

Water, migration and rural development: what do we know?



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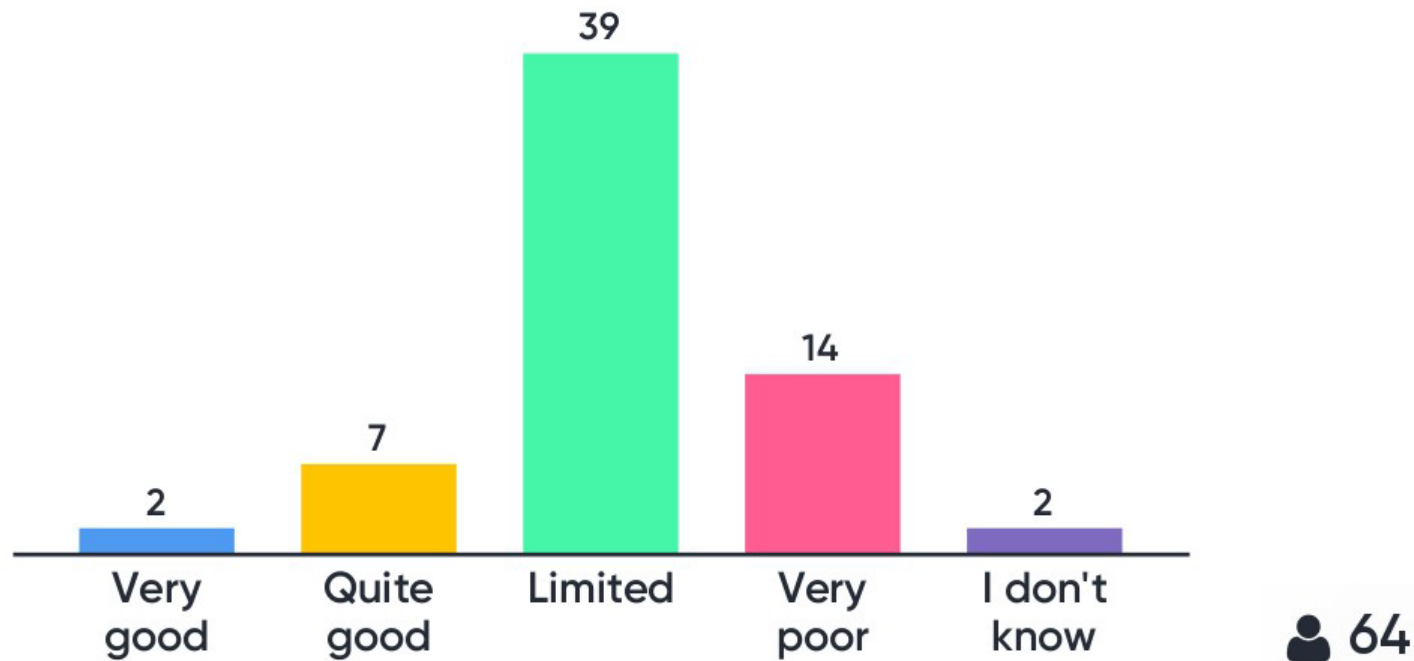
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The Water – Migration nexus in rural areas: an important and complex topic

- Migration from rural areas: an important phenomenon and a hot topic, but also
 - a universal and not new adaptation strategy
 - much broader than migration from poorer to richer countries
 - characterized by complex motivations and impacts
- The way we talk about migration has major socio-political impacts
- Nuanced discourses are needed

Critical need for more knowledge and knowledge sharing – audience poll at Stockholm Water Week 2019

How would you describe the status of knowledge on linkages between water security and migration from rural areas:



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- Designing water security and rural development interventions that take into account migration
- Likely impacts of climate change at scale and over time
- Gender dimensions of outmigration from rural areas
- Linkages between extreme weather events and out migration
- Stronger global policy frameworks that build more secure futures for migrants
- Impacts of outmigration in shaping rural development in areas of origin
- More context specific knowledge
- Strengthening the mobilisation of capacities of those who have left behind for development in areas of origin

WASAG Working Group on Water and Migration

- The Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) is a partnership initiative aiming to tackle the collective challenge of using water better in agriculture to ensure food security for all.
- The Working Group on Water and Migration aims at building partnerships, sharing knowledge on linkages between water insecurity and drivers of migration, and developing information on tools and interventions on the water-migration nexus.



MARIS Network

Migration, Agriculture and Resilience: Initiative for Sustainability

- <http://maris.iwmi.org/>: A network of researchers and practitioners with a common interest in putting migration at the forefront of the global agricultural research agenda.
- The role outmigration plays in shaping agricultural livelihoods and food security is often overlooked.
- Out-migration and the movement of young people out of agriculture has huge significance in shaping the trajectory of agricultural development, and the implications for policy and practice are unprecedented.
- The MARIS Network works to catalyse development of research on migration, agriculture and resilience.

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Objective of the webinar: explore dimensions of outmigration from rural areas, present evidence and knowledge gaps

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Q and A session:

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