

Chapter 3. REASONS FOR MIGRATION

3.1 REASONS FOR MIGRATION BY DURATION OF LAST RESIDENCE

3.1.1 Primary Reasons for Migration of Overall Migrants for All Durations.

In 2008 Population Census all persons were asked the questions on their previous residence, reason for migration and duration of stay on their residence. Based on those replies for the questions various kinds of statistical tables related on migration of population were tabulated. According to Figure 3.1, which was prepared basing on the data of migrants by sex, place of previous residence and duration of stay on their residence, 37.9% of the overall migrants for all durations counting 3,538,736 persons in Cambodia moved due to family's reason. In other words, more than one third of the persons who experienced move of his/her residence in the past were those being accompanied by his/her family member. Therefore, this is not real reason for his/her migration. Following after the reason of "family's move", "search of employment" indicated the second most reason for migration (21.5%). Following this, "marriage" (14.6%), "transfer of job place" (9.2 %), "repatriation/return after displacement" (5.5%), "visiting" (3.7%), "education" (2.7%) , "insecurity" (1.9%), "lost land/home" (1.2%), "other reason" (1.0%) , "natural disaster" (0.1%) and "not stated" (0.1 %) were the reasons for migration observed by 2008 population census of Cambodia.

However, "family's move", "visiting" and "not stated" are not primary reason for migration. Excluding those reasons from total, the percentage of the remaining migrants by the other reasons was recalculated. The results are shown in lower part of Table 3.1. Among the reasons for migration, the largest one is "search of employment" (36.8%), the second largest one is "marriage" (25.0%). Also, "transfer of job place" (15.8%), "repatriation/return after displacement" (9.9%) and "education" (4.7%) are main primary reasons of overall migration in Cambodia. (Figure 3.2)

Primary reason for migration varies according to the time of migration. Table 3.1 shows that the reason for migration of overall migrants varies among the durations of last residence. According to this table, it can be found that the order of position in the proportion of primary reason for migration described above does not vary so much. However, it is recognized that the longer duration of residence presents the smaller proportions of reasons of "search of employment" and of "education". Also, the longer

duration of residence indicates the larger proportion of that of marriage although the proportion of “transfer of work place” does not change so much among the durations of last residence. On the other hand, “lost land/home”, “natural disaster”, “insecurity”, “repatriation/return after displacement” and “orphan” are extraordinary events in life course of people. Therefore, the proportion of those reasons for migration is small for each duration. It is needless to explain that relatively large proportion of “repatriation/return after displacement” presenting 11.7% for duration of 10 years or more was caused by return after displacement at the time of inland war.

Table 3.1 Reason for Migration of Overall Migrants by Duration of Last Residence: 2008

	All Durations	Less than 1year	1-4 years	Less than 5 years	5-9 years	10 years or more
Total migrants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Transfer of work place	9.2	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.6
In search of employment	21.5	30.7	29.3	29.7	21.9	15.2
Education	2.7	5.2	5.3	5.3	2.4	0.9
Marriage	14.6	4.4	11.4	9.7	13.9	18.7
Move of family	37.9	29.4	38.5	36.2	45.8	36.0
Lost land / home	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.9	0.9
Natural disaster	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Insecurity	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.8
Repatriation /Return after displacement	5.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	11.7
Orphand	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2
Visiting	3.7	15.8	2.5	5.8	2.5	2.4
Other	1.0	3.3	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.5
Not stated	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Total migrants excluding "move of family", "visiting" and "not stated".						
Transfer of work place	15.8	16.2	15.0	15.3	17.4	15.6
In search of employment	36.8	56.0	49.8	30.6	42.4	24.7
Education	4.7	9.5	9.0	5.3	4.7	1.5
Marriage	25.0	8.1	19.4	9.7	26.9	30.3
Lost land / home	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.2	3.7	1.5
Natural disaster	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2
Insecurity	3.3	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	6.1
Repatriation /Return after displacement	9.9	1.1	0.8	0.5	1.5	19.0
Orphand	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.3
Other	1.7	6.1	2.1	1.7	1.5	0.8

