

MIGRANT-MIGRANT PHILANTHROPY AND THE DEVELOPMENT NEXUS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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INTRODUCTION

- Philanthropy as part of the cultural fabric is influenced by complex individual, communal and socio-cultural dynamics.
- Diaspora giving/engagement is growing and is a shift from traditional philanthropy.
- Diaspora philanthropy is not a new phenomenon, but it has received less attention from practitioners, researchers and policy makers.
- Diaspora philanthropy is located within social networks and social capital, it is practised within migrant communities and used to navigate livelihoods through the lens of **Ubuntu**.

METHODS



RESULTS

- Development and integration can be traced through the themes identified.

Theme	Development/Integration
Identification of opportunities	Social capital into economic capital
Social support with reciprocity (Putnam, 2007)	Bonding social capital and opportunity structure facilitate integration and the formation of bridging social capital
Meaningful connections/sharing ideas	Knowledge transfer/diaspora entrepreneurship
Exchange favours	Civic and political participation
Limited opportunities to access services	Diaspora entrepreneurship

DISCUSSION

- Philanthropic activities and contributions vary and may be of monetary and/or intangible forms.
- Migrants are likely to assist fellow migrants, irrespective of their financial standing.
- The challenges involved in migrant-migrant assistance includes how to achieve scale, sustainability and agenda setting especially if giving is to be measured against their impact on development and integration.

CONCLUSIONS

- Migrants in countries of resettlement are the new philanthropists - acting as social innovators, change agents and improving the lives of other migrants.
- Migrants' inclination toward giving back can benefit their adopted countries – as it can promote acceptance and inclusiveness and provide a source of positive shared experiences.
- Overreliance on goodwill can isolate migrants from the resources available.
- Governments should explore points of overlap and opportunities for collaboration, new ways of thinking and assistance provision and support networks concerned with development activities, remittances, and diaspora entrepreneurship.

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

“It’s not what you know, but who you know”