

MIGRATION AND URBANIZATION SURVEY IN THE GAMBIA

DATA ANALYSIS/REPORT WRITING VALIDATION WORKSHOP AND DISSEMINATION OF SURVEY FINDINGS

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1. Introduction

The last migration survey conducted in The Gambia was in 1978. Afterwards there has been a long lapse in obtaining adequate and reliable migration information relating to flow, rates, patterns, profiles, and impact of migration on both communities of origin and destination. Over the years the only source of migration data/information has been national population and housing censuses, which have been quite limited in scope due to the size censuses. For the purposes of planning therefore, data on migration is still scanty and can barely be used for any meaningful planning.

The census collects data on the foreign population and their socio-economic characteristics but one of its limitations is that it does not collect much data on Gambians who emigrated out of the country. Only numbers of Gambian emigrants have been captured in censuses. Consequently, it has been impossible to establish vital information about such emigrants such as their destination, purpose of migrating, duration of stay outside the country and a host of other details about migrants which is necessary for policy and programme formulation.

In view of the above, this survey would therefore provide critically needed data on migration, which will enhance the national development planning process.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

Overall Objective: To generate reliable and updated data on migration, which will facilitate the formulation of a Migration Policy for The Gambia.

Specific Objectives:

- To provide updated migration indicators
- To develop a national database on migration
 - To facilitate the development of sectoral migration programmes
 - To enhance knowledge and better understanding of migration and urbanization in The Gambia.
 - To measure the levels and trends of migration in The Gambia.

To achieve these objectives, the survey has collected information on key variables that include among others:

- Demographic profiles of migrants
- Socio-economic and cultural characteristics of migrants
- Migratory flows and types (net migration)
- Reasons/determinants for migration.
- Consequences/impact of migration (*remittances, skills acquisitions, social vices etc.*).
- Factors influencing the decision to migrate.

It is expected that the survey would have the following **added value**:

- Assist Government to formulate policy decisions on migration with a view to integrating migration issues into national development.
- Provide urban planners with data on high population concentration in the urban areas.
- Effective delivery of social services in the most appropriate manner in the communities with high migrant population.
- Facilitate a reliable migration profiling process.
- Provide appropriate source of reference on migration and urbanization.
- Effective border monitoring and control system to ensure better management of the number of people coming in and out of the country through our borders.
- Strengthen national security reforms in relation to migration.
- Develop life skills programmes for youth to curb out-migration
- Put in place appropriate measures to eradicate poverty and integrate young people in socio-economic development.
- Promote of sustainable development and protection of the environment.
- It will provide information for transforming remittances into investment / development finance.

3. Scope of the Survey

The survey was a nationwide exercise that targeted people of age sixteen years and above. The survey collected information on the internal migrant, non-migrant, immigrant, and emigrant populations. For the migrant population, data was collected on their last five movements prior to the study and various instruments were used to

determine the socio-economic conditions of the migrant. The internal migration process covered rural-rural, rural-urban, urban-urban and urban–rural migration. For international migration, data on emigrants was collected from households through proxies.

To capture data on the issues highlighted earlier six questionnaires were developed and administered. The **Household Questionnaire** was used to capture the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents such as age, sex, education etc. a **biographic questionnaire** was used to establish reasons for migration and the direction of migratory flows. The study also focused on consequences of migration by using **Migrant and Non-migrant Questionnaires**. In addition a **village/town questionnaire** was also developed and administered.

4. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED/PRE-SURVEY ACTIVITIES

4.1 Migration Survey Implementing Agency

Gambia Bureau of Statistics being the lead agency in The Gambia for collection of statistical data and also the coordinating agency of the National Statistical System, was identified as the agency responsible for the conduct of the migration and urbanization survey.

4.2 Planning and Coordination of the Survey

To facilitate the smooth conduct of the survey, the following three committees were set up:

4.3 Advisory Committee: This group will provide strategic advice and guidance throughout the survey. The group will meet at every stage of the survey to establish progress, identify problems and provide advice on solutions to emerging problems. The group consists of representatives from NPCS, Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS), UNFPA, the National Planning Commission, and the former Director of Population Affairs.

4.4 Technical Coordinating Team: This group will provide technical inputs into the study, such as: Project Proposal formulation, adaptation of survey instruments, selection of output variables etc; and will be responsible for monitoring of activities, communication with and sensitization of all stakeholders on the processes of the study. The group consists of experts from UNFPA, GBoS, UTG, NPCS, DoSH, DoY&S, DoSI, EC, UNDP and UNICEF and other relevant technical experts.