3.1.2 Reasons for Migration of Overall Migrants for All Durations by Sex.

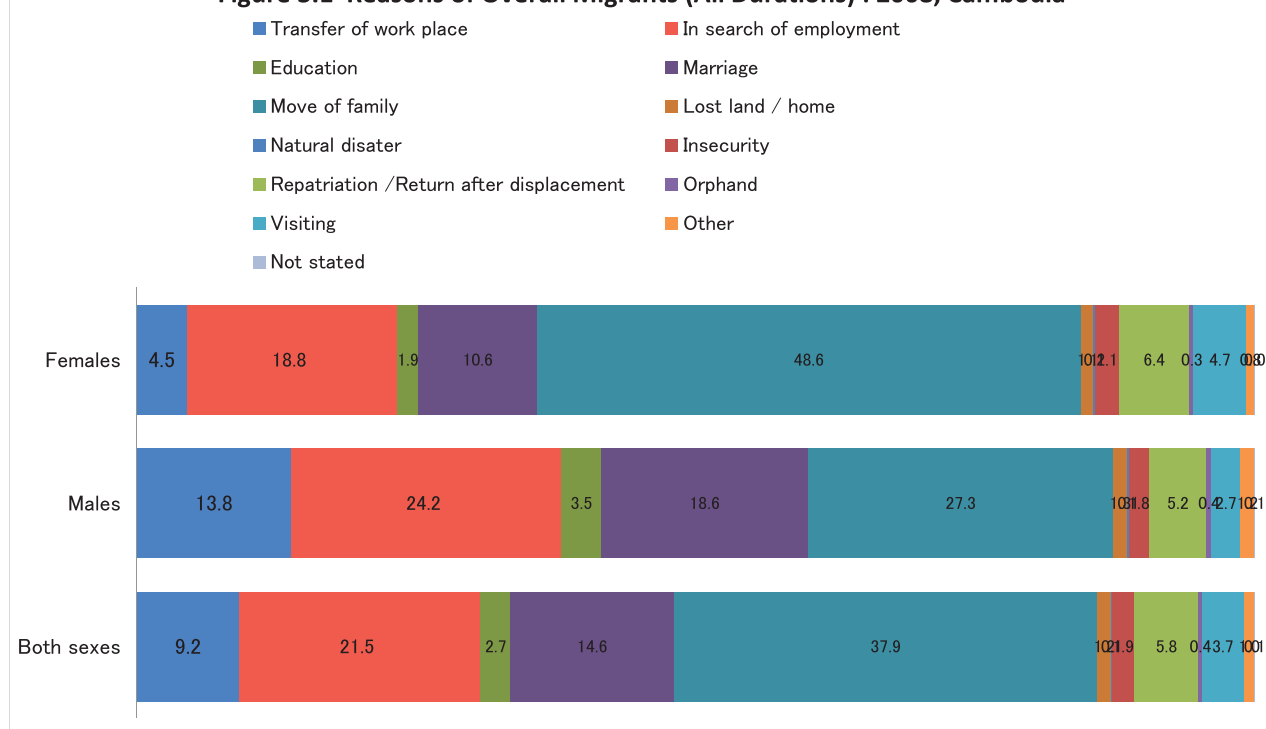
Table 3.2 presents the reasons for migration by sex of overall migrants for all durations. Observing this table, descending order of proportion of “move of family”, “search of

employment”, and “marriage”, do not change not only for males but also for females. However, the fourth is “transfer of work place” for males, but “repatriation/return after displacement” for females. The fifth is “repatriation/return after displacement” for males against “visiting” for females. “Education” which is one of the primary reasons for migration ranks at the sixth for males and at the eighth for females. Comparing the percentage values between males and females, “Move of family” presents 48.6 % for males against 27.3% for females. Also, “repatriation/return after displacement”, “visiting” and “insecurity” show higher values for females than for males respectively. (Fig. 3.1)

