Technical Meeting on Harmonization of Migration Data Collection Instruments in SADC Member States

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**Report**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Technical Meeting is organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The meeting aims to understand the present the status of migration-related data collection instruments in the 16 Southern African

Development Community (SADC) Member States (Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), and to workshop and validate the three harmonized data collection instruments for the collection of migration-related data in the Southern Africa region. The harmonization of migration- related data collection instruments in the Southern Africa Region is crucial to achieve comparability of data among Member States, which is a key step towards bolstering the foundation of evidence for developing and executing policies at both national and regional levels. Participants included representatives from the National Statistics Office from the 16 SADC countries, IOM and SADC.

Achieving harmonization of migration-related data collection instruments in the Southern Africa Region is a vital stride towards maximizing the impact of migration on development. This significant endeavour seeks to align migration-related policies and programs within the Southern Africa Region with those adopted in other parts of the African continent and globally. Through this harmonization process, timely and reliable data will be generated, empowering policymakers and stakeholders to make well-informed policies, and decisions on various migration matters, as well as shaping evidence-based narrative on migration. The synchronized approach to data collection will enhance the region’s capacity to understand migration dynamics, identify challenges, and harness the opportunities that migration presents for sustainable development.

The Migration Data Harmonization Roadmap was approved by SADC at both the technical and statutory levels in March and July 2021, respectively. The primary objective of the Migration Data Harmonization Roadmap is to establish a framework for ensuring the comparability of data across SADC Member States. This will enable stakeholders to enhance their capacity to utilize migration as a tool for development, while simultaneously reporting on their progress towards meeting their commitments under global and regional initiatives like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), and other regional consultative processes.

The Technical Meeting will provide an opportunity for experts from the Member States to share their expertise and insights on the instruments and ensure that they are fit for purpose and aligned with global, regional and national data standards.

The Southern Africa Migration Management (SAMM) Project, funded by the European Union, supports the Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) in the Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region and the Member States to improve the management of migration. In the area of data collection and management, the SAMM Project seeks to strengthen the technical capacity of the National Statistical Officials and other relevant stakeholders to

capture, store and manage harmonized migration data, to support the development of a mechanism and standardized procedures to collect and process migration-relevant indicators, as well as the analysis and dissemination of such data. At the regional level, the project aims to support the development of regional guidelines and standardized procedures in the management of migration data and to build capacity of RECs officials on migration data management. At the national level, the project will reinforce the collection and analysis of migration data including cross-border data through the flow monitoring activities, and strengthen the data management tools and approaches. It will also support the update or

development of national Migration Profiles in countries in the region.

# Objectives of the Regional Workshop

The objectives of the meeting were to:

* Discuss the current state of migration-related data collection instruments in SADC Member States,
* Share best practices and experiences in migration data collection from SADC Member States,
* Workshop the three harmonized data collection instruments, and to
* Validate the three harmonized data collection instruments against revision.

# Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the Workshop were:

* Improved knowledge on the current state of migration-related data collection instruments in SADC Member States,
* Increased understanding of the challenges and opportunities for improving migration data collection and management in the SADC,
* Improved knowledge on the relevance of harmonized data collected instruments, and
* Validated harmonized data collection instruments against revision.

# Methodology

Each country representative was tasked to present an overview of the present status of migration data collection practice in their respective country. Emphasis was on actual migration questions included, frequency and cost of the survey, weighting of survey. Focus was targeted on the Census and any household survey including Labour Force Survey. Malawi presented on the Census, DHS, IHS and LFS as programmes that contain questions on migration.

