

Title	Feminization of migration
Content	<p>‘Migration has been identified as the most complex issues related to globalization yet it is the least addressed’ opined the first Global Forum on Migration and Development. Against this background, the number of women migrants has been increasing. Today they constitute nearly half of the global migrant population – a phenomenon now referred to as the ‘feminization of migration’.</p> <p>While women migrate for various reasons, there is a concentration of women migrant labour around women-specific jobs. Women migrant workers are subjected to discriminatory practices, violation of rights and other sexual abuses during the migration process. Governments of sending countries are struggling to addresses these problems and reduce women migrants’ vulnerabilities. The volume of foreign remittances contributed by migrant workers has had a significant impact on national economies yet there has been little effort to disaggregate the figures to determine the actual contribution of women or to explore how they can be reinvested in a productive manner.</p> <p>The trend and volume of female labour migration is likely to increase in future. The challenge now is for governments and stakeholders to adopt a gender sensitive and rights based approach to addressing and prioritizing some of the gender concerns in migration.</p>
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