

# Profile of Labour Migrant Women



## Demographic characteristics of labour migrant women

Every 3rd migrant is a woman



Every 13th woman aged 15 and over migrates for work purpose



Out of 10 migrant women

7 are young women or women in fertile age (15-44 years old)

7 are from villages and 3 are from towns



4 are from the Centre, 3 from the South and 3 from the North regions of the country

5 migrate to Russia and 3 migrate to Italy



Source: NBS, Labour Force Survey, 2014

## Education level of labour migrant women

Have higher education, secondary specialized or vocational education

1 in 2 migrant women



6 out of 10 women left for work to Italy



5 out of 10 women left for work to Russia



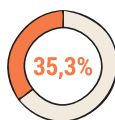
4 women out of them are trained in social sciences, business and law, engineering, processing, and constructions



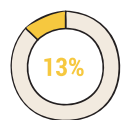
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## Health conditions of labour migrant women

Over 1/3 of returned women assessed their health condition to be better than before leaving



The worsening of the health condition served as a reason to return home for 1/10 women



About 1 in 4 children with mothers who left abroad for work stated (2006) that no one went with him/her to the doctor



Source: UNICEF, "Impact of migration and remittances on communities, families, and children", 2007  
ILO "Return of migrant workers", 2013

## → Employment of labour migrant women ←

Out of **10** women who migrated abroad

### Before leaving Moldova:

- ⑥ **1** worked in education and health



- ⑥ **3** worked in agriculture, industry and trade



- ⑥ **4** were unemployed, housewives or housekeepers



### In the country of destination/migration:

- ⑥ **2** work in constructions



- ⑥ **3** work in trade, industry, hotels or restaurants services



- ⑥ **4** work as housekeepers or domestic workers



Source: ILO "Return of migrant workers", 2013

Have permanent or temporary employment contracts

**1** in **2** migrant women aged 55-64



**1** in **5** young migrant women aged 15-34



**1** in **2** women who left for work to Italy



**1** in **6** women who left for work to Russia



Source: NBS, Labour Force Migration Survey, 2012

## → Results of women's migration for work purpose ←

For migrant women the work activity abroad resulted in:

### Losses

- Family breakdown, children left without parental care and elderly people left behind for **1** in **3** women



- Worsening of the health conditions for **1** in **3** women



- Loss of the job for **1** in **4** women



### Benefits

- + **9** out of **10** women provided financial resources to their families for consumption at the respective moment, **7** women - provided support for long term



- + **6** out of **10** women obtained work experience and skills, or learned a foreign language



- + **5** out of **10** women invested in expensive things or education (their own or that of their children)



Source: ILO, "Return of Migrant Workers", 2013