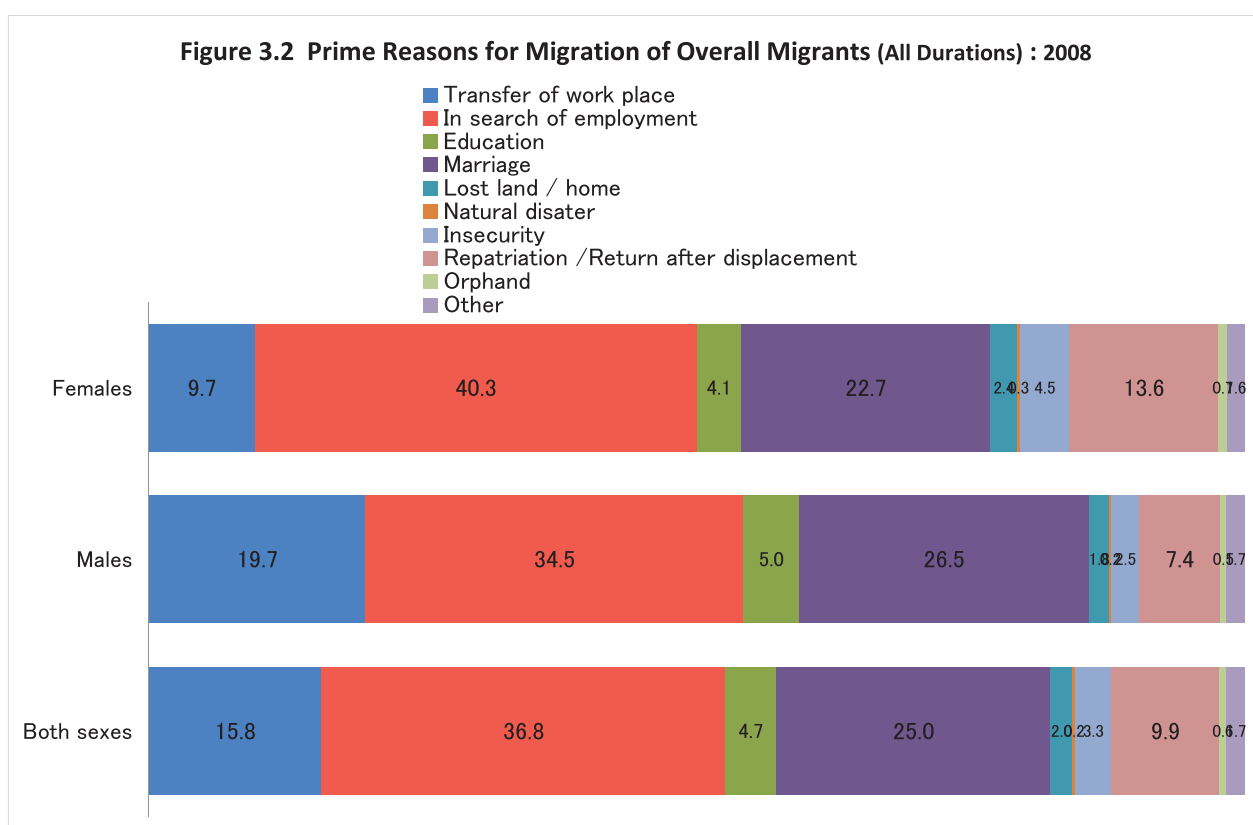
Table 3.2 Reason for Migration of Overall Migrants by Sex and Duration of Last Residence: 2008

Reason for migration	Males						Females					
	All Durations	Less than 1 year	1-4 years	Less than 5 years	5-9 years	10 years or more	All Durations	Less than 1 year	1-4 years	Less than 5 years	5-9 years	10 years or more
Total migrants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Transfer of work place	13.8	12.1	12.4	12.3	13.2	15.3	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.3	4.1
In search of employment	24.2	32.6	29.1	30.0	24.9	19.2	18.8	28.5	29.6	29.3	18.7	11.3
Education	3.5	6.5	7.0	6.8	3.0	1.1	1.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	1.8	0.7
Marriage	18.6	5.2	14.4	12.1	17.6	24.2	10.6	3.6	8.2	7.1	9.8	13.4
Move of family	27.3	23.6	30.5	28.7	34.7	23.0	48.6	36.0	47.0	44.3	57.8	48.4
Lost land / home	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.2	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.0
Natural disaster	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Insecurity	1.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.6	2.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	4.0
Repatriation /Return after displacement	5.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	10.7	6.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8	12.6
Orphaned	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2
Visiting	2.7	14.2	1.9	5.0	1.7	1.2	4.7	17.5	3.1	6.7	3.5	3.6
Other	1.2	3.5	1.8	2.2	1.0	0.4	0.8	3.1	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.5
Not stated	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Total migrants excluding "move of family", "visiting" and "not stated".												
Transfer of work place	19.7	19.4	18.3	18.6	20.8	20.2	9.7	11.3	10.3	10.5	11.2	8.6
In search of employment	34.5	52.5	43.0	31.1	39.2	25.4	40.3	61.2	59.5	30.0	48.3	23.6
Education	5.0	10.4	10.3	6.9	4.7	1.4	4.1	8.2	7.2	3.6	4.7	1.5
Marriage	26.5	8.4	21.3	12.1	27.7	31.9	22.7	7.7	16.6	7.1	25.4	27.9
Lost land / home	1.8	1.5	2.0	1.3	3.1	1.2	2.4	1.8	2.2	1.0	4.7	2.0
Natural disaster	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2
Insecurity	2.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	4.7	4.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9	8.3
Repatriation /Return after displacement	7.4	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.2	14.2	13.6	1.4	0.9	0.5	2.0	26.3
Orphaned	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.4
Other	1.7	5.7	2.7	2.2	1.6	0.6	1.6	6.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1

