

Botswana/Gaborone and Migration

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Country Situation

- A landlocked country located in Southern Africa
- A population of two million plus (Gaborone is 231, 592)
- Upper middle income country with HDI 0.7 and Gini Coefficient 0.6
- Increasingly urbanized from 55% in 2001 to 67 in 2011
- A transit as well as a destination country for migrants
- High youth unemployment rate at 20%

Trend of Migration

- Internal migration due to urbanisation (**more information needed**)
- Foreign nationals in Botswana doubled between 2001 to 2011 (111,485 or 5.5% of the population)
- Migrants are largely young population

Key Challenges the City is Facing

- Increased city population
- Insufficient infrastructure in power, water and waste management
- Increased unmet needs of social protection and services, including health (i.e, communicable diseases, sexual reproductive health needs and HIV prevention and treatment)
- Shortage of updated information
- Policy environment un-endusive for the migrants

Response measures

- Policy development for migrants, including regulating
- Ensure skill transfer from foreign experts to locals
- Economic diversification and job creation
- Improved access to social services, including health (i.e. Test and treat for TB and HIV-City Initiative) and education