4.5 Facilitation Consultant: A local Consultant will be recruited by UNFPA and will be responsible for the day-to-day coordination and facilitation of the survey processes.

4.6 The Donor Consultative Meeting

In order to mobilise resources for the conduct of the migration and urbanisation survey in the Gambia, the Government of the Gambia in collaboration with UNFPA, organized a one-day partner consultative forum. The purpose of this one-day consultative meeting was to consult with partners and donors to mobilise additional resources for the Migration and Urbanization Survey in The Gambia. The following partners made pledges for support to the survey:

1. The Republic of China on Taiwan
2. European Commission:
3. NAOSU/EDF
4. Government of Spain:

4.7 Training and Pre-Testing

A pre-survey training was conducted to ensure that enumerators and supervisors were knowledgeable and familiar with the survey instruments that were to be administered. The interviewer's manual that was developed by the coordinating committee, served as the reference document for the pre-survey training. The training sessions lasted for one (1) week.

During the training, the instruments were translated into the three major different local languages (i.e. Mandinka, Fula and Wollof). This was to ensure that nuances in translations were clarified and consensus reached on the concepts to be used in the different languages. As part of the training the trainees had hands on experience with the completion of the questionnaires. This was accomplished by taking trainees to sample urban and rural communities in the field to complete the questionnaires. The feedback from this exercise was used to amend the questionnaires.

All the survey instruments were pre-tested immediately before the commencement of the survey.

4.8 Data Collection

To capture data on the issues highlighted earlier sets of questionnaires were developed. The Household Questionnaire was used to capture the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents such as age, sex, education etc. A biographic questionnaire was used to establish reasons for migration and the direction of migratory flows. An attempt was also made to study the consequences of migration using Migrant and Non-migrant Questionnaires. A questionnaire was also developed for the return migrants. In addition a village/town questionnaire was also developed.

To capture a wide spectrum of migrants therefore it was decided enumerators would collect information on persons aged six years and above. This was to provide an opportunity to establish migratory trends among both the young and old, study reasons for migration across the various ages and also the socio-economic consequences of migration on the population.

4.9 Data Editing, Coding And Entry

The first stage of the editing of the questionnaires was done by the supervisors and enumerators at the field level prior to submission of the completed questionnaires to GBoS.

The *CSPro* software was used for data entry. The clean dataset will be imported into *STATA* for analysis using dummy tables developed in the analysis plan.

5. FUNDING OF MIGRATION SURVEY ACTIVITIES

So far only UNFPA and UNDP have committed financial resources to the Migration survey. UNFPA provided \$91,154 towards meeting the cost of the following migration survey activities;

- Proposal development
- Mini-donor conference for the Migration Survey
- Procurement of non-expendable items for the Migration Survey
- Sensitization on the Migration Survey
- Hiring of a consultant for the survey
- Pre-test of survey tools
- Survey data processing (coding and data entry)

Following consultations with UNDP on the funding gap of the Migration Survey, the agency committed an amount of \$80,000, which was expended on the following Migration Survey activities;

- Printing of the survey instruments.
- Data Collection Cost (i.e payment of data collection personnel and transportation costs of the survey).

6. THE REMAINING SURVEY ACTIVITIES/POST-SURVEY ACTIVITIES

The following activities of the survey are yet to be implemented; data processing and analysis (Data cleaning and analysis), Report Writing, Validation of Draft Report, Printing of final report and the Dissemination of the survey findings.

6.1. Data Processing and Analysis

The Center for Research on Population and Development (CERPOD) will provide the requisite technical assistance for data processing and analysis. CERPOD's support will essentially be in the form of a technical assistance mission at a crucial stage of the survey, to be determined by Government. A letter of agreement will be

signed between CERPOD and Government of The Gambia, to be represented by GBoS.

Subsequent to data entry and processing, a team of experts in the field of demography would be hired for the analysis of the data. This process would be guided and facilitated by a consultant whose role it would be to ensure that quality reports are written and submitted on time.

6.2. Validation workshop

Subsequent to the completion of the draft survey reports, a two day-validation workshop would be held. This workshop would enable stakeholders to review and validate survey findings.

6.3. Dissemination of Survey Results

The results of the survey would be disseminated nationwide, using the following media outlets:

- Print media – extracts/summary of the Report in Newspapers.
- Radio and Television – panel discussions on the results of the survey
- Meetings with Local Government Authorities, officials and communities at the Regional Level, using the Population Task Forces/Committees (PTFs) for the dissemination of the results and copies of the survey report.

7. JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING THE REMAINING SURVEY ACTIVITIES

Subsequent to the donor meeting, government of the Gambia made strenuous efforts to ensure that all pledges were fulfilled. Inter-UN-agency consultation that followed the donor meeting yielded with the contribution of an amount of US\$ 80,000.00 by UNDP for the printing of survey instruments and the data collection exercise. However, following various follow-ups made by the Gambia government, pledges made by other potential donors present at the donor meeting could not be forthcoming.

Considering the significance of the survey as stipulated in the objectives, it is imperative that funding be provided for the completion of the remaining activities of the survey. It is widely thought that data collected, if not processed and published, might be obsolete and would not serve the intended purpose. The total amount required for the completion of the remaining activities as detailed out in the attached budget is US\$113,504 (D2,951,099).

MIGRATION SURVEY WORK PLAN

ACTIVITY	MONTH/YEAR	STATUS
1. Finalize Project Proposal ▪ <i>Summary & Detail Project Budget</i>	2008	Completed
2. Review & Adapt Survey Instruments	2008	Completed
3. Mapping & Selection of Enumeration Areas	2008	Completed
4. Recruit Consultant ▪ <i>Advertise; Establish recruitment panel; Interview</i>	2008	Completed
5. Prepare Contracts for CERPOD & Consultant	2008	Completed
6. Organize Consultative Resources Mobilization Forum for the Migration Survey ▪ <i>Invitation letters to Donors; Logistic arrangements</i>	2008	Completed
7. Procure Expendable & Non-Expendable Equipment ▪ <i>Computers & Laptops; Stationery</i>	2008	Completed
8. Publicity & Advocacy ▪ <i>Organise sensitization meetings in communities; Radio and Television talks</i>	2008	Completed
9. Recruit Supervisors & Enumerators	2009	Completed
10. Training of Supervisors & Enumerators	2009	Completed
11. Data Collection	2009	Completed
ACTIVITY	MONTH/YEAR	STATUS
12. Data Entry	2009	Completed
13. Data Cleaning	August 2010	incomplete
14. Data Analysis	September-	incomplete

	November 2010	
15. Report Writing & Submission	December 2010 – February 2011	incomplete
16. Validation Workshop	March 2011	incomplete
17. Printing of Final Migration Survey Report	April 2011	incomplete
18. Dissemination of Survey Findings	May 2011	incomplete

SURVEY ACTIVITIES ALREADY FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED

Description of Budget Item	No of units	No of Days	Rate	Total (GMD)	Total (USD)
1. PRE-SURVEY ACTIVITIES					
UNFPA's Contribution					91,153.85
Proposal Development					
Mini Donor Conference					
Non-Expendables					
Sensitization at Regional & Community Level					
Local Consultant for Survey					
Pre-test of Tools					
Coding / Data Entry & Training					
Total					91,153.85
UNDP's Contribution					
Printing of survey instruments					
Data Collection					
Total					80,000.00
TOTAL PRE-SURVEY BUDGET					171,153.85

PENDING SURVEY ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE REQUIRED

Description of Budget Item	No of units	No of Days	Rate	Total (GMD)	Total (USD)
Data Cleaning					
Computer Programmer	1	10	1,000	10,000	385
Statisticians	2	10	1,000	20,000	769
Data Cleaning Clerks	5	10	400	20,000	769
Total Data Cleaning				50,000	1,923
CERPOD Assistance to Migration and Urbanisation Survey					
in Data Processing and Analysis					
Cost of Return Air Ticket				46,000	1,769
Per Diem				70,840	2,725
Consultancy Fees				86,250	3,317
Sub-Total				203,090	7,811
Overhead (10%)				20,309	781
Total CERPOD Cost				223,399	8,592
Analysis / Report Writing					
Honorarium for Report Writers	6	30	1,200	216,000	8,308
Sub-total				216,000	8,308
Validation Workshop					
Hire of hall	1	1	10,000	10,000	385
Feeding	50	1	530	26,500	1,019
Printing of draft report	50		300	15,000	577
Stationary				30,000	1,154
Transport refund	50	1	360	18,000	692
Fuel for mail distribution	100		32	3,200	123
Honorarium for rapporteurs	3	1	3,000	9,000	346
Sub-total				111,700	4,296
Printing of Final Reports	1,000		450	450,000	17,308
Dissemination Workshop					
National level	1		250,000	250,000	9,615
Regional level	6		250,000	1,500,000	57,692
Sub-total				1,750,000	67,308
Utility and Maintenance					
Electricity/Generator Fuel				50,000	1,923
Over-head Costs				100,000	3,846
Sub-Total				150,000	5,769
TOTAL SHORTFALL IN SURVEY COST				2,951,099	113,504