Circular migration: Investigating migrant networks

**Migration Routes:** Madhya Pradesh; Orissa; Andhra Pradesh; West Bengal; Assam; Jharkhand & Tamil Nadu to Kerala

**Formal & Informal sectors**
- Cardamom plantation
- Plywood factory
- Textile factory
- Domestic helpers & hired help on daily wages ('footloose' workers)

**Age distribution of interviewees**

![Age distribution chart]

**Gender distribution**

![Gender distribution chart]

**Ongoing analysis**
- Kerala generally perceived as a migrant-friendly state, but most aspire to return to their home locations eventually.
- Most migrants have land and are involved in subsistence agriculture that does not produce enough to support the family.
- Climate change by way of drought and flooding; unrest and conflict; family debt and aspirations to improve their housing seem to be the main drivers.
- Access to infrastructure and banking services is variable at source locations.

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