Subject: Re: Migration
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It is paramount that the DHS surveys bring back the questions on migration. Martin Bell makes useful suggestions for a number of improved questions that could be included. At a minimum, the questions that were asked until the most recent survey round should be brought back. In addition, one additional piece of information should be asked: place of origin. This question should be asked in terms of major administrative units (such as provinces). Many census (see IPUMS collection) ask such questions with a much more limited questionnaire. The question on migration from village, town or city should not be removed. While imperfect, this question has been a real eye-opener. Together with information on migration origin, it can be very powerful.

Additional, migration questions ideally belong in the household questionnaire rather than in the individual women's or men's surveys. Having the full household schedule of migration will be extremely valuable for understanding differential migration within households.

Migration is increasing important in the demography of the developing world. This is not the time to be without any questions on migration. The more the merrier, but these are in my opinion, the bare minimum.