

Swiss Subsaharan Africa Migration (S-SAM): Fourth Call 2020

The fourth call of the S-SAM network is now open for late PhD and early postdoctoral researchers from Subsaharan Africa or from Switzerland: proposals for survey questions, survey experiments, and survey analysis.

Objective

The objective of the Swiss Subsaharan Africa Migration (S-SAM) network is to build and strengthen long-term partnerships between migration researchers in Subsaharan Africa and Switzerland.

Your Profile

You are at the transition from PhD to established researcher: either a late PhD (typically last year), or early postdoctoral researcher (typically first or second year). You are embedded in a university in a Subsaharan African country or in Switzerland, and study human migration in any relevant discipline. You have an excellent track record, an innovative idea, and are interested in academic exchange and working towards a joint project.

Topics

Within the large field of human migration, we are interested in projects concerning aspects of migration to Europe before migrants reach their destination. For this call, we seek (a) survey questions, (b) designs for survey experiments, and (c) interest in survey analysis in the following areas:

- The role of limited and contradictory **information** in decisions to migrate.
- Aspirations and abilities to migrate, including the nature of different ‘pull’ effects and the choice of destination country and how they change according to context, including questions of preparation, anticipation of problems ‘en route’ and in destination country (e.g. discrimination).
- The role of different **narratives** of migration, involved risks, and destination countries, including narratives and expectations of those left behind.
- Immobility (inability or lack of motivation to move).
- Research on the role of **trust** in migration decisions.
- Health and migration, how health affects decisions to migrate, how migration affects the health of migrants and those left behind.

The survey will probably be fielded in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, or a combination of these countries in October 2020, and a joint publication is foreseen in an international journal. You will contribute to the survey and its analysis within the frame of a wider network that seeks to build and strengthen long-term partnerships between migration researchers in Subsaharan Africa and Switzerland. We encourage a focus on social *mechanisms*.

Funding

You can (A) contribute survey questions (no funding), (B) apply for a small grant to develop a survey experiment, or (C) apply for a small grant to analyse the survey. In any case, if chosen, you will be considered an S-SAM grantee. For the survey experiment grant (B), we can offer up to CHF 500 for the design and pre-testing of the survey experiment. For the survey analysis, we can offer up to CHF 1000 for analysis in November and December 2020, depending on the time you can invest.

All applicants are encouraged to bring external funding (e.g. matching funds), but this is not a requirement.

Timeline

Deadline for submissions is **4 September 2020**. Fieldwork in October 2020, analysis in November and December 2020. Joint publication in 2021.

Submission and Information

Online form: http://neuchatel.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9uIRPsbrISM0JSJ

Submissions are competitive. For further information refer to the website of S-SAM: <http://www.unine.ch/sfm/home/formation/ssam.html> where you can also sign up to be notified about further calls and other announcements like possible virtual conferences. Contact didier.ruedin@unine.ch for further information.