

Survey to Examine the Longer-term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Internal Migrants in Iranian Cities

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Information Collected Before Interview

1. Date of interview
2. GPS location
3. Enumerator name
4. Supervisor name

Section 1: Informed Consent

The Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) is a global hub of knowledge and policy expertise on migration and development. KNOMAD is supported by a multi-donor trust fund established by the World Bank, The European Commission, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH commissioned by and on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) are the contributors to the trust fund.

KNOMAD aims to create and synthesize multidisciplinary knowledge and evidence, generate a menu of policy options for migration policy makers, and provide technical assistance and capacity building for pilot projects, evaluation of policies, and data collection. As part of these objective, KNOMAD is undertaking a survey based multi-country study on COVID-19 Impact on Internal Migration, Labor Markets and Urbanization. The study will involve undertaking a survey to obtain more representative socioeconomic data of internal migrants and capture detailed information on access to labor markets of the internal migrants, access to services in host and return destinations and on their dynamics of reintegration. As part of the survey, we would like to interact with a number of women and men who are migrants or have been migrants since the start of COVID 19.

Locations in Isfahan, Mashhad, Shiraz, Tabriz, and Tehran have been chosen for the study. UDA Consulting and IRC Group have been appointed to undertake the field survey. The information shared by you will remain confidential and will be used only for research purposes, programme planning and advocacy. Any personal identifiers that could reveal your identity would be removed before the results of the survey are made public or shared between people other than the team of investigators and consultants working on the project. Your participation in the survey is voluntary and is totally based on your willingness. You can withdraw from the survey at any time after having agreed to participate. You are free to refuse to answer any question that is asked in the questionnaire. This interview will take about 25-30 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about this survey, you may ask me or contact the person given below:

IRC contact information to be added here

We thank you for taking time to understand and showing your interest in the survey.

Question	Answer Options	Logic
1. Do you agree to participate in this survey?	a. Yes - Continue b. No - End survey	

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in our research study. Please answer the following questions so we can find out if you are eligible to participate.

Section 2: Eligibility

Question	Answer Options	Logic
2. What is your age?	Whole number	If less than 18, end survey. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to participate
3. Were you born in (city name) or did you move here before 2010?	a. Yes - End survey b. No - Continue	
4. Location of origin	List	If district is within 70km of city, end survey
Why did you move here?	a. For employment or income opportunities b. To be with family c. For education d. For military service e. Other (please specify)	
5. Which Industry are you part of?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manufacturing ● Industrial company ● Service company ● Technology company ● Financial and Business Services ● Health sector ● Self-employed ● No income job (terminate) 	If other, terminate survey
6. Please think about all of the income (monthly salary, received rent, bonus, subsidiaries, exchange, banking profit and etc.) of all your family members; what is your households' overall monthly income?	Whole number	Terminate if more than 16 million tomans

Section 3: Migrant Classification

Question	Answer Options	Logic
7. What is your name?		
8. What is your telephone number?		
9. Have you lived in (city name) since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic (19 February 2020)?	a. Yes. I have stayed here the whole time b. No. I left the city and returned to my hometown c. No. I left the city and went to a different location (not my hometown) d. I moved here after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic	A = Category 1 B = Category 2 C = Category 3 D = Category 4 - terminate survey
10. When did you leave (city) after the start of the pandemic?	Month / Year	Only if Q9= B or C
11. What location did you go to?	Name of location	Only if Q9= B or C

Section 4: Household Roster

To be completed for all household members in the city where the respondent lives. Household members are people who live together in the same place and share common expenses. Household members may be related to each other or not.

Question	Answer Options	Logic
How many people are in this household including the respondent?	Whole number	

Question	Answer Options	Logic
12. What is the household member's name?		
13. What is the household member's relationship to the respondent?	a. Self b. Husband/Wife c. Unmarried child d. Married child e. Son-in-law/Daughter-in-law f. Grandchild g. Father/Mother/Mother-in-law h. Brother/Sister i. Other	
14. What is the household member's gender?	a. Female b. Male	
15. What is the household member's age?	Whole number	

