

Newsletter

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Dear Members of the Gender and Migration Virtual Community,

This newsletter is full of news and good wishes for the New Year! Our community continues growing. We are now 1,390 members and we hope that this positive evolution will continue to motivate our participation and information sharing.

Previous newsletters can be downloaded through our [library](#). You will also find updated [events](#) and [news](#) postings of great interest for all of us. Soon, we will share with you a series of new documents on Global Care Chains and the social organization of care, produced by the Gender, Migration and Development team of the former [UN-INSTRAW](#). Please continue to visit and browse through our virtual community in addition to sharing your ideas and work.

As you may have noticed, our virtual community now forms part of UN Women, formally known as the United Nations Entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women. [UN-Women](#) emerged from agreement made by UN Member States —with strong support from the global women's movement— that more must be done so women can claim equal rights and opportunities. UN Women merges and builds upon four gender entities of the UN system: Division for the Advancement of Women, International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and United Nations Development Fund for Women.

We are committed to jointly implementing our mandate and functions as UN Women, and we hope you accompany us in this transition.

Kind regards and Happy New Year from Dominican Republic,

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NEWS

In Brief: Prepare now for future migration surge, says IOM

More people will be displaced internally because of environmental factors in Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 3 January 2011 (IRIN) - Decisions taken by local authorities on land use, building regulations and access to health services probably affect all migrants more than decisions taken nationally, "yet in most countries, migration policy is set at the national level with little attention to capacity-building at the local level, where policy is usually implemented," says the new World Migration Report 2010.

The report, published every two years by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), highlights several such gaps, and explores the extent to which countries are prepared for a surge in migration over the coming decades. The current number of 214 million migrants globally, according to IOM, could rise to 405 million by 2050.

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Plight of "Abandoned Wives" in Tajikistan

When migrant workers cut ties with home and stop sending money, their families are ill-equipped to fend for themselves.

By Mehrangez Tursunzoda - Central Asia Human Rights Reporting Project.

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While mass labour migration has provided a life-support system for much of Tajikistan, those families where the main breadwinner has stopped sending money home are among the poorest in the country. Civil society groups say more needs to be done to allow abandoned wives to get state help, find ways of earning an income on their own, and track down husbands who should be paying child support.

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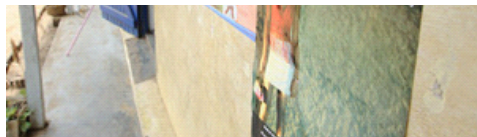
MADAGASCAR: Fighting a rising tide of sex tourism

Andoany, 26 November 2010 (IRIN) - Community-based resistance to sex tourism on Nosy Be, an island off the northwest coast of Madagascar and its busiest resort, is holding the line against child sex work, but the country's declining economic fortunes are making a tough fight even tougher.



Officially, the population of Nosy Be is 109,000, of which 12 people are HIV positive; unofficially, no one really knows to what extent migrating sex workers have increased the numbers.

"Girls from all 22 regions [of Madagascar] come here because of tourism and the opportunity to have a white husband," Jean Claude de Bikiny, the island's deputy administrator, told IRIN. "We have been fighting this



problem [sex tourism] since 1990."

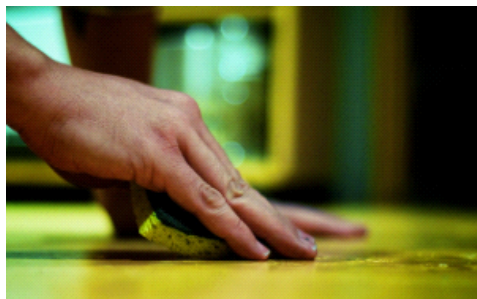
He thought about eight percent of people on Nosy Be could be sex workers, but this probably ebbed and flowed in synch with the high and low tourism seasons. There are frequent and direct flights from Europe to the 300 sq km island, and regular ferries cover the 8km distance from

Madagascar.

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MIDDLE EAST: Focus on domestic workers' rights

DAMASCUS, 30 November 2010 (IRIN) - The UN International Labour Organization (ILO) is encouraging the drafting of labour legislation to provide foreign domestic workers (FDWs) in the Middle East with legal protection.



Arab trade unions agreed on a statement of principles, including the right to decent wages and union representation for FDWs, after a workshop in Beirut, Lebanon, earlier in November 2010.

"This was an important landmark," Simel Esim, a gender expert at the ILO in Beirut, told IRIN. "There are some bylaws, decrees and standard unified contracts out there, but specific labour legislation for domestic workers that extends legal protection in a systematic and comprehensive manner is needed."

Esim said the growing number of FDWs, and the recent high-profile cases of abuse that had led some governments to ban their citizens from seeking domestic work in the

Middle East, had focused attention on the issue.

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OPINIONS

Asociaciones migrantes andinos en Italia – defensa de la identidad cultural y lucha a la xenofobia

Escrito por: **Isabella Corvino**

Estudiando **el fenómeno de la migración andina hacia Italia es imposible no considerar el rol de las asociaciones migrantes como grupo de sujetos que filtran las necesidades y la voluntad de los miembros de la comunidad.**

La comunidad andina regularmente presente en el territorio se compone aproximadamente de 200,000 personas y muestra una propensión natural a la asociación y se demuestra en los centenares de asociaciones presentes en el territorio y concentradas sobre todo en las grandes ciudades. Las asociaciones pueden agrupar personas de la misma religión o corriente política, procedentes del mismo país o ciudad o ser mezcladas con italianos (muchísimas son las asociaciones de migrantes con una alta participación de italianos debido al alto porcentaje de matrimonios mezclados).

