts), yet they do share some common characteristics as well (e.g. low job creation, activities with low sustainability, etc.).

We invite you to think about the issues below and answer some or all of these questions. In your opinion:

- 1. What should be considered a basic component of a gender-sensitive migration and development project?**
- 2. How can we evaluate the processes and results of those projects using a gender perspective? Do you think the effectiveness of migration-related projects is sufficiently measured?**
- 3. In your opinion, do you believe that micro-enterprise programs efficiently consider women's needs and circumstances? What kind of results are you aware of from this type of project? How can they be improved upon?**
- 4. What do you think about programs that support micro-enterprise for returning migrants? What are the conditions needed to ensure that these projects promote gender equity?**
- 5. What should be the technical role of NGO staff or development co-operation personnel in designing and carrying out migration and development projects that promote gender equity and women's empowerment? How might this be done?**

Although we would love to hear your opinion about all of these issues, we know that everyone has time constraints. So please, feel free to choose and reply only to some issues.

**You can post a comment in ENGLISH, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE or FRENCH** (comments will be translated when needed).

To participate, you need to **LOG IN** first. If you are not a member of the Virtual Community yet, please **REGISTER**. To post a comment, just click on **REPLY**.

### Featured Publications

#### [Journal of Gender & Development: Focus on Migration](#)

Call for papers: The March 2011 issue of the international journal Gender & Development will focus on Migration. This Migration issue of the international journal Gender & Development invites articles from development practitioners working from a gender perspective:

- Analysing and researching the experiences of migrants and their loved ones;
- Understanding rural to urban links in livelihoods
- Supporting and advocating for the rights of women and men who have undergone forced migration
- Tracking how change occurs in gender relations as a result of migration.

#### [New Journal on Migration Issues](#)

Crossings: Journal of Migration and Culture (Intellect Publishers) is based at the Centre for the Study of Migration. This journal will advance the study of the plethora of cultural texts on migration produced by an increasing number of cultural practitioners across the globe who tackle questions of culture in the context of migration.

#### [New Book on Filipino Migration](#)

Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World  
Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, assistant professor of sociology at Rutgers University, presents in this book how the Philippines transformed itself into the world's leading labor brokerage state. Migrant workers from the Philippines are ubiquitous to global capitalism, with nearly 10 percent of the population employed in almost two hundred countries.

#### [World Bank – Migration and Remittances - Migration and Development Brief 12.](#)

Outlook for Remittance Flows 2010-11

Remittance flows to developing countries remained resilient in 2009, expected to recover during 2010-11.

### Request

- **Do you want to add your Institution to our [Links section](#)?**  
(You need to **log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on “**Submit a Link**”).
- **Are you aware of a Gender and Migration conference? Add it to our [events section](#)!**  
(You need to **log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on “**Submit a New Event**”).
- **Do you want to publish a paper/research report or want to share a ppt.? please, send it to us ([gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org](mailto:gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org)) or submit it to the [library](#), it’s easy!**  
(You need to **log in first**, then follow the green menu on the right side of your browser and click on “**Submit to the Library**”. Your document will be announced on the main page of the community under “latest downloads”, so everyone can see it)

For questions, suggestions and requests regarding the G & M Virtual Community, please contact Romina Iebra Aizpurúa ([gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org](mailto:gmvirtualcommunity@un-instraw.org)).

The [Gender and Migration Virtual Community](#) is a space for those who share an interest in gender and migration to debate and reflect on issues in the field, share information and learn from each other. To find out more please visit [About the Community](#). To learn more about the members who make up the community please visit [Who we are](#). If you're interested in joining us please visit the [Sign Me Up](#) page.

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