16. What is the household member's marital status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Never Married b. Married c. Widower/ Widow d. Divorced e. Separated 	
17. What is the household member's level of education?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-primary b. Primary c. Secondary school d. Higher secondary e. Graduate f. Post-graduate g. Never went to school 	
18. What is the household member's industry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture, Hunting, Fishing, etc. b. Mining c. Manufacturing d. Public Utility Services e. Construction f. Commerce g. Transport and Communications h. Financial and Business Services i. Public Administration j. Other Services, Unspecified k. Self Employed l. Houseworker m. Hospitality n. Unemployed 	Only if Q15=>18
19. What is the household member's employment status on date?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Self-employed (Vendors etc.) b. Family business c. Public sector d. Private sector e. Unemployed f. Seasonal/temporary g. Other 	Only if Q15=>18
20. What is the household member's monthly income in January 2020?		Only if Q15=>18
21. What is the household member's monthly income in (month before the survey)?		Only if Q15=>18
22. Has this household member lived in (city name) since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic (19 February 2020)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes. Stayed here the whole time b. No. Left the city and returned to hometown c. No. Left the city and went to a different location (not hometown) d. No. Moved here after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A = Category 1 B = Category 2 C = Category 3 D = Category 4

To be completed for immediate family members in the respondent's hometown. "HINT: The immediate family usually consists of one's parents, siblings, spouse, and children."

Question	Answer Options	Logic
How many immediate family members live in the respondent's hometown?	Whole number	Go to Section 5 if 0

Question	Answer Options	Logic
23. What is the family member's name?		
24. What is the family member's relationship to the respondent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Husband/Wife b. Unmarried child c. Married child d. Son-in-law/ Daughter-in-law e. Grandchild f. Father/Mother/Mother-in-law g. Brother/Sister h. Other 	
25. What is the family member's gender?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Female b. Male 	
26. What is the family member's age?	Whole number	
27. What is the family member's marital status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Never Married b. Married c. Widower/ Widow d. Divorced e. Separated 	
28. What is the family member's level of education?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. Pre-primary i. Primary j. Secondary school k. Higher secondary l. Graduate m. Post-graduate n. Never went to school 	
29. What is the family member's employment status on date?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Self-employed (Vendors etc.) b. Family business c. Public sector d. Private sector e. Unemployed f. Seasonal/temporary g. Other 	Only if Q26>=18
30. What is the family member's industry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture, Hunting, Fishing, etc. b. Mining c. Manufacturing d. Public Utility Services e. Construction f. Commerce g. Transport and Communications h. Financial and Business Services i. Public Administration j. Other Services, Unspecified k. Self Employed 	Only if Q29 does not equal E

	l. Houseworker m. Hospitality n. Unemployed	
31. What is the family member's monthly income in January 2020?		Only if Q26>=18
32. What is the family member's monthly income (month before the survey)?		Only if Q26>=18
33. Has this family member lived in (respondent's hometown name) since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic (19 February 2020)?	a. Yes. Stayed here the whole time b. No. Left the city and returned to hometown c. No. Left the city and went to a different location (not hometown) d. No. Moved here after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic	A = Category 1 B = Category 2 C = Category 3 D = Category 4

Section 5: Migration History

Question	Answer Options	Logic
34. When you moved here, who did you move with?	a. Moved by myself b. Father c. Mother d. Spouse (husband/wife) e. Children f. Brother g. Sister h. Other relative i. Other	

Section 6: Employment History

Question	Answer Options	Logic
35. How long were you unemployed/had no source of income during the pandemic? (In months)	a. Was never unemployed/always had source of income on monthly basis b. Less than 1 month c. 1-3 months d. > 3 months	
36. What was the main reason for unemployment?	a. Business closed due to COVID legal restrictions, b. Business closed due to other reasons, c. Laid off while business continued, d. Not able to farm due to lack of inputs, e. Seasonal worker,	Only if Q35= B, C, or D

