

The Southern African Migration Project (SAMP)

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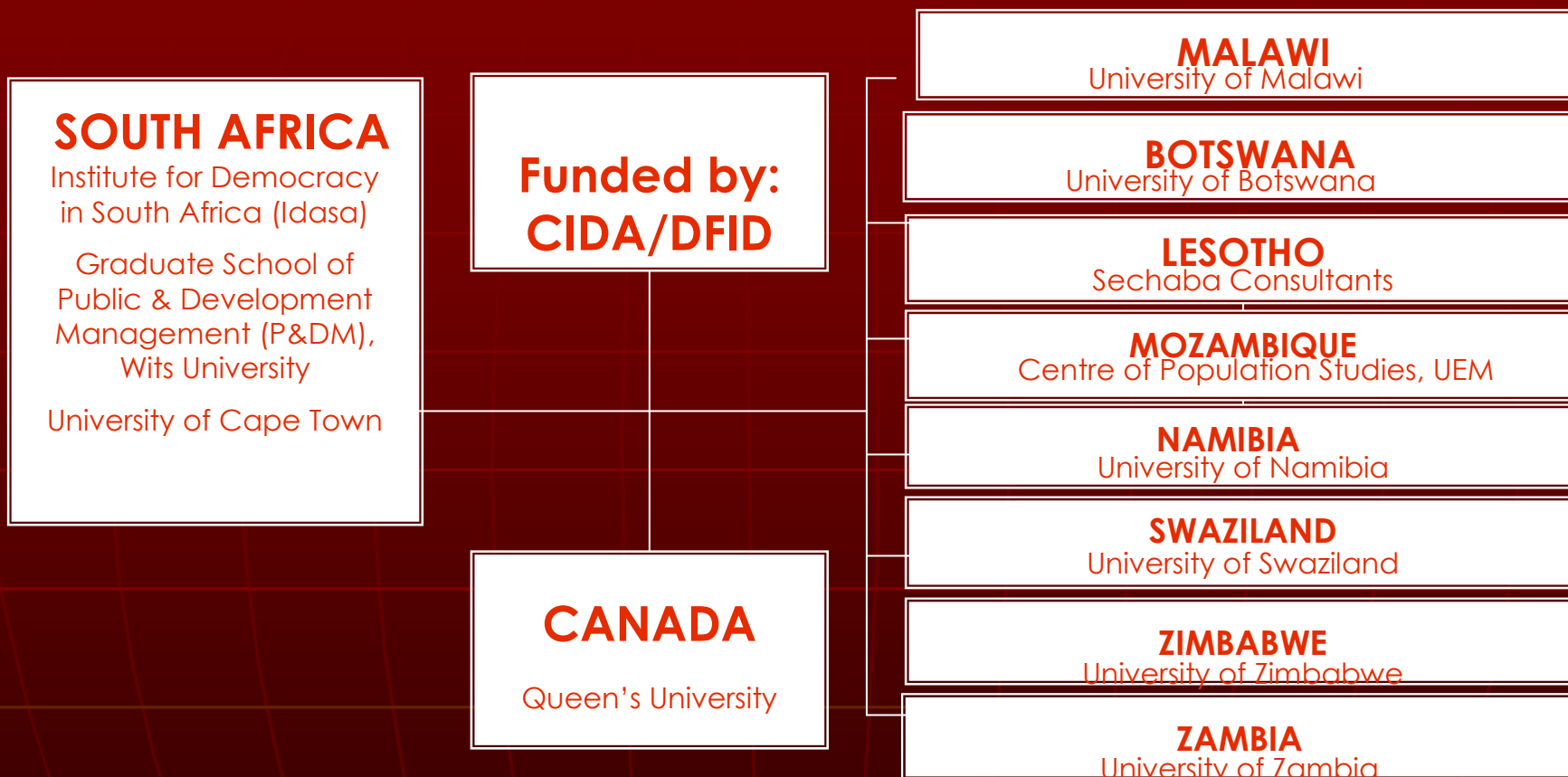
General Aims of SAMP:

- To **conduct** policy-oriented research on migration and development issues across the SADC region and to integrate research findings into policy, training and public education
- To **support** enhanced regional cooperation and harmonization in migration management, research and policy implementation
- To **promote** sound practices of migration management across the region
- To **improve** the capacity of migration decision-makers, managers and service providers to make informed choices and improve service delivery
- To **build** a strong and sustainable regional network of organizations committed to migration research and training

General History of SAMP

- **Founded in 1997 as a Canadian-South African partnership funded by CIDA**
- **Between 1997-2002 played major advisory role in transformation of South African migration policy**
- **Network expanded to 8 other SADC countries in 2000 – Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.**
- **In 2002, founded the Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA) in partnership with the IOM**
- **In 2003, DFID became major funder and supporter**
- **Ongoing collaboration with individual researchers in other countries including Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia**
- **Ongoing collaboration with large number of individual researchers in all SADC countries**
- **Since 2003, research increasingly demand-driven. Responding to requests from SADC governments and international agencies (IOM, ILO, UNDP, World Bank, UNAIDS etc.)**
- **In 2002, SAMP established in-service training courses in International Migration Policy and management in partnership with Graduate School of Public and Development at Wits University. Have trained over 300 SADC officials and parliamentarians.**
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SAMP's International Partnership Network



