



Research outline

The Gender and Generation research in Zimbabwe builds on and extends, the novel insights exposed in Bangladesh, Ghana, and Indonesia in the previous set of studies interrogating intra-household dynamics under the auspices of the Migrating out of Poverty Research Consortium. It will explore how (im) mobilities at home, along with the route and at temporary or longer-term destinations shape, and are shaped by, linkages and transformations in translocal households. Additionally, the research will explore how mobile phones are used to take information, communicate preferences, exert power in decision-making processes and, in some contexts, to transfer money.

Research questions

- How does migration affect the concept of a household?
- How do the migration, changing gender relations, and changing subject positions intersect?
- What gendered patterns of remitting and remittance use can we observe among households in migrant communities?
- What long-term investment plans do households have and how are they linked to remittances?

Potential contributions of this research

The research will complement the research on migration industries by exploring shifts in mobilities and immobilities, in mixed flows of documented and undocumented migrants, and the fluidity that many migrants experience in their status over time. The research will also be useful for government which is struggling to develop a policy to facilitate national growth through migration, remittances and youth engagement. International NGOs seeking to empower women through improved remittance flows will also stand to benefit from the study. Finally, the study will stimulate debate on the relationship between migration and poverty, and what needs to be done in order that people truly develop from migration.

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