

Moving to the Mines: Exploring Gendered Experiences Associated with Migration to Eastern DRC's Mines

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ASM in the DRC

- Between 500,000-2 million people engaged in ASM in the DRC
- Wide range of job opportunities within the mines and in settlements built around them
- Provides a crucial source of income in the dilapidated conflict affected economy

Study Overview

- Surveyed 998 adults living in ASM settlements in South Kivu province
- Utilized Kobo Toolbox for digital data collection
- Data collection was done by Congolese researchers in French or Swahili
- Number of interviews per site were proportional to the size of each mine

Comparing Demographics

In comparison to residents, migrants:

- were similar in age and education level;
- were less likely to be in a relationship; and
- had fewer children to support.

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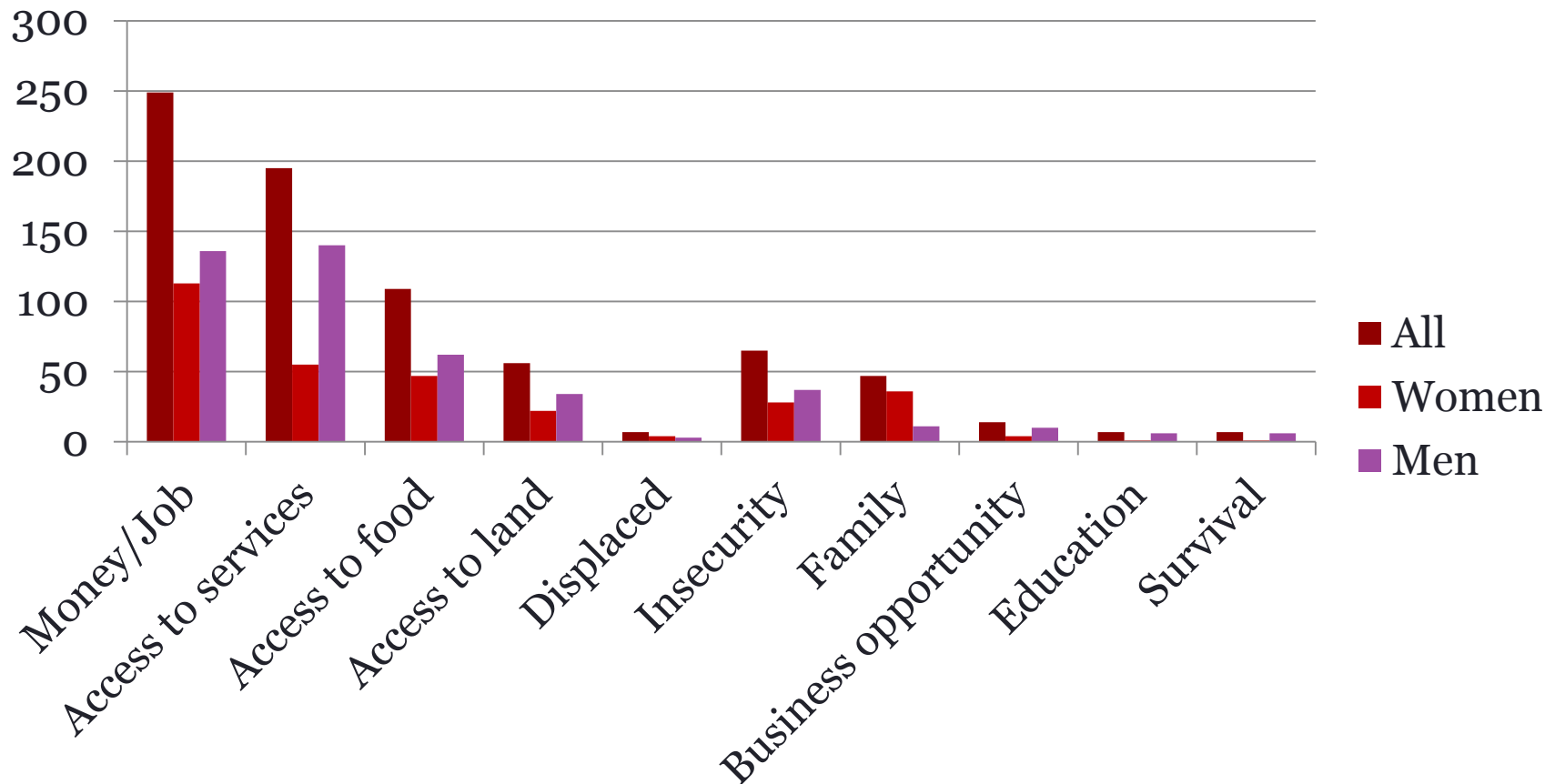
In comparison to female residents, female migrants:

- supported fewer children; and
- were more likely to be living with a partner, but not married.

In comparison to male residents, male migrants:

- were older; and
- were less likely to be in a relationship.

Motivations for Migration



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- Women cited lack of money or job most often (66.1%), followed by lack of access to services (32.2%)
- Men cited lack of access to services most often (58.1%), followed by lack of money or job (56.4%)

Inputs and Outcomes

Positive inputs include:

- Membership in an association, organization, or community group
- Access to savings and loans groups

Negative outcomes include:

- Exchanging sex for protection, access to work, or money
- Experiencing harassment

Positive Inputs

Savings & Loans Group	Men	Women	All
Yes vs. No	OR=0.57 95%CI 0.30, 1.10	OR=1.07 95%CI 0.54, 2.12	OR=0.80 95%CI 0.50, 1.26

Group Member	Men	Women	All
Yes vs. No	OR=0.95 95%CI 0.65, 1.41	OR=1.15 95%CI 0.67, 2.00	OR=0.99 95%CI 0.72, 1.35

Negative Outcomes

Sex for protection	Men	Women	All
Yes vs. No	OR=2.59* 95%CI 1.34, 5.02	OR=3.16* 95%CI 1.81, 5.52	OR=3.17* 95%CI 2.09, 4.79

Sex for access to work	Men	Women	All
Yes vs. No	OR=1.40 95%CI 0.723, 2.712	OR=2.39* 95%CI 1.26, 4.52	OR=2.02* 95%CI 1.30, 3.16

Negative Outcomes

Sex for money	Men	Women	All
Yes vs. No	OR=1.10 95%CI 0.60, 2.04	OR=5.11* 95%CI 3.14, 8.31	OR=2.92* 95%CI 2.09, 4.08

Harassment	Women
Yes vs. No	OR=1.66* 95%CI 1.05, 2.63

Conclusion

- Despite equal access to positive inputs, migrants were more likely to exchange sex for protection, access to work, and money than residents
- Female exchanged sex and experienced harassment more than female residents
- Male migrants had greater odds of exchanging sex for protection than male residents



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