

# **Sustainable Cities, Human Mobility and International Migration A South to South Perspective and Intervention Needs”**

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# 2030 Agenda: Migration

- 12 out of 17 Goals are relevant to migration
- 10+ Targets include reference to issues



## **Sustainable cities, human mobility and International Migration:**

- future urban population growth is characterized by internal migration
- migration and migrants are shaping cities
- young people are clustering in cities
- mobility is a rational response to a limited future
- inclusive urbanisation, migrant integration, social cohesion, invest in rural areas

# Migration and Cities



- 3.3% global population
- **48% female** –Nepal (69%), Moldova (65%)
- **15% of international migrants < 20 yrs**
  - **34% within SSA <20 years**
- **1 in 5 migrants live in the world's 20 largest cities** - driving force of urbanization
- By 2050, 66% all people in urban areas

- At least **763 million internal** migrants (inside their country of origin)
- **65.6 million persons forcibly displaced** worldwide as a result of conflict, violence or human rights violations – by the end of 2017
  - **22.5 million refugees**
  - **40.3 million Internally Displaced People**
  - **2.8 million asylum seekers**

# Engines of Development



- **Global annual remittances estimated at \$426 billion in 2016** – increased from \$132 billion in 2000
- **\$270 billion in Asia-Pacific alone** – many times **higher than ODA**;
- Cities are *engines of development* –
- Estimated **two-thirds** of total employment for migrants is *informal employment*

UN Population Division: International Migration Report 2015

World Bank: Migration and Remittances, 2017

# Many Drivers of Migration

## Environmental Drivers

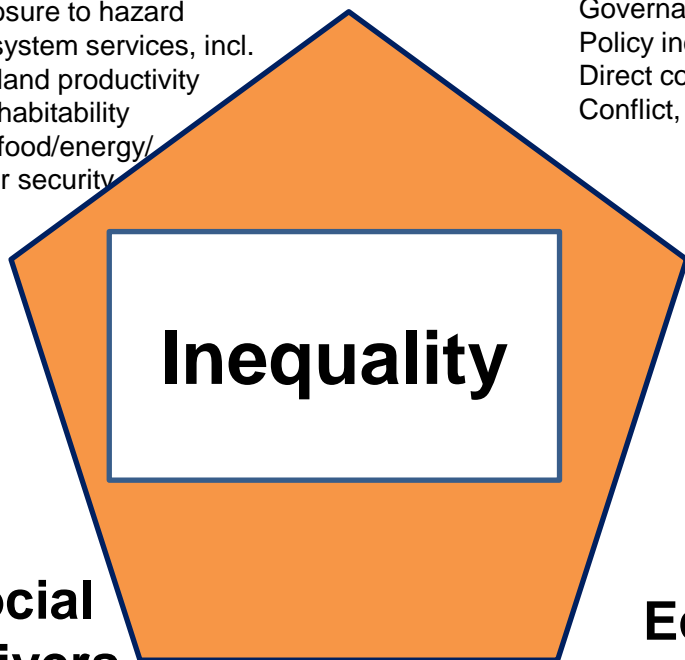
Exposure to hazard  
Ecosystem services, incl.  
- land productivity  
- habitability  
- food/energy/  
water security

## Political Drivers

Discrimination/persecution  
Governance/freedom  
Policy incentives  
Direct coercion  
Conflict, humanitarian settings

## Individual/Family characteristics

Age, Sex, education, wealth, marital status, preferences, citizenship, religion, language



## Demographic Drivers

Population size, density  
Population structure  
Disease prevalence



## Social Drivers

Education  
Family reunification  
New opportunities,  
new possibilities

## Economic Drivers

Employment opportunities,  
Income, wages, well-being,  
challenges in rural and agriculture  
sector

## Intervening factors

Political/legal framework  
Cost of moving  
Social networks, Diaspora  
Recruitment agencies  
Technology and Communication