La naturaleza de las asociaciones puede ser cultural, religiosa, deportiva o política y el número de socios que las frecuentan habitualmente no supera las veinte personas, aunque estas puedan siempre contar con una amplia participación de toda la comunidad. Los sujetos más activos dentro de la red son las mujeres aunque sean pocas las que logran ocupar el papel de líderes. La edad media de los miembros es generalmente comprendida entre los 20 y los 45 años.

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La féminisation ouest africaine de la migration en France: une stratégie de diversification des transferts d'argent

Écrit par: Patrick Kouassi

Dans de nombreux pays africains, les migrations traditionnellement dominées par les hommes se féminisent progressivement. Les résultats de l'Enquête de l'INSEE indiquent clairement que les femmes migrent désormais presque autant sinon plus que les hommes notamment pour les mêmes causes que les hommes, à savoir : la pauvreté endémique, la maladie, la dégradation des sols et le taux élevé de chômage masculin sont autant de facteurs qui contribuent à une augmentation régulière du nombre des migrantes et cela à un taux supérieur à la moyenne mondiale en Afrique de l'ouest. Ce dynamisme migratoire serait-il annonciateur d'une plus grande autonomie financière des femmes dans la stratégie des transferts d'argent ?

C'est la question qu'aborde cette communication à partir des données de l'INSEE de l'Enquête annuelle de recensement de 2004 à 2006, sur la répartition socio-démographique des immigrés en métropole en visant principalement à montrer l'influence de la stratégie de diversification des transferts du couple migrant sur tout le processus migratoire ouest africain.

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Quand les autorités africaines abandonnent leurs compatriotes au désert et à la mer (première partie)

Écrit par: Patrick Kouassi

L'Afrique de l'ouest est un territoire de très fortes mobilités, animé par des migrations internes et des migrations internationales qui ont une longue histoire et sont souvent étroitement liées. C'est aussi la première région d'accueil des migrations en Afrique.

La littérature souligne la diversité des causes de l'émigration qui sont souvent liées entre elles, passant des mouvements forcés de population au temps de l'esclavagisme. A des instabilités, des crises climatiques, politiques et l'oppression politiques, aujourd'hui. L'on assiste à bien évidemment, un autre facteur déterminant des mouvements de la population en Afrique de l'Ouest, les coups d'état, guerres civiles et troubles politiques sont des causes majeures de l'émigration ouest africaine. Elle provoque des flux considérables de réfugiés et de personnes déplacées.

EVENTS / CALL FOR PAPERS & PROPOSALS

January

- 14 - Train 4dev.Net Opens New Courses: Enhancing The Protection Of Domestic Workers
- 19 - Exclusiones e inclusiones en el Mediterráneo: crisis económica, migraciones y mercado de trabajo en el sur de Europa y modelos de educación
- 20 - Curso on-line: Comiendo utopías Propuestas Prácticas Desde La Soberanía Alimentaria.
- 23 - Community Interpretation for Refugee Aid Settings – CCIP Interpreter Training Short Course.
- 27 - Curso on-line: Ecofeminismo. A cargo de una cooperativa de trabajo especializada en temas de género, feminismo y comunicación.
- 27 - Genre et migration de, vers et à travers les pays de l'Est et du Sud de la Méditerranée et d'Afrique subsaharienne (1 ère. rencontre)

February

- 01 - (Fecha limite de entrega) Primer concurso de tesis sobre migración internacional 2011
- 02 - The Spatial Structuring of Class: capitalism and labour migration in the Gulf Arab States
- 07 - Genre et migration de, vers et à travers les pays de l'Est et du Sud de la Méditerranée et d'Afrique subsaharienne (2 ème. rencontre)
- 09 - (Deadline) Call for Papers for 3rd project conference Migration, Gender and Diversity in Eastern Africa
- 09 - Primer Congreso Internacional De Ideología De Género en la Universidad de Navarra
- 09 - Migration to Transition Societies: Chinese in Serbia .Series: Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies Seminar Series
- 14 - Course on "Enhancing the protection of domestic workers". The course will held in Turin, Italy.
- 16 - 2nd International Symposium of the International Research Centre for Intercultural Studies "Diversity, Gender and Discrimination in Spaces"
- 16 - I Congreso Internacional sobre las Migraciones en Andalucía, organizado por el Instituto de Migraciones.
- 23 - The Autonomy Of Migration. Series: Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies Seminar Series

March

- 02 - Marzo Women At-Risk in Migration: Asylum-seeking and trafficked women, violence and health.
- 17 - Conferencia: Migración Y Familia y Crisis Rural en América Latina y la Migracion Internacional.
- 29 - International Conference on Migration, Development and Human Security in Bangkok, Thailand

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For questions, suggestions and requests regarding the G & M Virtual Community, please contact **Adriana Molano**. (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.

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