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Not able to go to work due to mobility restrictions, g. Sick h. Household member was sick i. Exposed to someone who was sick and forced to j. quarantine k. Cannot find a job, l. Was planning to retire m. Was planning to quit n. Do not want exposure to virus o. Other (Please explain) (MULTIPLE CHOICE)	
37b. Did you or your household do any of the following to cope with unemployment/no income during COVID-19?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Skipped meals or reduced food intake B. Borrowed money from friends or family C. Borrowed money from other source D. Used savings E. Sold assets F. Other (specify) (MULTIPLE CHOICE)	
37. Why did you decide to return to (city)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Better livelihood (Better opportunities to work or earn income) opportunities b. Lack of livelihood opportunities back in hometown c. Future prospects (Hope to settle in the city in the long run, start own business in the long run etc.) d. Access to better health care e. Access to better education for children f. Any other (specify) 	Only if Q9 = B or C
38. What activities did you do during the time you were in (city) but were unemployed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involved in family business b. Involved in agriculture / animal husbandry/ fishery c. Doing odd jobs d. Doing nothing e. Searching for a job f. Exploring new self-employment g. Opportunities h. Other 	Only if Q37= B, C, or D
39. Since the start of the pandemic, what activities did you do when you were outside (city)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involved in family business b. Involved in agriculture / animal husbandry/ fishery c. Doing odd jobs d. Doing nothing e. Searching for a job f. Exploring new self-employment g. Opportunities 	Only if Q13= B or C

	h. Other	
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Section 7: Income and Remittances

Question	Answer Options	Logic
40. Since the start of the pandemic (February 2020), has there been any change in your income from work?	a. No b. Yes - income increased c. Yes - income decreased	
41. By how much did your income change?	a. 0-25% b. 26%-50% c. 51-100% d. More than 100% (only if Q41 = B)	Only if Q40 = B or C
42. Since the start of the pandemic, have you sent money (remittances) to your hometown? (Either regularly or occasionally)	a. Yes b. No	
43. Before the pandemic, did you receive your wages/income regularly?	a. Yes b. No	
44. Currently, what do you spend on expenditures? (Amount in Toman)	Whole number	
45. Unit of time	a. Per week b. Per month	
46. Currently, how much do you spend in Toman on food	Whole number	
47. Unit of time	c. Per week d. Per month	
48. Currently, how much do you spend in Toman on non-food expenses (all other expenses)	Whole number	
49. Unit of time	e. Per week f. Per month	
50. Currently, how much do you send in Toman in remittances to family members in your hometown?	Whole number	Only if Q42 = Yes
51. Unit of time	g. Per week h. Per month	Only if Q42 = Yes
52. After expenditures and remittances, how much are you able to save?	Whole number	
53. Unit of time	i. Per week j. Per month	

54. How often do you transfer money to family members in your hometown?	1-Weekly 2-Fortnightly 3-Monthly 4-Quarterly 5-Irregular/not fixed 6- When I go back 7- Other	Only if Q42 = Yes
55. Compared to the time before the pandemic, how did the amount of money (remittances) sent to family members in your hometown change after the first lockdown in 2020?	a. Increased b. Decreased c. Same d. Does not send remittances	
56. Compared to the time before the pandemic, how did the amount of money (remittances) sent to family members in your hometown change in the last three months?	a. Increased b. Decreased c. Same d. Does not send remittances	
57. How do you send money to family members in your hometown?	a. Through friends b. Bank transfer c. Phone wallets (Payment Applications) d. Physically (take money with me) e. Other	
58. Was access to the channel you use to send money disrupted during the pandemic?	a. Yes b. No	
59. Can you explain how?	a. Some bank services were not operational during b. Could not go to bank for some reasons c. Did not have phone wallet/phone banking literacy d. Did not have anyone to send the money back to the hometown (all friends/acquaintances had already gone back) e. Others (please explain)	
60. For the work that you did in the last week/month, were you paid?	a. Full normal payment b. Reduced payment c. No payment	Skip if Q9= C
61. Compared to the time before the pandemic, during the first lockdown in 2020, how did your income change?	a. Slight reduction (<25%) b. Large reduction (>25%) c. Stayed the same d. Slight increase (<25%) e. Large increase (>25%)	

62. Compared to the time before the pandemic, between the first lockdown in 2020 and the second lockdown in 2021, how did your income change?	a. Slight reduction (<25%) b. Large reduction (>25%) c. Stayed the same d. Slight increase (<25%) e. Large increase (>25%)	
63. Compared to the time before the pandemic, during the second lockdown in 2021, how did your income change?	a. Slight reduction (<25%) b. Large reduction (>25%) c. Stayed the same d. Slight increase (<25%) e. Large increase (>25%)	

Section 8: Access to Healthcare (Migrants and Their Families)

