

## Population mobility and the links between migrants and the family back home in Ngawis Village, Gunung Kidul Regency, Yogyakarta Special Region

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### Abstrak

The annual population growth of Yogyakarta is much lower than those of other provinces in Java. The region experienced a net loss of population through migration. This study aims at developing the knowledge on the nature and incidence of population mobility from the rural to the urban areas, and investigating the extent and nature of the links established and maintained between the area of origin and destination. The main reason for migrating out of villages is an economic one. Although a greater part of returning migrants stated that their condition improved after moving out, the income they received is still low. The link between migrants and their relatives back home is very intensive. They maintain contact by visiting, sending letters, money and goods, and exchange views and ideas on developmental issues.