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## WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION - LAOS

### VIDEO

MS, WOMEN BOARDING MINIVAN  
TO GO TO WORK

CHINESE LABORERS WORKING ON  
ROAD CONSTRUCTION

WOMEN GOING TO MARKET

WOMAN CARRYING BAMBOO

CHINESE WOMAN BAMBOO BUYER  
IN MARKET

BAMBOO BEING WEIGHED/PAYING

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

As globalization opens new doors to migration, women are increasingly crossing borders in search of opportunity. (7")

Because of this new road connecting China to Laos, women are bringing commerce to this traditional society. (6")

Women are now part of the cash economy. Here in Laos, these women are collecting bamboo shoots, to sell to Chinese merchants. (8")

Here buyers and sellers benefit. (3")

These women are earning cash. The money has provided them with opportunity as well as income. (5")

Yet, it is only recently that the international community has begun to grasp just how much migrant women contribute to the economy and social well-being of both source and receiving

countries concludes this year's State of World Population Report released by UNFPA, the UN Population Fund. (14")

AI PING, CHINESE MIGRANT  
SHOPKEEPER IN LAOS

This is Wei Qiaomei, from a rural community in China. A year ago while traveling in Laos, she decided she could earn an income here selling imported goods from China. (11")

WEI QIAOMEI ON-CAMERA

WEI QIAOMEI: (In Mandarin)

"I just came here for holidays, and I saw other people making money, and I thought 'that's a good business'." (5.5")

AI-PING ON-CAMERA

NOBOKE HORIBE:

"One of the positive aspects of international migration is that it promotes gender equality. Female migrants get empowered through international migration. They gain money, and they gain power to decide by themselves. (18")

NOBOKE HORIBE, UNFPA  
REPRESENTATIVE, LAOS PDR ON-  
CAMERA

WEI QIAOMEI: (In Mandarin)

"My husband can make money in his job, and I make money here; we have separate accounts." (5")

AI-PING AT WORK

THORAYA OBAID:

"And we know from our data that women migrate because the foremost need is to support their families, and to send remittances back to support their families, and to invest in education, and of course income, employment for the family." (16")

THORAYA OBIAD, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, UNFPA ON-CAMERA

BAMBOO SELLER WALKING TO  
MARKET

UN LOGO

NARRATION

Open borders are helping women find a new  
future in Laos. (4")

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