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Why do people move?

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Injured treated in tent ward near 130 corpses in hospital car park

Victims

The Sick Children's

Desperate

Millions

Miss Out

Attacks

Injury

Classroom

School

Stranded

Collapse

Refugee

Crisis

Nightmare

Fears

Homeless

To walk, to cross, to climb, to swim
And now we are here
Ready to begin
The hope of a new life left of loss and lies
We are here in houses of corrugated tin

The trek to school feels like days
My feet my eyes
The oppressive sun rays
This was meant to be a new start
But all I can think of is
The longing for my hometown in my heart

Soon to be married
Against all I believe
I cannot make friends
Too many responsibilities

But
My family is here
As I am here
For family is everything
I would do anything
Why do people move?

Pull factors
- education
- love
- healthcare
- employment
- marriage

Push factors
- drought
- conflict
- lack of services
- food insecurity
- food hazards

Employment

and how it impacts

Migration

Eve's move is voluntary economic. Migrants have to find more promising opportunities.

It often has a more negative impact in more developing countries.
WHY NOT "WORK" SOMEWHERE FUN INSTEAD?

MY MONEY...

Core periphery polarization occurs as more people migrate to the core, providing labor and encouraging economic growth.

For Minuachum, the city provided employment and income.
*Girl from Somalia could not attend school, had to work on a farm. Her children went to school as she felt it would be best for them, however it was very far away.*

*Access to education limited*

*Boy from Sri Lanka, went to school however it was very far away and had to arrive home really late and also leave really early.*

She went straight into working into a factory from the age of 13, limited access to education.
Sabina in Bangladesh worked in a rice store one day. A stack of rice collapsed on her sister, she broke her leg and it never healed.

* Poor healthcare + recovery

Poor working conditions and lack of healthcare leads to inferior recovery and a shorter life expectancy.

The pull factor of healthcare can outweigh the sense of poor working conditions.

What is migration?
HELP UNDERSTAND

There's no us and them - it's just us.

"I was terrified of...

WATER

FOOD

SECURITY

THE STORY OF HOPE
**Love**

Many people move for love. Some want to be with their other half, while others want to be away from love, even though they have a lot of love. People may remain single and not get married due to an arrangement. So they can see love. Sometimes people have to make sacrifices for love, as they may want to be with their loved ones.

**Parents**

"My parents have left home to go to another country and I'm scared."

When parents migrate for economic reasons, they often leave their children at home. The parents may then send remittances home to pay for their children to eat.

"We are always hungry, never get to see my parents any more and I miss them."

"Sometimes people migrate to get away from love, even though they have a lot of love. People may remain single and not get married due to an arrangement. So they can see love. Sometimes people have to make sacrifices for love, as they may want to be with their loved ones."
**Siblings**

My parents moved to the city to work and send my siblings and me to school. My sister left when I was very young, which meant she wasn't there when I grew up. My parents worked hard to keep us all together.

I have two sisters and love them both. My sister dropped out of school when I was very young. She can't work as much as me, and my older sister left with my father to help in the city.

**Friends**

"Kumar was a kindred spirit. He knew the value of hard work and aged 19 we left together to seek our fortune in the capital."

People move with their friends to find better jobs, often in urban areas, to leave together for better opportunities."
Sacrifices

"We all lived with my grandparents. We will always
nursed Grandma. When we were nine, we
had to move to another house." - Sabina

Sacrifices are made for me,

Children

"My parents forced me to marry,

I hope to marry

her to a good man.

I want to protect my daughter

and give her a

better life.

Children do not live

to marry or find

work for themselves."

Immigrants to project

their children and provide

them with a better

quality of life.
Over the next 30 years more than 15 billion people are expected to leave their rural homes and move to cities.
"Moving to the city meant I could get a better job and not work in paddy fields - I'm glad I moved - I am earning more now."

"I moved from my ancestral home to the city in search for a better job, but now I live in a smaller settlement and I wish I never moved."

"In Colombia, 26% of residents living in settlements are happy to stay."
No charity, little food and little water.

Typhoid, rations, diarrhea.

After his father left, Hope had to support his family and could feel hopeless. Works in the village for little money.
We lived near the railway tracks. Dad laboured, mum made money by drying cow dung. My older sister found work cooking for a family.

Dhaka, Bangladesh
- No work at the factory
- Poor working conditions
- With no real tape
- Can't work
- Floods, so work is lost - unreliable
- Work in factory
- Life is better
The 2018 earthquake in Indonesia has created millions of homeless people within the area targeted by the Earthquake and Tsunami. Currently, 200,000 people are still living in camps due to the Tōnai megathrust earthquake. Due to the 7.5 magnitude earthquake, 65,000 homes had been destroyed.

Amongst those affected, many young children have been displaced. This has created a new migration crisis, leaving many migrants in need of help.

In a recent humanitarian study, the UN's World Food Programme and the International Organisation for Migration noted that 2.7 million Somalis are still in urgent need of emergency assistance.
Just like millions of migrants on the margins, Halgan, who lives in the Dignale Fakir Camp in Hargeisa, Somaliland, does not have access to formal education.

"My parents weren't educated; they lived the way they knew, and taught me to do the same."

I didn't go to school.
The International School of Peace is one example of people coming together to provide education to migrants on the margins.

Run by a network of international volunteers, the school aims to provide a safe learning environment for 400 students, who live in a refugee camp and otherwise could not have access.
Amachadum's employment story

- Parents picked tea leaves
  - Exploited on farms
- Started out with mop and broom before progressing to fixing machines and running errands
-Moved on to working in a hotel earning 40 rupees a month
- After returning home he went back to the capital to sell grain from a cart
- Saved enough for a second cart and employed his brother
- Had to move and opened a shop selling sugar and rice
- Finally the refreshment stand found a steady income
I live on less than $1.90 a day.
I live in absolute poverty.
I have no food security.

For $1.90 in London, UK,
a Sainsbury's meal deal costs £6.

My story

Plop! Plop!
It's 4 o'clock.
Time to get up again.

New day, same old cycle.
Same old metal over my head.
Same old dirty curtains for a bad.

Dirty water that makes me ill.

Oh what I'll do for a healthy meal.

Still I've got to work with what I have.

I thank God for putting a roof over my head.

But not enough has been said.

I'm still living off a slice of bread.
Did you know malnutrition can result in me dead?

Too many times I've been on the move.

I mean what on earth can I do?

But one thing is missing.
None of this will change if you guys don't listen.
• Politicians control industry through policy.

• Migrants will mostly work in the informal sector.

• Little wages, most of them are unable to save.

• They will have to keep working until they are over 70 yrs old if they are men.
Dear Sabina,

How does it feel to have so much complexity in life? Looking at your family life and all the things you had to escape from.

- Selina

Dear Halgan,

Is 1500 shillings a lot? What would it buy you?

Dear Halgan,

What does it feel like to start work at the age of 13 and be get married at the age of 15.

- Selina
Water and Food scarcity is a real issue.

Hope.