Hub Survey

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Research Context

This component is comprised of a twelve-country survey, focusing on six migration corridors linking migrants’ country of origin and destination. Additionally, the survey is structured around Work Packages (WPs) to capture central themes to understanding migration and inequalities. The survey content draws from our survey framework, below.

The survey design and implementation are embedded in the principles of ‘decolonisation’, with decisions about content and structure dependent on needs of our Southern partners and input from the thematic WP teams.

Methods

The surveys will be conducted in close collaboration with the Hub country and thematic partners.

Sampling: Each country of origin will prioritise household surveys, including migrant households with at least one migrant who went or is currently in the destination location, and with non-migrant households. Each destination location will prioritise interviews with
individual migrants from the corridor origin country. Detailed descriptions of the sampling can be found in the study protocol.

**Study instrument**: The study instruments are designed with core questions that will be applied in origin and destination countries. Each individual country instrument will also include additional ‘optional’ questions that will be selected collaboratively by the Country teams with the designated thematic teams.

**Survey ethics**: The survey design will undergo review by the ethics board at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and by relevant local ethics review bodies in each country. Our survey ethics protocol will incorporate special ethical and safety guidance for research with vulnerable populations, including the [WHO recommendations](https://www.who.int) produced by LSHTM and other similar WHO ethics materials.

**Fieldwork training tools**: LSHTM will take the lead on developing adaptable training tools for country teams to use when training their fieldworkers. LSHTM will also support the design of the training sessions and trouble-shoot. Figure

**Data analysis**: Data across all countries will be analysed by LSHTM. LSHTM will also help develop the analysis frameworks for corridor and country analyses. Data analysis for each country will be led by individual country teams. Leads for corridor analyses will be determined by corridor countries. Integration of thematic analysis will rely on the collaboration of WP leads. All data will be jointly available for analysis across all Hub teams and decisions about analysis topics will be based on collaborative decision-making.

**Research Questions**

1. What are migrants’ perceptions, knowledge and decision-making patterns, and the factors that influence these variables?

2. What is the role of migration intermediaries in facilitating mobility in specific corridors, and associated variations in migration outcomes?

3. What are the resource flows associated with migration between countries, including financial flows, trade and knowledge?

4. How do gender inequalities affect access to rights and resources in origin and destination countries?

5. What are the experiences of children who migrate with or without their families, those born to migrants in destination countries and those ‘left behind’?

6. What are the relationships between poverty, social inequalities and international migration?
7. What forms of formal/informal political participation, mobilisation and organisation used by migrants in destination countries?

8. What are migrants’ employment and work conditions and factors associated with conditions ranging from decent work to labour exploitation?

9. What are risks to migrants’ health and safety and patterns of service use?

10. What are migrants’ and migrant households’ access to and use of information, communication and technology?

11. What are the effects of different migration trajectories and experiences on the mental health and social well-being of migrants?

12. What are migrants’ experiences of various forms of violence and factors associated with abuse?

Among the goals of the surveys is to examine the associations between migration and inequalities. For the survey, we are drawing on the various dimensions of inequality and equity, as depicted in the figure below.

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