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Dear Members of the G & M Virtual Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you very well. Many of you must have enjoyed a pleasant break from work or university, so hopefully the remaining part of the year will be a very positive and productive period.

Our community of practice is constantly growing, thank to all of you and your efforts to share our work around the world. Our virtual community has now more than 1030 members in 106 countries, which is fabulous! Please, continue having an active participation as a member of this community, we appreciate very much your support. Remember to share with us a current project you (or your colleagues) are working on, news in the field, or information about interesting publications or events in gender & migration. We want to hear you!

Wishing you a great month ahead and thanking you for your support!

Warm regards from the Dominican Republic,

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News:

[Good news for migrant and refugee women in Australia](#)

Yesterday 16 refugee and migrant women celebrated receiving the tools to build their new lives in Australia when they graduated from a community leadership course. Ms Ndayi said the 10-week program, run by the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health and Victoria University, had empowered her and the other women to shake off their fractured past and participate in a democratic society.

[New Study: Connected through Service - Diaspora Volunteers and Global Development](#)

The Migration Policy Institute's Migrants, Migration, and Development Program is pleased to share the second in an ongoing series of studies on the role of diasporas in development policy undertaken in cooperation with the US Agency for International Development's Diaspora Networks Alliance.

[Project Migration: Supporting young single mothers in East Africa](#)

The Project Migration Foundation focuses on supporting young single mothers and their children in East Africa and providing for their basic needs as well as helping them to start a business. The culture in most countries in East Africa is such that once a young woman is married or has given birth, she is not allowed to return to her parents' home, regardless of divorce, death or abandonment by her husband or boyfriend.

[Film Festival: Women's Voices from the Muslim World](#)

Women's Voices Now (WVN) mission is to empower women and give voice to the struggle for civil, economic and political rights. In our first year, WVN will host Women's Voices from the Muslim World: A Short-Film Festival giving voice to women of all faiths living in Muslim-majority countries and Muslim women living as minorities around the globe.

[Acpo Report indicates that 2,600 prostitutes were 'trafficked into UK'](#)

(BBC news) At least 2,600 women are working as prostitutes in England and Wales having been trafficked from abroad, research for the police suggests. A report from the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) found around half of these women were Chinese. Acpo said another 9,200 migrant women were thought to be "vulnerable".

[Migrants Victims of Massacre in Mexico](#)

(NY Times - Mexico city) The bullet-pocked bodies of 72 people, believed to be migrants heading to the United States who resisted demands for money, have been found in a large room on a ranch in an area of northeast Mexico with surging violence, the authorities said Wednesday.

[Call for proposals: Publication on "Integration beyond Migration"](#)

ENAR - European Network Against Racism) As a reflection of the debates in the Member States, the current EU debate on integration repeatedly combines the issues of migration and integration by maintaining a restrictive approach to integration policy focusing primarily on the integration of Third-Country Nationals.

[Photo Slide Show: The Roma people - A Tenous Existence](#)

(NY Times) The French government has started a major push to crack down on crime and illegal immigration. This effort, championed by President Nicolas Sarkozy as imperative to preserve public order, has targeted several groups living on the fringes of French society. One of these groups is the Roma.

[EU Strategy to combat all forms of male violence against women](#)

European Women's Lobby Contribution to the European Commission Consultation on an EU Strategy to Combat all forms of Male Violence against Women - July 2010. This is the EWL's Contribution, through its Centre on VAW, to the European Commission Consultation on a possible future European Union Strategy to combat violence against women (VAW) initiated by EC Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security.

[How migrant domestic workers become slaves](#)

The Guardian - UK) Every year women come to this country as domestic workers, to support families back home. Instead, they are often unpaid, overworked and abused by their employers.

[Economic Crisis is affecting net migration rates in the European Union](#)

(People Move-World Bank) Eurostat just released the latest estimates of the European Union demography numbers. According to the report, "EU gained only 1.4 million residents in 2009. However, the population change has decreased from 2'046,029 in 2008 to 1'366,372 in 2009 (-33%). This is explained by a decrease in the natural population change and in the net migration. The decrease in natural population change has been due to a slight decrease in the crude birth rate and a constant crude death rate. The largest decrease has been in net migration.