# Discussions and Lessons Learnt

* There are SADC 2022 guidelines on Migration Data Definitions and Mechanisms for Exchange of Migration Data and Statistics Methods in Southern Africa which proposes technical guidelines for strengthening national and regional migration data governance. They specifically focus on activities required to harmonize migration data definitions, mechanisms, and approaches. The aim of migration data harmonization in Southern Africa is to ensure that data is comparable across member states
* The guidelines have
* Different countries use different definitions of a migrant
* Most Member States had incorporated a migration module at least in one of the three programs, i.e. census, household survey or labour force survey but no weights are adjusted to reflect migration.
* Harmonised definitions are necessary for inter- and intra-SADC countries’ estimates of migration indicators
* Dissemination of migration is important
* It is recommended to capture the standard nomenclature of economic activity or sector
* Measuring migration in the census is not robust
* If well set up, migration data can effectively be measured administratively
* Harmonised standards may not be the golden solution, but very useful
* Including remittances adds value to the survey
* Sequencing of questions within a questionnaire matters.
* It is important to review other countries’ work/questionnaire to learn before implementing one
* In cases where administrative data collection process is in place, NSO can recommend type of data for best reporting
* Migration is a rare event, and as such it may need a very large sample size to reliably estimate indicators. It may not feasible to adjust sample size for migration in a survey that is not migration-specific.
* Inclusion of migration modules in existing surveys provide evidence-base and eventually spell out misconceptions.
* Need for fostering engagement of different migration data collection players. For example, NSO, Immigration and police can join hands in the data collection of migration related data.
* The UN has a new revised conceptual framework on migration
* There exists Guidelines on Migration Data Definitions and Mechanisms for Mechanisms for Exchange of Migration Data and Statistics Methods in Southern Africa that proposes technical guidelines for strengthening national and regional migration data governance. It specifically focuses on activities required to harmonize migration data definitions, mechanisms, and approaches. The aim of migration data harmonization in Southern Africa is to ensure that data is comparable across member states.
* The guidelines specifies disaggregation parameters such as age, duration of stay in a country, education level, etc and migration categorization
* The instruments are specifically developed for the census, household survey and labour force survey.

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|  | Census | Houosehold | Labour Force Survey |
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| Core | * Sex, age, educational level, marital status * Place of usual residence, Urban/Rural, Duration of residence, Place of previous residence, Place of residence at a specified date in the past, * Place/Country of birth, Place/Country of citizenship, Year or period of arrival, * Permanent emigration (absentees) Additional * Return migration |  |  |
| Additional | 1. Ethnicity, income, 2. Acquisition of citizenship |  |  |

# Outcomes

* Establish regional technical support network
* Need for technical support on the implementation of incorporating the harmonized data collection instruments
* Transference of the knowledge beyond the workshop
* Practical incorporation of the harmonized instruments
* Foster cross-border data sharing agreements

# Recommendations

* Develop migration data analysis training programme
* Foster public-private partnership [the case of Malawi]
* The nexus between administration data and survey data
* Organize regional workshops and knowledge exchange forums

**Conclusion**

This workshop was timely for the office as we are planning to analyse Child Labour Survey in Tea and Tobacco, and yet to conduct a Labour Force Survey with a child labour module.