# Cascade of vulnerabilities

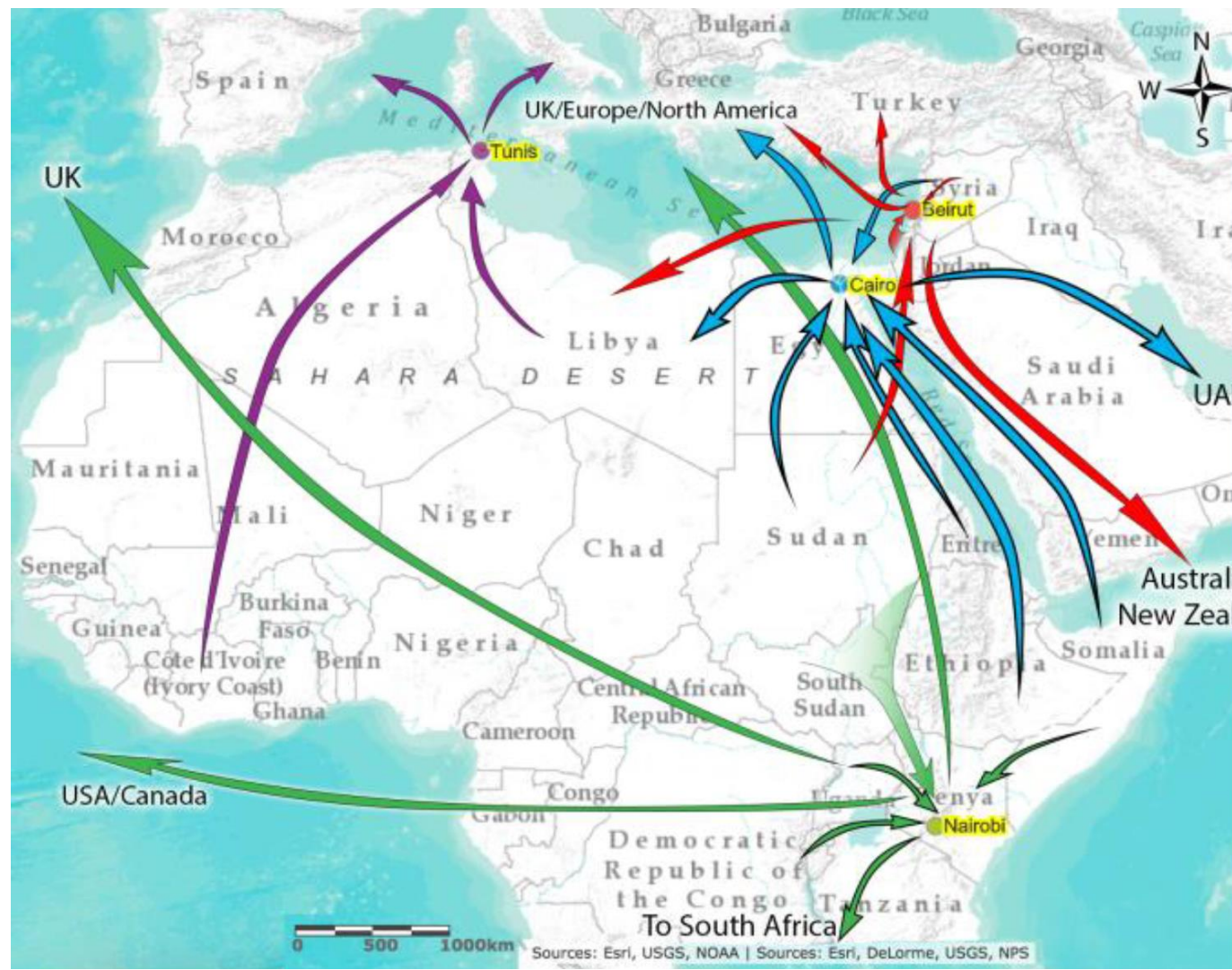


- Lack of **decent work**
- Undocumented status; lack of papers
- No **family network**, limited healthcare,
- lack of **social protection systems**
- Slums, homelessness, **poor living standards**
- Vulnerability to trafficking, violence, criminality
- Complexity of returning home
- And there are **those left behind**
- **Ageing** in cities and in rural areas



- Addressing the *drivers* of internal and international migration (*expanding development opportunities*)
- **Protecting** those in transit
- Promoting **non-discrimination**, security, **human rights at destination**
- **Improving data** on human mobility
- Demographic dividend

# UNFPA: Migrant Youth in Cities



**Analytical Focus:**

- drivers of youth migration
- SRH service needs and accessibility issues for youth migrants

**Closed-ended Surveys using mobile phones**

**In-depth interviews/FGDs**

**Ages 15-24/18-29**

UNFPA: Mixed Migration: Drivers and Implications

## **Better data – quantitative and qualitative**

- **Rural to urban in their own country**
- **Onward movement to other countries if opportunities fail them**
  
- **why they moved?**
- **how they are coping?**
- **what services they need?**
- **what will motivate them to stay or move onward?**

# Must Improve the Data !