Multi-lateral partners: International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Metropolis Project, Regional Trade Facilitation Program (RTFP), RENEWAL, PHAMSA



SAMP Activities:

- I. Applied Research Program**
- II. Policy Advice and Monitoring**
- III. Migration Training**
- IV. Public Education**



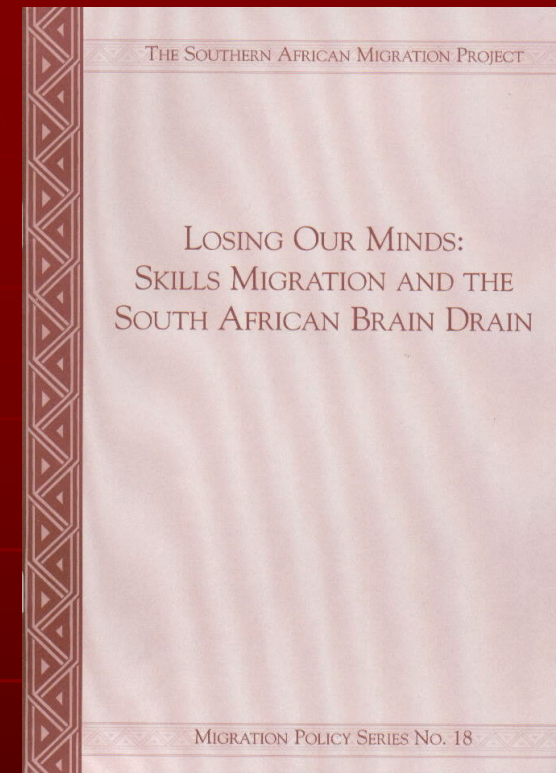
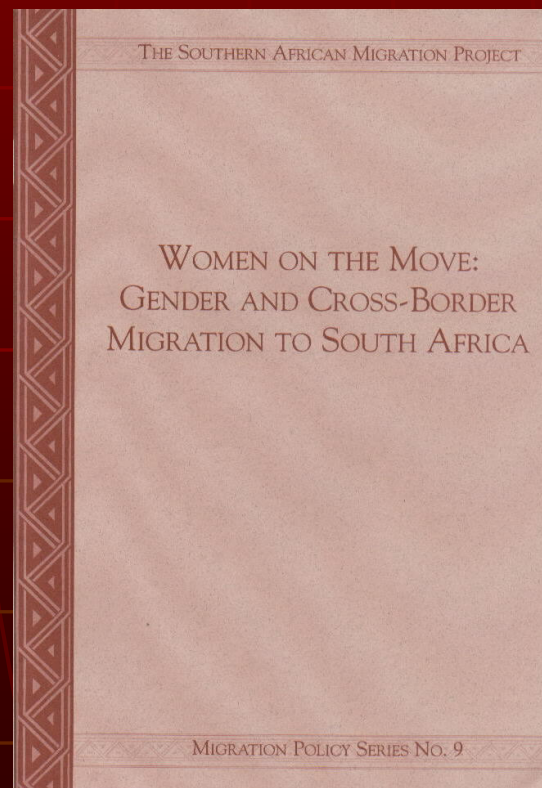
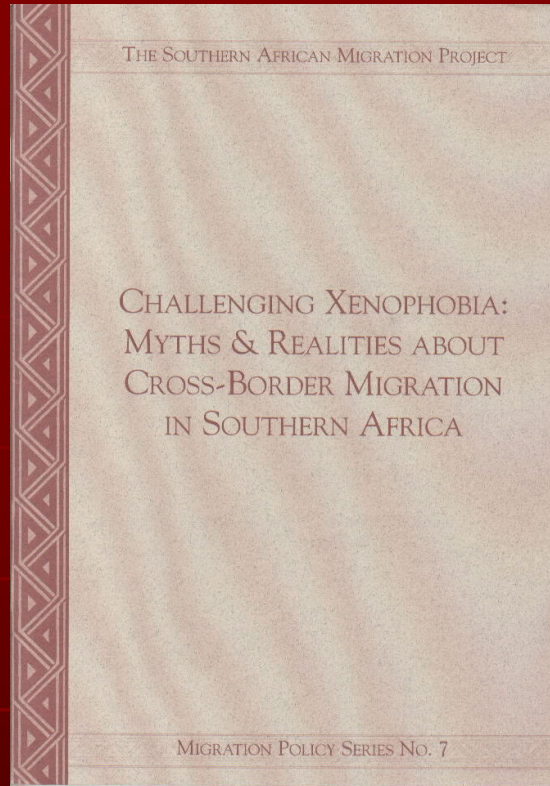
I. Applied Research Program