# Appendices

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| Question ID | Question |
| SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS | |
| DEM\_1 | A: Interviewer record sex of [NAME]. Confirm only if needed |
|  | B: If sex is not clear: Are/Is you/NAME male or female? |
| DEM\_2 | What is your/NAME's date of birth? |
| DEM\_3 | What is your/NAME's marital status? |
| DEM\_4 | What is the highest level of education that you/NAME have/has completed? |
| DEM\_5 | What is your/NAME's ethnic origin? |
| DEM\_6 | From all the sources of income that your household has before tax, what will the total annual income be? |
| INTERNAL MIGRATION | |
| Question ID | Question |
| RES\_1A | Where have/has you/NAME been living for the last six months (12 months) or intends to for the next six months (12 months)? |
| RES\_1B | In which province/district/district do/does you/NAME usually live? |
| RES\_1C | Is this place… |
| RES\_1D | In which country do/does you/NAME usually live? |
| RES\_2 | For how long, have/has you/NAME been at the place of usual residence in completed years? |
| RES\_3A | One year ago, what was your/NAME's usual residence? |
| RES\_3B | In which province/district/village did you/NAME usually live one year ago? |
| RES\_3C | In which country did you/NAME usually live one year ago? |
| RES\_4A | Ten years ago, what was your/NAME's usual residence? |
| RES\_4B | In which province/district/village did you/NAME usually live ten years ago? |
| RES\_4C | In which country did you/NAME usually live ten years ago? |
| RES\_5 | What was your/NAME'S main reason for moving to this place? |
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| INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP |  |
| Question ID | Question |
| MIG\_1A | Were/Was you/NAME born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)? |
|  | (When you/NAME was/were born, where was the mother's usual place of residence? In SURVEY COUNTRY, Outside SURVEY COUNTRY) |
| MIG\_1B | What is the name of the province where you/NAME were/was born? |
| MIG\_1C | What is the name of the district where you/NAME were/was born? |
| MIG\_2 | In which country were/was you/NAME born? |
| MIG\_3A | Was your/NAME's mother born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)? |
| MIG\_3B | In which country was your/NAME's mother born? |
| MIG\_4A | Was your/NAME's father born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)? |
| MIG\_4B | In which country was your/NAME's father born? |
| MIG\_5 | When did you/NAME arrive to live in SURVEY COUNTRY? |
| MIG\_6 | If do not recall: How long have/has you/NAME been living in SURVEY COUNTRY? |
| MIG\_7A | Are/Is you/NAME a citizen of…? |
| MIG\_7B | Which other country are/is you/NAME a citizen of? |
| MIG\_7C | How did you/NAME obtain the citizenship of this COUNTRY? |
| MIG\_7D | What was your/NAME's previous citizenship? |
| MIG\_7E | In what year did you/NAME acquire the citizenship of this COUNTRY? |
| PERMANENT EMIGRATION (ABSENTEES) |  |
| Question ID | Question |
| ABR\_1 | Are there any members of this household who have left to live abroad for more than six months, or intend to live abroad for more than 6 months? |
| ABR\_2 | What is NAME relationship with the head of this household? |
| ABR\_3 | What is NAME sex? |
| ABR\_4 | How old is NAME currently? |
| ABR\_5 | In which month and year did NAME leave the country? |
| ABR\_6 | What is the highest level of education that NAME has completed? |
| ABR\_7 | In which country is NAME currently living? |
| ABR\_8 | Since when has NAME been permanently living abroad? |
| ABR\_9 | What was the main reason for NAME to travel to live abroad? |
| ABR\_10 | Is NAME likely to return back home to this household, or return back in this country? |
| ABR\_11 | If yes, in which month and which year is NAME planned to return home or back in this country? |
| ABR\_12 | Is NAME currently working abroad? |

