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GLOBAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN MOBILITY

AT A GLANCE

- While the movement of people from one place to another is an age-old phenomenon, its current scale and characteristics make it an issue of rising global importance.
- International migration, defined as individuals living outside of their country of origin for more than one year, is characterized by increasing regulation by states, an increasing proportion of migration to developed countries, and stronger ties between migrants and their home countries due to inexpensive travel and communications.
- Migration is spurred by economic opportunity, political turmoil, family reunification, war, and environmental crises.
- The MacArthur Foundation seeks to develop an improved understanding of global human mobility and promote research, policy analysis, and practical interventions that can help minimize the costs of migration and increase its benefits to societies and individuals.

OUR GOALS

The MacArthur Foundation's Migration Initiative has three goals:

- To develop an improved understanding of global migration through support of research and improved data sources;
- To encourage better governance of migration at global, regional, and national levels; and
- To stimulate new thinking on broader issues of global human mobility.

The Initiative is primarily focused on support for research and policy work in governance and development. In the governance area, MacArthur grantmaking focuses on the norms, standards, and institutional architectures for regulating migration; collecting and analyzing international data; and improving management of migration at regional and national levels. On the development side, the Foundation seeks to produce a better understanding of the relationship between the movement of people and

development. Specifically, MacArthur is looking at three main channels through which the global movement of people affects the economies of source and destination countries: worker remittances, skilled and unskilled labor mobility and "brain drain," and diaspora networks. Additionally, the Foundation's grantmaking in migration and development also seeks to address political and social dimensions of migration in source and destination societies.

KEY FACTS

- There are now 200 million international migrants – people living outside of their country for at least one year. More than half are in developed countries.
- Remittances to developing countries have risen dramatically and now total \$200 billion, over twice the level of official development assistance.
- While institutions and processes exist to manage global movements of goods and capital, the world has not yet created a system for managing the cross-border movement of people.

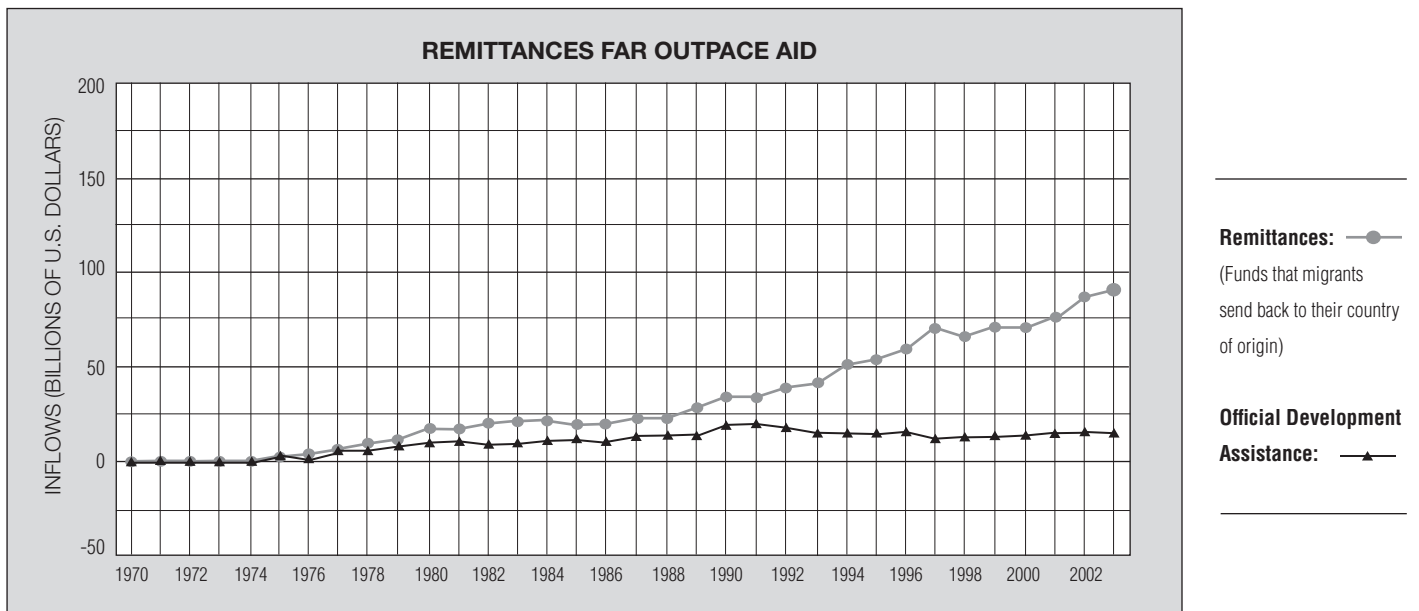
WHAT WE FUND

MacArthur seeks to better understand global human mobility and to encourage better governance in this arena. To that end, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, including research institutes, non-governmental organizations and universities. Grants are awarded for research and policy studies, dissemination of data and information, project implementation, and related activities. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that reflect diverse national, institutional, professional, and cultural perspectives on global migration.

Grantmaking under the Initiative so far has included support for the first Global Forum on Migration and Development, a follow-up to the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development of September 2006, which will be hosted

by the government of Belgium in July 2007. MacArthur has also supported two projects that address “brain drain” of health workers, one to help develop voluntary standards for international recruiters and another to examine bi-national agreements among states. Another project in the development area has assisted several organizations to take stock of current research on migration and development, and to chart a research agenda for the future.

An organization wishing to approach the Foundation may submit a letter of inquiry informing the Foundation of the proposed project. The format for these letters can be found in the “How to Apply” section of MacArthur’s website, www.macfound.org. Based on the letter of inquiry, the Foundation may invite proposals from prospective projects and organizations.



Source: World Bank

REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS

Leading Institutions

CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
Washington, DC
\$1,200,000 for general support to advance research and policy development on the impacts of migration on development and on helping poor countries attain the benefits of globalization (over three years).

MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE
Washington, DC
\$960,000 in support of research and translation efforts for policymakers on the impacts of migration on development and on international governance of migration (over three years).

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
Washington, DC
\$750,000 for general operating support that will advance work on the governance of international migration and on the relationship between migration and development (over three years).

Project Grants – Governance

WOODROW WILSON CENTER, LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM
Washington, DC
\$300,000 in support of the project Latin American Migrants: Civic and Political Participation in a Bi-National Context (over two years).

SIN FRONTERAS
Geneva, Switzerland
\$250,000 to educate government participants and develop policy recommendations regarding the regional governance of migration in Mexico and Central America (over three years).

CENTER FOR ETHNOPOLITICAL AND REGIONAL STUDIES
Moscow, Russia
\$240,000 in support of a project on the social integration of migrants in Russia (over two years).

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION
Geneva, Switzerland
\$100,000 in support of the World Migration Report 2007.

Project Grants – Development

ACADEMY HEALTH
Washington, DC
\$350,000 in support of research to assess the dynamics of the brain drain of healthcare professionals from poor countries and to develop standards for ethical recruitment (over two years).

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL
New York, New York
\$350,000 in support of an effort to assess the state of research on migration and development in order to strengthen future research and its links to policy (over 15 months).

EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE, CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS FRONTERIZOS DEL NORTE DE MEXICO
Tijuana, Mexico
\$120,000 in support of a survey of households in Oaxaca to examine the economic and social causes and consequences of migration.

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