- Primary objective of SAMP to provide governments of region and other stake-holders policy relevant information on migration and development
- On-going program of applied research developed by SAMP network and through consultations with governments
- Network approach to research planning and implementation. Research is planned and implemented collectively by all partners. Generates critical cross-national comparative data.
- Research program is multi-disciplinary, quantitative (national surveys) and qualitative
- Policy implications of research are drawn out in all publications

Selected Research Activities

- Brain Drain Dimensions and Impacts including innovative methodologies for predicting future flows
- Health Professionals Project – including studies of health professional recruiting and out-migration
- MAPS (Migration and Poverty Surveys) -- National migration surveys in 8 countries -- baseline data -- understanding dimensions, dynamics, demography and impact of migration at household level
- MARS (Migration and Remittances Surveys) -- Household remittance volumes, uses, development potential
- HIV/AIDS and Human Mobility – assessing vulnerability of migrants to HIV/AIDS
- Informal Cross-Border Trade and Poverty Reduction

Research Dissemination:
Migration Policy Series,
Policy Briefs, Journal
Issues, Monographs,
Website, Crossings, New
African Migration and
Development Series



II. Policy Advice and Monitoring

- SAMP provides policy advice and monitoring to SADC government departments on request
- Extensive input into the development of new Refugee Act (1998) and Immigration Act (2003) in South Africa
- Regular policy workshops for government and NGO's – e.g. gender and migration, migration and health, brain drain
- Mainstreaming migration into social development and poverty alleviation policies for national, provincial and local government
- Surveys of quality of immigration services delivery for South African and Namibian governments
- Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA). Regional Forum for inter-governmental dialogue established in partnership with International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

III. Migration Training

Course in International Migration Policy and Management

Building capacity at middle and senior levels of government, across departments and within civil society organisations and provide a forum for exchange of ideas and practice for participants

Training of Immigration Officials

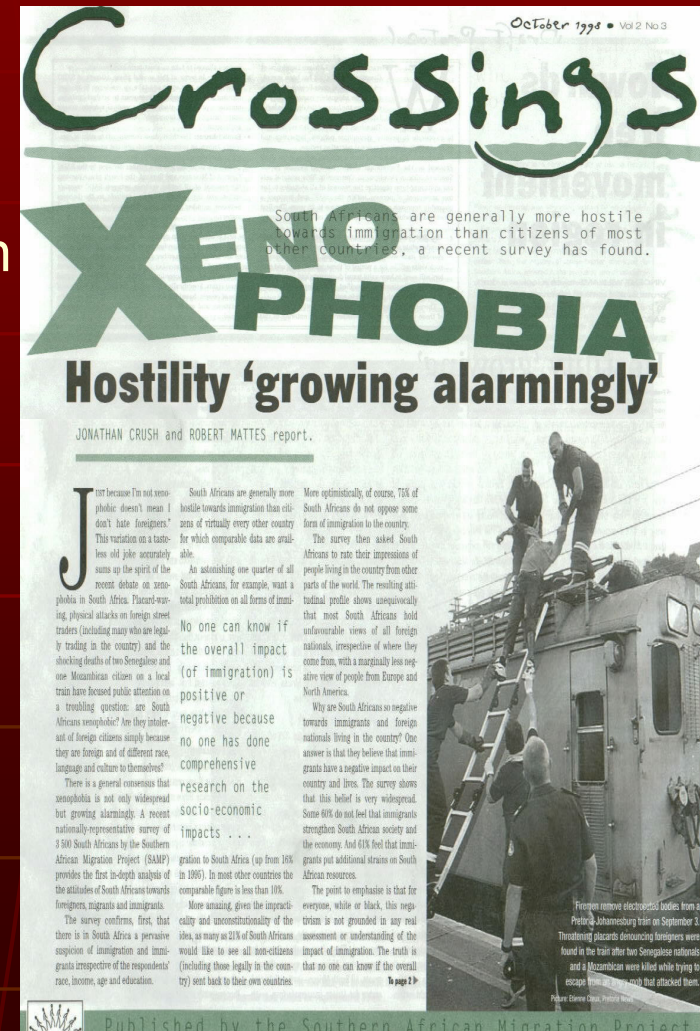
Building knowledge and awareness of migration policy and legislation amongst South African officials

Graduate Training in Migration and Development

Building advanced skills in migration research and analysis at MA and PhD levels at University of Cape Town

IV. Public Education

- Community Radio Programming
 - 10 part radio series on migration and development for broadcast on community stations (available from SAMP website)
- Crossings: popular broadsheet making research accessible to public and policy makers



The Future

- Collaboration with African Union in implementation of Common Position on Migration and Development (research and training)
- New research program inc. development and remittances, diasporas and development, children's migration
- Continued involvement in organizing MIDSA Forums for SADC governments
- Establishment of Centre for Migration and Development at University of Cape Town
- Working with partners in other parts of Africa to establish similar regional networks (WAMP? EAMP? NAMP?)