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| Question ID | Question | Response options | Cen | HH | LFS |
| DEM\_1 | A: Interviewer record sex of [NAME]. Confirm only if needed  B: If sex is not clear: Are/Is you/NAME male or female? | 1. Male 2. Female | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEM\_2 | What is your/NAME's date of birth? | 1. Month 2. Year 3. Day | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEM\_3 | What is your/NAME's marital status? | 1. Single/never married 2. Married 3. Cohabiting 4. Separated 5. Divorced 6. Widowed | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEM\_4 | What is the highest level of education that you/NAME have/has completed? | 1. Early childhood education 2. Primary education 3. Lower secondary education 4. Upper secondary education 5. Post-secondary non-tertiary education 6. Short-cycle tertiary education 7. Bachelors degree or equivalent tertiary 8. Masters degree or equivalent tertiary education level 9. Doctoral degree or equivalent tertiary education level | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEM\_5 | What is your/NAME's ethnic origin? | 1. Asian 2. Black 3. None 4. Not declared | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DEM\_6 | From all the sources of income that your household has before tax, what will the total annual income be? | 1. Loss 2. Zero income 3. $1 - $10,000 4. 10,000 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Question ID | Question | Response options | Cen | HH | LFS |
| RES\_1A | Where have/has you/NAME been living for the last six months (12 months) or intends to for the next six months (12 months)? | 1. In this locality 2. Elsewhere in SURVEY COUNTRY 3. Other country | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| RES\_1B | In which province/district/district do/does you/NAME usually live? | 1. Province name/code: 2. District name/code: 3. Village name/code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| RES\_1C | Is this place… | 1. Rural 2. Urban 3. Don’t remember | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| RES\_1D | In which country do/does you/NAME usually live? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_2 | For how long, have/has you/NAME been at the place of usual residence in completed years? | 1. Number of years | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_3A | One year ago, what was your/NAME's usual residence? | 1. Same as today 2. A different village/ district/ province 3. A different country | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_3B | In which province/district/village did you/NAME usually live one year ago? | 1. Province name/code: 2. District name/code: 3. Village name/code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_3C | In which country did you/NAME usually live one year ago? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_4A | Ten years ago, what was your/NAME's usual residence? | 1. Same as today 2. A different village/district/province 3. A different country | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_4B | In which province/district/village did you/NAME usually live ten years ago? | 1. Province name/code: 2. District name/code: 3. Village name/code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_4C | In which country did you/NAME usually live ten years ago? | 1. Country name: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RES\_5 | What was your/NAME'S main reason for moving to this place? | 1. Employment 2. Business 3. Education or training 4. Marriage, family reunification or family formation 5. Natural disaster (flood, drought) 6. Conflict or violence 7. Medical treatment, health 8. Lifestyle, cost of living 9. Other (specify): | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Question ID | **Question** | **Response options** | **Cen** | **HH** | **LFS** |
| MIG\_1A | Were/Was you/NAME born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)?  (When you/NAME was/were born, where was the mother's usual place of residence? In SURVEY COUNTRY, Outside SURVEY COUNTRY) | 1. Yes 2. No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_1B | What is the name of the province where you/NAME were/was born? | 1. Province name: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_1C | What is the name of the district where you/NAME were/was born? | 1. District name: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_2 | In which country were/was you/NAME born? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_3A | Was your/NAME's mother born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)? | 1. Yes 2. No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_3B | In which country was your/NAME's mother born? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_4A | Was your/NAME's father born in (SURVEY COUNTRY)? | 1. Yes 2. No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_4B | In which country was your/NAME's father born? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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| MIG\_5 | When did you/NAME arrive to live in SURVEY COUNTRY? | 1. Month 2. Year | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_6 | If do not recall: How long have/has you/NAME been living in SURVEY COUNTRY? | 1. Less than 12 months 2. One year to less than 5 years 3. Five years to less than 10 years 4. Ten years of more | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MIG\_7A | Are/Is you/NAME a citizen of…? | 1. SURVEY COUNTRY 2. Another country 3. Stateless | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MIG\_7B | Which other country are/is you/NAME a citizen of? | 1. Country name: 2. Country code: | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| MIG\_7C | How did you/NAME obtain the citizenship of this COUNTRY? | 1. By birth 2. By descent 3. By marriage 4. By naturalisation | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_7D | What was your/NAME's previous citizenship? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MIG\_7E | In what year did you/NAME acquire the citizenship of this COUNTRY? | 1. YEAR 2. Year unknown | Yes |  |  |
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| Question ID | **Question** | **Response options** | Yes |  |  |
| ABR\_1 | Are there any members of this household who have left to live abroad for more than six months, or intend to live abroad for more than 6 months? | 1. Yes 2. No | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_2 | What is NAME relationship with the head of this household? | 1. Spouse 2. Son/Daughter and son/daughter in law 3. Parent/Parent in law 4. Grandchild 5. Other relative 6. Other (specify) | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_3 | What is NAME sex? | 1. Male 2. Female | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_4 | How old is NAME currently? | Open-ended question | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_5 | In which month and year did NAME leave the country? | 1. Month 2. Year | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_6 | What is the highest level of education that NAME has completed? | 1. Early childhood education 2. Primary education 3. Lower secondary education 4. Upper secondary education 5. Post-secondary non-tertiary education 6. Short-cycle tertiary education 7. Bachelors degree or equivalent tertiary 8. Masters degree or equivalent tertiary education level 9. Doctoral degree or equivalent tertiary education level | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_7 | In which country is NAME currently living? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_8 | Since when has NAME been permanently living abroad? | 1. Month 2. Year | Yes |  |  |
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| ABR\_9 | What was the main reason for NAME to travel to live abroad? | 1. Employment 2. Business 3. Education or training 4. Marriage, family reunification or family formation 5. Natural disaster (flood, drought) 6. Conflict or violence 7. Medical treatment, health 8. Lifestyle, cost of living 9. Other (specify): | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_10 | Is NAME likely to return back home to this household, or return back in this country? | 1. Yes 2. No 3. Do not know | Yes |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_11 | If yes, in which month and which year is NAME planned to return home or back in this country? | 1. Month 2. Year | Yes |  |  |
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| ABR\_12 | Is NAME currently working abroad? | 1. Yes 2. No | Yes |  |  |

