



RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Enriching Rural Communities through Migration for Sustainable Agriculture

The overall development of rural communities can be enriched by migration to rural areas.

In Africa, the agriculture sector attracts migrant workers throughout the region. When their skills are harnessed, they can help improve agricultural value chains.

Target 2.4 of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) calls on governments and development actors to ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production.

As we enter the “**Decade of Action**”, it is essential that the contribution of migrant workers to productive and sustainable agriculture is recognized, in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030.



We tell the story of Garry, a Zimbabwean migrant worker who is now the packhouse manager in a farm in South Africa.

Over time, his skills and eagerness to grow professionally led to new opportunities. Garry now oversees 200 employees in the packhouse and has gained enough resources to provide for his family back home.

Watch the video on Youtube



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Accompanying questions to prompt further analysis:

1. Where does the initiative take place?
2. What kind of migration or displacement is referenced?
3. Who is impacted by the migration, and how?
4. Who were the key stakeholders involved and what was their role?
5. At what stage(s) of the Programming Cycle do you think migration considerations were integrated? How do you think migration was considered at each stage?
6. What additional development sector(s) are influenced?
7. What challenges could you identify in the video related to migration? What can be the consequences of these challenges for migrants and the community, if not addressed?
8. What benefits could you identify related to migration? Who do you think benefits from migration in this context, and how?
9. How does the initiative demonstrate the importance of working on migration at the local / community level?
10. What do you think are the long-term development outcomes of this initiative?

The video is a training tool

Through [the MMICD project](#) funded by the European Union, International Organization for Migration (IOM) produced a series of videos to show the [#MigrationConnection](#) between different sectors and capture what this means in practice for people and communities.

This training card can be used to help facilitate sessions on articulating the ways in which development and migration intersect and how programmes and/or policies can better integrate migration.



With the support of universities in South Africa, **farms are training migrants and non-migrants** on how to practice sustainable agricultural techniques.

Through this training, participants are able to increase their knowledge-base and receive mentoring to further their career goals.

