

Migration Policy Institute

Stranded Migrants A New Challenge for the International Community

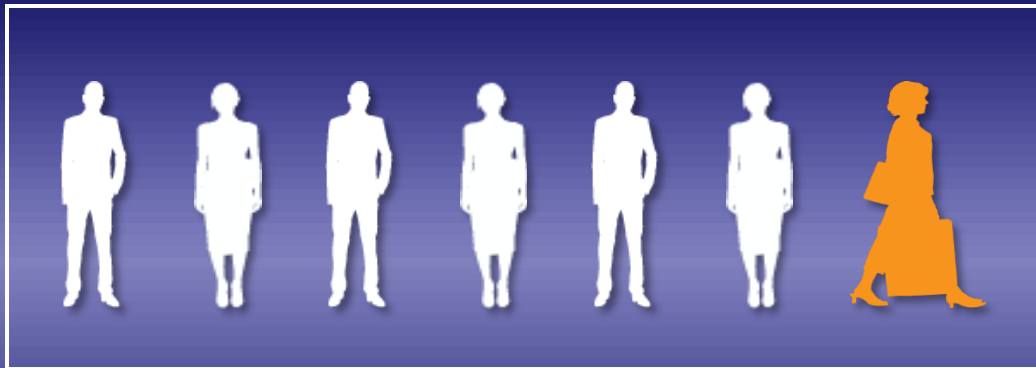
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Demand for Growth: Migration Mega-trend: One in Seven

7 billion Population

1 billion Migrants



214 million International

740 million Internal

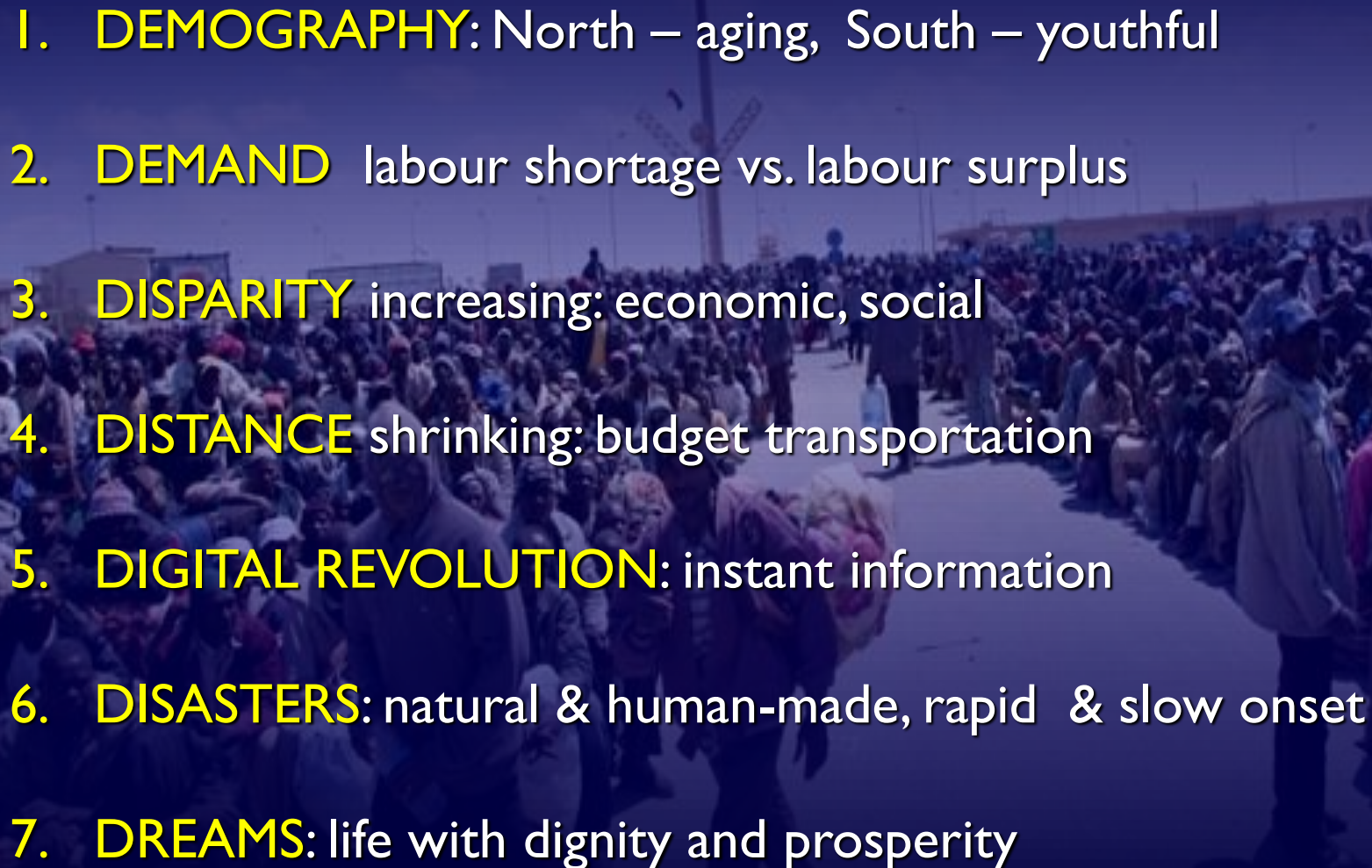
Urbanization: 50% +

Feminization: ca. 50%

Even faster migration growth than last 25 years


(Intelligence Council on Global Trends 2030, December 2012)

Migration Drivers Increase Complexity

1. **DEMOGRAPHY**: North – aging, South – youthful
 2. **DEMAND** labour shortage vs. labour surplus
 3. **DISPARITY** increasing: economic, social
 4. **DISTANCE** shrinking: budget transportation
 5. **DIGITAL REVOLUTION**: instant information
 6. **DISASTERS**: natural & human-made, rapid & slow onset
 7. **DREAMS**: life with dignity and prosperity
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- A large crowd of people, likely migrants or refugees, is walking along a path. Some individuals are carrying belongings, and the scene is set in an open area with some structures in the background.