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| RETURN MIGRATON | | | | | |
| Question ID | **Question** | **Response options** | **Cen** | **HH** | **LFS** |
| LAB\_1 | Have/Has you/NAME ever travelled abroad, even if only for a short period? | 1. Yes 2. No | No | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_2 | When did you/NAME last return from abroad? | 1. Month 2. Year | No | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_3 | In which country were/was you/NAME last? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | No | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_4 | In the last five years, have/has you/NAME ever lived abroad for at least 3 months? | 1. Yes 2. No | No | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_5 | To which country did you/NAME last travel where you/they worked or looked for work? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | No | Yes | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_6 | What was the main reason for your/NAME's return? | 1. Employment 2. Business 3. Education or training 4. Marriage, family reunification or family formation 5. Natural disaster (flood, drought) 6. Conflict or violence 7. Medical treatment, health 8. Lifestyle, cost of living 9. Other (specify): | No | Yes | Yes |
| Question ID | **Question** | **Response options** | **Cen** | **HH** | **LFS** |
| REM\_1 | Over the past 12 months, have you or any member of your household sent money and/or in-kinds abroad? | 1. Yes, cash only 2. Yes, in-kinds only 3. Yes, both cash and goods 4. No | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REM\_2 | By which main channel did you or any member of your household send the money to the household? | 1. Bank 2. Post 3. Recruitment agency 4. Relatives/friend 5. Other (specify) | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_3 | In the last 12 months, how many times have you or your household sent money or in-kinds abroad? | Number | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_4 | What is the total amount of all money sent abroad over the past 12 months? | Number | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REM\_5 | To which country/countries did you or your household send money and/or in-kinds? | 1. COUNTRY NAME 2. COUNTRY CODE | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REM\_6 | For what purpose did you or other members of your household send money or in-kinds abroad? | 1. Financial support for family and dependents 2. Education expenses 3. Medical or healthcare expenses 4. Investment or business purposes 5. Payment for loans or debts 6. Purchase of property or assets 7. Other (specify) | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_7 | Over the past 12 months, have you or any member of your household received money and/or in-kinds abroad? | 1. Yes, cash only 2. Yes, in-kinds only 3. Yes, both cash and goods 4. No | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_8 | In the last 12 months, how many times have you or your household received money or in-kinds abroad? | Number | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_9 | What is the total amount of all money received from abroad over the past 12 months? | Number | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_10 | From which country/countries did you or your household receive money and/or in-kinds? | 1. COUNTRY NAME 2. COUNTRY CODE | No | Yes | No |
|  |  |  | No | Yes | No |
| REM\_11 | On what, above all, did you household spend most of the money it received from abroad in the last 12 months? | 1. Financial support for family and dependents 2. Education expenses 3. Medical or healthcare expenses 4. Investment or business purposes 5. Payment for loans or debts 6. Purchase of property or assets 7. Other (specify) | No | Yes | No |
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| LAB\_1 | Have/Has you/NAME ever worked abroad? | 1. Yes 2. No | No | No | Yes |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_2 | When did you/NAME last return from abroad? | 1. Month 2. Year | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_3 | In which country were/was you/NAME last? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  | 2. | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
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| LAB\_4 | To which country did you/NAME last travel where you/they worked or looked for work? | 1. Country name 2. Country code | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAB\_5 | Referring to your last work abroad, how did you/NAME obtain this work? | 1. Job transfer 2. Registered and got the job from a government agency 3. Registered and got the job from a private recruitment/employment agency 4. Through relatives 5. Through friends 6. Applied from websites or newspapers 7. Other (specify) | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_6 | How much did it cost you/NAME to travel to the country for the work and to come back home at the end of the job? | Round up | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_7 | Did you/NAME pay any fees to the recruitment agency, relatives, friends, or any other broker to obtain the job? | 1. Yes 2. No | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_8 | From where did you/NAME get the money you/they paid to obtain the job? | 1. Personal savings 2. Assistance from family or relatives 3. Assistance from government agency 4. Assistance from private agency 5. Assistance from NGOs 6. Contracted a personal loan 7. Other (specify) | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_9 | Did you/NAME spend any other expenses to prepare the trip such as passport, visa, insurance, and other medical coverage? | 1. Yes 2. No | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_10 | How much did these other expenses cost in total? | Round up | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_11 | Were there benefits paid by the recruiting agency, the broker or the employer? (food, accomodation, medicine, travel expenses) | 1. Yes 2. No | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_12 | During the time you/NAME were/was working abroad in your/their last job, did you/they keep your/they identify documents such as the passport with you? | 1. Yes, with me 2. No, passport kept by the agency 3. No, passport kept by the employer 4. Other (specify) | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_13 | Did you/NAME send any money or in-kinds when you were abroad? | 1. Yes, cash only 2. Yes, in-kinds only 3. Yes, both cash and in-kinds 4. No | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_14 | How much did you/NAME send in cash from abroad on average per year? | Round up | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_15 | By which main channel did NAME send the money to the household? | 1. Bank 2. Post 3. Recruitment agency 4. Relatives/friends 5. Other (specify) | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