Figure 3.1 Reasons of Overall Migrants (All Durations) : 2008, Cambodia



Excluding the reasons for migration of “move of family” which is not substantive reason for migration and “visiting” which is temporal event enumerated on de facto basis of the census enumeration, the most primary reasons for migration are found in “search of employment” and “marriage” not only for males but also for females. Among the reasons for move, the reason of “search of employment” and extraordinary reasons of “repatriation/return after displacement”. “Insecurity”, “lost land/home” and “orphan” present larger in their proportion for females than for males. Whereas, the reasons of “marriage”, “transfer of work place”, “education” and “others” indicate higher for males than for females. (Table 3.2, Fig. 3.2)



3.2 REASONS FOR PERIOD- MIGRATION

3.2.1 Reasons for Current Migration

Information on current migration is the most important for policy making, and planning and executing governmental administration, because current migration reflects situation of contemporary society. Table 3.3 and Annex Tables 3.1 show the reasons for move of current migrants who moved within last one year. According to the tables, the greatest substantive reason for migration is “search of employment”, the second one is “transfer of work place”, the third one is “education”, and the fourth one is “marriage” for overall migrants. This pattern of order of the reason is recognized in all types of place of last residence except for “same district”, or short distance migration, in which the proportion of “marriage” is larger than that of “education”. Among the places of last residence, “other province”, or long distance migration presents the largest percentage for “search of employment”, while “same district”, or short distance migration shows the smallest for “search of employment” but the largest for “marriage”. “Other district”, or intermediate distance migration indicates the largest for “transfer of work place” and “education”.

Table 3.3 Reason of Current Migration by Place of Last Residence (Less than 1year)

Cambodia total

Reason of migration	Both Sexes	. Within Cambodia	Same province	(a) Same district	(b) Other district	Other province	Outside Cambodia
Total migrants excluding "move of family", "visiting" and "not stated".							
Both sexes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Transfer of work place	16.2	15.7	18.9	18.6	19.1	13.8	35.8
In search of employment	56.0	56.2	44.7	41.8	47.0	63.3	45.3
Education	9.5	9.7	10.9	10.8	11.1	9.0	1.1
Marriage	8.1	8.2	12.1	16.1	9.0	5.9	3.5
Lost land / home	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.5	1.6	0.3
Natural disaster	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
Insecurity	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6
Repatriation /Return after displacement	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.0	3.4
Orphaned	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.3
Other	6.1	6.0	8.4	7.1	9.4	4.5	9.7
Males	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Transfer of work place	19.4	18.9	21.9	21.3	22.3	17.0	39.8
In search of employment	52.5	52.7	41.8	38.5	44.4	60.0	42.4
Education	10.4	10.7	11.6	11.8	11.5	10.0	1.0
Marriage	8.4	8.6	12.7	17.2	9.2	5.8	3.4
Lost land / home	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.2	1.5	0.3
Natural disaster	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Insecurity	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Repatriation /Return after displacement	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	3.2
Orphaned	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.3
Other	5.7	5.6	7.9	6.7	8.9	4.0	9.4
Females	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Transfer of work place	11.3	11.0	14.0	13.9	14.0	9.4	27.8
In search of employment	61.2	61.4	49.6	47.6	51.1	67.8	51.1
Education	8.2	8.3	9.8	9.0	10.4	7.5	1.4
Marriage	7.7	7.7	10.9	14.0	8.7	6.0	3.7
Lost land / home	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.9	1.9	1.6	0.2
Natural disaster	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Insecurity	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.1
Repatriation /Return after displacement	1.4	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.1	3.8
Orphaned	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.5
Other	6.6	6.6	9.1	7.8	10.1	5.2	10.3