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Graduate Thesis Grant

CIFOR's Research Program on Migration and Forests invites up to two Indonesian graduate students to collaborate with the research program. CIFOR will provide access to data that can be used for the master thesis, regular supervision from CIFOR staff, and travel grants for up to two presentations (at CIFOR and at an academic conference in Indonesia).

About CIFOR's Research Program on Migration and Forests

The increasing movement of people between rural and urban areas and across national boundaries is a critical feature of contemporary forest landscapes across Asia, Africa and Latin America. This trend affects how people earn a living, their incentives to manage and conserve forests and the outcomes of forest management practices on different social groups.

Forestry research and forest policy have largely ignored the roles of migration, mobility and flows of remittances that result from different migration patterns. As a result, not only do policies and interventions risk being disconnected from the changing context of forested landscapes, but the opportunities that migration and the resulting remittances offer for forests and people are missed.

Scientists from the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) are working to improve our understanding of migration in multiple countries to enhance the equity and effectiveness of forest management projects and policies.

The research will provide policy makers, development practitioners and rural households with accurate information on patterns of migration, flows of remittances and their influence on livelihoods, natural resource use and income distribution. The work builds on a strong gender perspective to understand how migration contributes to changes in forest-based livelihoods and landscapes, including through divisions of labor, voice and influence in decision-making processes at the household level and beyond.

The goal is to develop plausible models that illustrate how migration influences forest use, forest cover, livelihood benefits derived from forest resources, and gender equality outcomes.

Research is underway in eight countries: Peru, Indonesia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Laos and Vietnam. These are geographies where both forests and trees, as well as migration and mobility, are important features.

The expected outputs of the project include:

- Improved understanding and access to accurate and up-to-date information on migration and remittances, as well as a related change in labor patterns, population composition (by gender and age) at national and sub-national scales.
- Increased information and documentation of how a change in forest cover, forest resource management and rural livelihoods in selected communities are influenced by patterns in migration and remittance flows.
- Developed strategies to encourage and facilitate investment of remittances in the sustainable forest and tree-based actions.
- Documented lessons and good practices for monitoring local patterns and effects of migration and remittances disseminated to communities, project managers, and policy makers on several levels.
- Co-production of relevant, practical knowledge in close collaboration with policy and decision makers and communities throughout the project.
- Capacity building of graduate and post-graduate students by involving them in the research program.

Capacity building of students

The Indonesia country team would like to invite up to two Indonesian graduate students to contribute to the research program by writing their master thesis using primary qualitative and quantitative data that has been collected for the project under the supervision and support of CIFOR scientists.

This activity is part of the capacity development component of CIFOR's research program on Migration and Forests funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) under its Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF) program.

Household surveys with the sample size of 360 households in 8 villages in North Kalimantan on a wide range of topics such as the household demographic information, migration status, income sources, expenditures, land use, forest dependencies, livelihoods, farm activities, etc. The survey also collected individual background information including demographic information, labor participation and migration records.

Furthermore, qualitative information has also been collected from four of the eight villages at the community, household and individual level using in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. These discussions were conducted with local leaders, women groups, youth groups, and forest user groups, providing a wide range of information at the community level. At the household level, we have collected information from households with migrants, without migrants, and in forest-dependent households.

The dataset includes variables that can be analyzed to better understand the linkages between migration and forest-based livelihoods, and other development issues.

Depending on the quality and the topic of their work, the selected post-graduate student may have an opportunity to publish their Master thesis as a CIFOR working paper. The master thesis can be written in English or Bahasa Indonesia.

The grants

- Access to data collected in North Kalimantan Province
- Co-supervision by CIFOR team member
- 1-2 week residential grant on CIFOR's campus, if necessary
- 1 travel grant for final presentation at the CIFOR office
- 1 travel grant for a presentation at an academic conference in Indonesia (depending on the quality of the presentation and thesis)

Eligibility criteria

- **Indonesian graduate student** currently enrolled in an Indonesian higher education institution/university. We encourage students from sociology, anthropology, development/environmental economics, geography and/or related disciplines with interest in environment and development issues in Indonesia.
- **Statement of Motivation (max. 1000 words**, in English or Bahasa Indonesia) which explains why you are interested in applying and includes a short research proposal outlining what questions you would ask and how you would make use of the data.
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Academic reference letter**

Important dates

- Deadline for Submission of Application: **May 13th, 2018**
- The announcement of the Master Thesis Grants Recipients: **May 20th, 2018**
- Deadline for final presentation at CIFOR: **November 30th, 2018**
- Deadline for presenting at an academic conference in Indonesia: **December 15th, 2018**

Contact information

For questions or initial discussion before the submission, please email CIFOR-MigrationProject@cgiar.org with the Subject: **Questions about the Grant [Last Name]**

Submission details

Please send the full application by May 13th, 2018 to CIFOR-MigrationProject@cgiar.org with the **Subject: Thesis Grant Application [Last Name]**, and please name each of the files using the following format:

- CV [Last Name]
- Statement of Motivation [Last Name]
- Academic Reference Letter [Last Name]



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