| LAB\_16 | What was the main reason for your/NAME's return? | 1. Employment 2. To do business 3. Education or training 4. Marriage, family reunification or family formation 5. Forced displacement (refugees, asylum seekers, temporary protected status, others) 6. Medical treatment, health 7. Lifestyle, cost of living 8. Other (specify): | **No** | **No** | **Yes** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Question ID | **Question** | **Response options** | **Cen** | **HH** | **LFS** |
| ABR\_1 | Are there any members of this household who have left to live and work abroad for more than six months, or intend to live abroad for more than 6 months? | 1. Yes 2. No |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_2 | What is NAME relationship with the head of this household? | 1. Spouse 2. Son/Daughter and son/daughter in law 3. Parent/Parent in law 4. Grandchild 5. Other relative 6. Other (specify) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_3 | What is NAME sex? | 1. Male 2. Female |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_4 | How old is NAME currently? | Open-ended question |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_5 | In which month and year did NAME leave the country? | 1. Month 2. Year |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_6 | What is the highest level of education that NAME has completed? | 1. Early childhood education 2. Primary education 3. Lower secondary education 4. Upper secondary education 5. Post-secondary non-tertiary education 6. Short-cycle tertiary education 7. Bachelors degree or equivalent tertiary 8. Masters degree or equivalent tertiary education level 9. Doctoral degree or equivalent tertiary education level |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_7 | In which country is NAME currently living? | 1. Country name 2. Country code |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_8 | What was the main reason for NAME to travel to live abroad? | 1. Employment 2. To do business 3. Education or training 4. Marriage, family reunification or family formation 5. Forced displacement (refugees, asylum seekers, temporary protected status, others) 6. Medical treatment, health 7. Lifestyle, cost of living 8. Other (specify): |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_9 | Did NAME send any money or in-kinds to the household during the last 12 months? | 1. Yes, cash only 2. Yes, in-kinds only 3. Yes, both cash and in-kinds 4. No |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_10 | How much did NAME send in cash from abroad to the household during the last 12 months? | Round up |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_11 | By which main channel did NAME send the money to the household? | 1. Bank |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2. Post |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3. Recruitment agency |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4. Relatives/friends |  |  |  |
|  |  | 5. Other (specify) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_12 | Is NAME likely to return back home to this household, or return back in this country? | 1. Yes 2. No 3. Do not know |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_13 | If yes, in which month and which year is NAME planned to return home or back in this country? | 1. Month 2. Year |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_14 | Is NAME currently working abroad? | 1. Yes 2. No |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_15 | About how much does NAME earn in a month on their current work abroad? | Round up |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_16 | How did NAME obtain their work? | 1. Job transfer 2. Registered and got the job from a government agency 3. Registered and got the job from a private recruitment/employment agency 4. Through relatives 5. Through friends 6. Applied from websites or newspapers 7. Other (specify) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_17 | How much did NAME spend to travel to the country for the work? | Round up |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_18 | Did NAME pay any fees to the recruitment agency, relatives, friends, or any other broker to obtain the job? | 1. Yes 2. No |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_19 | From where did NAME get the money they paid to obtain the job? | 1. Personal savings 2. Assistance from family or relatives 3. Assistance from government agency 4. Assistance from private agency 5. Assistance from NGOs 6. Contracted a personal loan 7. Other (specify) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_20 | Did NAME spend any other expenses to prepare for the trip such as passport, visa, insurance, and other medical coverage? | 1. Yes 2. No |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_21 | How much did these other expenses cost in total? | Round up |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABR\_22 | Were there benefits paid by the recruiting agency, the broker or the employer? (food, accomodation, medicine, travel expenses) | 1. Yes 2. No |  |  |  |

**General Comments**

* Questions on international migration should be asked first before internal migration. And remove redundancy between the sections
* There is relatively a greater number of additional questions that make the already existing questionnaire to be bulky, and therefore introduce respondent burden.