[Korea: More jobs may open for immigrant wives](#)

(The Korea Times) The government will revise regulations to allow more immigrant wives to work as translators and interpreters at state agencies and private firms, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family said Tuesday. The campaign is to make better use of their bilingual talent and to help raise their family income, it said.

[Lack of data on mental health and stress-related issues among women migrant workers](#)

The Migration4development community of practice has recently conducted an online query among its users on data on mental health and stress-related issues among women migrant workers, as well as services available in both countries of destination and origin. The Consolidated Reply to this query summarizes the responses received and is now available online.

[New Article: Migrant workers from Burma/Myanmar in Thailand](#)

Gender & Development (Vol 18 Issue 2) brings a new article on gender & migration: "Critical times - gendered implications of the economic crisis for migrant workers from Burma/Myanmar in Thailand". This article draws on the grassroots experiences and research of MAP Foundation to examine the gendered impacts of the economic downturn on migrants from Burma/Myanmar¹ who are working in Thailand.

[Immigrant Maids Flee Lives of Abuse in Kuwait](#)

(NY Times) Kuwait — With nowhere else to go, dozens of Nepalese maids who fled from their employers now sleep on the floor in the lobby of their embassy here, next to the visitors' chairs. In the Philippines Embassy, more than 200 women are packed in a sweltering room, where they sleep on their luggage and pass the time singing along to Filipino crooners on television. So many runaways are sheltering in the Indonesian Embassy that some have left a packed basement and taken over a prayer room.

[Israel to deport hundreds of migrant workers' children](#)

(LA Times) Jerusalem - Israel moved Sunday to deport the offspring of hundreds of migrant workers, mostly small children who were born in Israel, speak Hebrew and have never seen their parents' native countries. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the new policy was intended to stem a flood of illegal immigrants, whose children receive state-funded education and healthcare benefits, and to defend Israel's Jewish identity. "On the one hand, this problem is a humanitarian problem," Netanyahu said during a meeting Sunday of the Cabinet, which had debated the move for nearly a year.

Events / Call for papers & proposals:

[2 Sept Event: 'Migration And The Millennium Development Goals'](#)

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

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

[4-8 Oct Event: '15th International Metropolis Conference'](#)

[8-12 Oct Event: 'IV World Social Forum On Migration'](#)

[22-23 Oct Event: 'Work- Migration- Rights: Strategies Against Women Trafficking'](#)

[25-27 Oct Event: 'Launch Of The ACP Observatory On Migration'](#)

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

[13 Nov Event: 'Disciplining Global Movements: Migration Management and its Discontents'](#)

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

[22-26 Nov Event: 'Fostering The Social And Professional Reintegration Of Return Labour Migrants'](#)

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

[13-15 Nov Event: '2nd European Conference On Politics And Gender'](#)

Featured Publications

[New Publication: A review of international migration policies](#)

As flows of migrants from developing countries to developed countries grow over time, migration has become an important issue that warrant good management. This paper, written by Narada Luckanachai and Matthias Rieger from the Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, reviews migration policies that exist in various countries and, especially those that could be applicable to North and West African countries.

[New publication: Migration and health in Europe](#)

EuroHealth Volume 16 Number 1, 2010 (LSE Health, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK): Patterns of migration in Europe are evolving dynamically. This is not just as a result of the expansion of the EU and the growing phenomena of internal EU migration; it also has reflected the demand for both skilled and unskilled labour from outside the EU, economic migration and the arrival of displaced individuals from areas of conflict, persecution and/or natural disaster. Yet only a minority of countries in the EU provide the same access to health care services for all migrants as for the resident population.

[UNIFEM Annual Report 2009–2010](#)

The Annual Report documents UNIFEM's work to foster women's empowerment and gender equality around the world. The 2009–2010 edition highlights the efforts at the grassroots and policy level to enhance women's political and economic empowerment, improve women's safety and security, and involve the private sector in advancing women's rights.

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

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