Question	Answer Options	Logic
64. Have you contracted COVID-19 during the pandemic?	a. Yes b. No	
65. When did you first contract COVID-19?	Month/Year	Only if Q64=A
66. As a result of contracting COVID-19, did you experience any of the following?	a. Lost my job b. Was asked to leave the work site temporarily c. Was asked to leave the accommodation temporarily d. Had to go in for paid quarantine e. Out of pocket expenses due to quarantine f. Others	Only if Q64=A Select multiple
67. In total, how much money did you spend on your COVID-19 recovery, including quarantine costs, food, medicine)? (in Toman)	Whole number	Only if Q64=A
68. Were you covered by health insurance (public or private) before the COVID-19 pandemic?	a. Yes b. No	
69. Did you make any changes to your insurance policy/policies due to the pandemic?	a. Increase the policy sum assured b. Decreased the policy sum assured c. No change	Only if Q68=A
70. Have you obtained health insurance as a result of the pandemic?	a. Yes b. No	Only if Q68=B
71. What is your COVID-19 vaccination status?	a. Received one dose b. Received two doses or more c. Did not receive the vaccine	

72. When was the last time you or an immediate family member had to visit a health facility (for any health issue)?	Month/Year	
73. What type of health facility did you visit?	a. Private b. Public	
74. What were your reasons for going to a private health facility?	a. Better quality of service b. The staff/doctors known to me c. No cost/minimum cost d. Referred by somebody known to me e. Close/nearby my place f. Other	Only if Q73=A
75. What were your reasons for going to a public health facility?	a. Better quality of service b. The staff/doctors known to me c. No cost/minimum cost d. Referred by somebody known to me e. Close/nearby my place f. Other	Only if Q73=B
76. What were the top 3 challenges you faced when you went to the public health care facility?	a. No obstacles b. Consultation/treatment is too expensive c. Health services opening hours are not suitable d. Administrative difficulties e. Lack of knowledge of rights f. Did not know where to go g. Language or cultural barriers h. Care refused by health professionals i. Fear of discrimination j. Too time consuming k. Fear of contracting COVID-19 l. Too crowded m. Don't know	Only if Q73=B
77. Since returning to (city), do you feel that your access to health services has improved, decreased, or remained the same?	a. Improved b. Decreased c. Remained the same	Only if Q9= B or C
78. Have you experienced any of the following during the COVID pandemic?	a. Depression b. Worry c. Anxiety d. Loneliness e. Anger f. Irritability g. Hopelessness h. Sleep problems/disturbances i. Other	

Section 9: Education

Question	Answer Options	Logic
79. Did you have any school or college-going child/children when the pandemic started? (1st Jan 2020 to 31st March 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No 	
80. Where was the child/children studying?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At Origin b. At Destination c. Both (In case of more than 1 child and some studying in origin and some at destination) 	Only if Q79 = A
81. What were the major barriers for your child's education during the pandemic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial constraints b. Administrative difficulties c. Lack of knowledge of rights d. Did not know where to send the child e. Language barrier f. Cultural barrier g. Access to a digital device h. Access to educational material i. Access to a quiet/proper place j. Finding time to study k. Help with educational work motivation l. No mobile m. No internet n. No obstacles o. Poor digital literacy p. Other (Please explain) 	Only if Q79 = A
82. Have any of your children dropped out of school during the pandemic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No 	

Section 10: Transportation

Question	Answer Options	Logic
83. When you left (city) during the pandemic, what type of transportation did you use?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Government-run transport (bus) b. Government-run transport (train) c. Private transport (bus) d. Private transport (car) e. Own f. Truck/Lorry g. On Foot h. Other means (specify) 	Only if Q9= B or C
84. How much did it cost you to return to your place of	Whole number	Only if Q9= B or C

origin/hometown? (in Toman)		
85. What mode of transportation did you use when you came back to (city)?	a. Government-run transport (bus) b. Government-run transport (train) c. Private transport (bus) d. Private transport (car) e. Own f. Truck/Lorry g. On Foot h. Other means (specify)	Only if Q9= B or C
86. How much did the transport to return to the city cost you? (in Toman)	Whole number	
87. Did you return to the city alone or with your family?	a. Alone b. With my family	

