



Reducing the negative impacts of migration

Encouraging sustainable agriculture & increasing job opportunities



THE ISSUE: Conflict and climate change have forced masses of people to migrate, resulting in human displacement, hunger and food insecurity



A VIABLE SOLUTION: Boost food product & employment by investing in sustainable use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity



Current Situation:

Conflict, climate change and economic instability have caused millions to migrate away from their rural roots, resulting in displacement, economic strife, reduced food production and hunger.

Migration out of rural areas is a complex issue. The decision to migrate depends on a number of variables, including conflicts, natural disasters, poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and a general lack of economic opportunity. Migration will continue to have a negative impact on agriculture, particularly for women and youth in regions of economic instability, unless we can stem it.

How the International Treaty Can Help:

Farmers, as managers of genetic diversity, have much to offer both for food and agriculture. The Benefit-sharing Fund (BSF) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the International Treaty) can contribute to reducing the impact of outmigration by supporting farmers in adapting crops to face current challenges and in developing economic opportunities. The local/traditional seed production contributes to the enhancement of the socio-economic situation, particularly for women and youth. The BSF can support the re-development of agrarian communities, for example, through projects that develop community seed banks that can enable farmers to grow food crops again.



*With the support of the concerned Governments, and working closely with the existing Centers of Excellence in plant genetic material measures that exist in regions most impacted by outmigration, the International Treaty can help mitigate some of the negative impacts of outmigration – by supporting projects designed to increase local seed production, particularly where this represents a main source of food, livelihood and economic growth. **Join us in reducing the negative impacts of migration by investing in agricultural biodiversity and development.***

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