International Migrants in Context

Population: Between 4th and 5th Largest Countries

 Indonesia	4 th	237 million
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International Migrants	214 million*
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 Brazil	5 th	193 million
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Economic Contribution: Size of Large GDPs

 Saudi Arabia	23 rd	USD 434 billion
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Annual Migrant Remittances	24 th	USD 400 billion*
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 Austria	28 th	USD 379 billion
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* Sources: World Bank

International Migrants in Context

- **Increasing labor demand and gaps**
European Union: 40 million by 2050
China: Ageing
- **Stranded Migrants**
Critical & under-appreciated issue



Stranded migrants – Who are they?

- a) No consensus on definition: legally-difficult
- b) Useful operational definition – “vulnerable migrants”
 - In transit or at destination
 - Government not able to support

Stranded migrants – Who helps them?

- 1) States have primary responsibility
 - May not have necessary
 - presence
 - funds
- 2) IOM Mandate
 - Constitution
 - 12-Point Strategy
- 3) IOM assistance for 2012: 12.5 million migrants

How do we address varied needs?

3 Broad Categories

Individual & specific

Large-scale displacement



Interrupted
migration
processes

Precarious
legal
situation

Victims of
natural disasters
& political crises

Stranded Migrants – Categories:

(I) Interrupted migration processes

– specific, individual: small numbers

- loss of or absence of required documents
- visa requirements not fulfilled
- not enough money, etc.

Stranded Migrants – Categories:

(2) Precarious legal situation

- unaccompanied minors
- victims of trafficking
- stranded at sea: regular or irregular
- rejected asylum seekers, etc.

Stranded Migrants – Categories:

(3) Victims of natural disasters & political crises

- 1992 – first Gulf War, supported 250,000 Iraqi migrants
- 2011 to now – Libya: 225,000 assisted during & after crisis
- 2012 – Syria: 3,331 stranded migrants assisted

IOM Special Funds for Stranded Migrants

Temporary measure until programmes are developed & funded for a country

I) Global Assistance Fund (GAF)

- Established in 2000
- Flexible and responsive emergency mechanism
- Assists victims not eligible for other funds
- Immediate support to over 1,700 trafficked victims
- 2012: 167 victims assisted
- Funding (2000-2010): \$1 million

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2) Humanitarian Assistance Stranded Migrants Fund (HASM)

- Created in 2006
- Ad hoc assistance to stranded migrants not eligible for funding from any other agency or IOM program
- 2,204 assisted
- Funding since creation: \$1,230,000

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3) Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM)

- 2011: established in response to Libya
- Quick response: Migrants stranded in crises
Large scale emergencies
- Received: \$4.8 million
- Used: \$1.4 million for Syrian life-saving assistance

Addressing the gap holistically: Protecting Stranded Migrants

Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF)

- Necessary lens to identify and address vulnerabilities
- Before, during and after crises
- Integrated & holistic
 - life-saving responses
 - capacity building
 - regional and global migration management
- Endorsed by 149 Member States in 2012

International labor recruitment: The issues

Costs of unethical recruitment for workers,
employers and the recruitment industry:

Private Sector

- Harm to business reputation
- Criminal liability
- Decreased worker productivity
- Unfair competition
- Lack of transparency
- Poor skills matching

Migrants

- Violated human and labour rights
- Decreased earnings
- Debt bondage
- Labour trafficking

A global problem requiring a global solution!

A global partnership to combat unethical recruitment

Voluntary participation

- Common code of ethical conduct and best practices
- Bridged international legislative and regulatory gaps

360 degrees partnership:

- Labor migrants
- Employers
- Recruitment industry
- Governments (origin, transit, destination)

Stranded Migrants in HLD: IOM Policy Recommendations

- 1) Manage **migration in crisis** situations
- 2) Enhance the **evidence & knowledge base**
- 3) Promote **policy coherence & institutional** development
- 4) Factor **migration into development planning**, all levels
- 5) Improve **public perceptions** of migrants
- 6) Protect **human rights** of all migrants

IOM Profile

The leading migration agency

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- A world map with a dark blue background, showing the outlines of continents and countries. Numerous small, semi-transparent circles of various colors (white, grey, red, green, purple) are scattered across the map, representing IOM's operational locations. There is a high concentration of these dots in Europe, particularly in Western and Central Europe, and another significant cluster in Africa, particularly in the West and North. Other dots are visible across Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.
- **470 + locations**
 - **All aspects of migration**

Conclusion

- Not new issue
- No need for Convention:

Experience

Only agency dealing with full spectrum of migration

Reach

Global presence

Prompt and efficient

Key partnerships: Clear-cut, complementary mandates