Section 11: Income and Remittances

Question	Answer Options	Logic
88. When the pandemic started, what type of housing were you living in?	a. Alone b. Sharing room as bachelor c. Sharing flat/house as bachelor d. With Family members/Relatives e. Other (Please explain)	
89. How many rooms were shared?	Whole number	Only if Q88=B or C
90. How many people shared a room?	Whole number	Only if Q88=B or C
91. What kind of sanitation facilities did you have in your accommodation before the pandemic?	a. Integrated household toilet/community toilet b. Waste pickup facility c. Sewage system d. Running water e. Drinking water (RO system, filter water, etc.) f. Drinking water (direct tap water)	
92. Did you have difficulty finding housing when the lockdown started in 2020? (Multiple Choice)	a. Not allowed to enter into the village/hometown b. Needed quarantine c. No. Self-owned place at the hometown d. No difficulties	
93. After you returned to your hometown, how long did it	a. Less than a month b. 1 to 12 months (series) c. 12+ months	Only if 9=B

take you to find an income generating opportunity?		
94. What types of difficulties did you encounter in accessing public services in your new location? (please list all difficulties)	a. Health b. Housing c. Banking d. Internet e. Education f. Waste g. Water h. Hygiene/sanitation i. Other	Only if Q9=B or C
95. Since returning to (city) have you been able to return to your previous accommodation?	a. Yes b. No	Only if Q9=B or C
96. Why? (state all reasons)	a. Found better place b. Had to shift to other location due to change in income source c. Rented to somebody else d. Other	Only if Q95=B
97. Have you been able to access clean drinking water facilities since you returned to (city)?	a. Yes b. No	Only if Q9=B or C
98. Since returning to (city), do you feel your access to clean water has improved, reduced, or stayed the same?	a. Improved, b. Decreased, c. Remains the same	Only if Q9=B or C
99. Have you been able to access sanitation facilities since you returned to (city)?	Yes No	Only if Q9=B or C
100. What kind of sanitation facility is available to you in your current accommodation?	a. Integrated household toilet/community toilet b. Solid waste pickup facility c. Sewage system d. Running water e. Drinking water (RO/filtered water, etc.) f. Drinking water (direct tap water)	Only if Q9=B or C

Section 12: Government Response

Question	Answer Options	Logic
101. Have you or any of your family member at the destination received any form of government	a. Yes b. No	

assistance since the start of the pandemic?		
102. What kind of assistance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cash transfers b. Free food packets/food materials c. Free housing d. Free quarantine e. Payment relief for public services f. Electricity g. Water h. Internet i. Public transport j. Other in-kind transfers k. Face masks l. Sanitizer soap m. Cloth n. Relief packages provided by the government (such as cash and in-kind assistance) o. Others (specify) 	Only if Q101=A
103. Have you or any of your family member who returned along with you received any form of government assistance since you returned to your place of origin after any of the lockdowns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No 	Only if Q9=B or C
104. What kind of assistance was provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cash transfers b. Free food packets c. Free housing d. Free quarantine e. Payment relief for public f. Services g. Electricity h. Water i. Internet j. Public transport k. Other in-kind transfers l. Face masks m. Sanitizer n. Soap o. Cloth p. Relief packages provided by the government (such as cash and in-kind assistance) q. Others (specify) 	Only if Q103=A
105. Suppose an agency offered migrant insurance which would guarantee you a payout of 50% 70% of your monthly wage to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No c. Not Sure 	

be deposited directly into your bank account as soon as the next lockdown or negative shock occurs and continue every month until the lockdown ends. Would you enroll in such a scheme?		
106. Are you willing to pay a small amount of your regular wage to enroll in the program so that you are protected during difficult times?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, I am willing to pay a small amount every month so that I continue to receive an income if there is another lockdown. b. No, I am not willing to pay anything for the insurance and prepared to receive no wage support during the next lockdown c. No, I am not willing to pay anything for the insurance and not prepared 	
107. Suppose you could choose what kind of support you want from government or your employer if another lockdown occurs. What would you prefer:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Health insurance in case I fall sick. Amount I am willing to pay for insurance b. Money for housing and food during the lockdown c. Transport money and two-months' salary to return to my family. d. Wage insurance of the type proposed in the previous question (60% 70% of your monthly wage during the lockdown) e. Other, specify 	
108. The amount I am willing to pay is (in Toman)		If Q107 = A
109. The amount I am willing to pay is (in Toman)		If Q107 = B
110. The amount I am willing to pay is (in Toman)		If Q107 = C
111. The amount I am willing to pay is (in Toman)		If Q107 = D
112. The amount I am willing to pay is (in Toman)		If Q107 = E