



MIGRATING OUT OF POVERTY ETHIOPIA PROJECT

INCOME AND REMITTANCES RESEARCH THEME

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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of Income and Remittances Research is:

- To understand whether and to what extent migrant-sending households benefit from migration by explicitly identifying the counterfactual scenario;
- The welfare level that might have been enjoyed by the household if they had not experienced any migration

MAIN RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- How much does household welfare improve as a result of members migrating?.
- How important are remittances in ensuring migration benefits migrant-sending households?
- What are the important drivers of migrant intentions?

METHODOLOGY

- The methodology will draw largely on quantitative analysis of longitudinal household survey data, specifically a two wave panel data set from four regions of the country. First round is collected in 2004
- We will follow up same households and track if there is any moved households.
- Focus will be made only on quantitative analysis (econometric analysis). However we are planning to complement this with qualitative analysis (interview with migrants at destination).
- Cross country comparison and supplementary research works (SA, Zimbabwe and Ghana)
- We would seek to test alternative econometric methodologies to show the stability of results to choices around how we control for non-random selection of migrants. In addition the data would allow us to provide a richer description of the dynamics of migration patterns, remittance flows, technologies and behaviour in each country.

DATA

- Panel household data from 1200 randomly selected households
- Ethiopia labor force survey was used to select enumerations areas stratified as high migrant and non migrant areas woredas
- First data was collected in 2004
- secondary data will be used to supplement our data (Ethiopia labor force survey and WB Migration survey)

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Academic research papers
- Policy briefs
- Fill research gap on migration in ethiopia
- Fill data gap in the country
- Public data to policy makers and researchers