

Perceptions of migration drivers among rural residents in Lunbunga, Ghana and Kathyaka, Kenya: A comparative analysis using Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Habitable: Linking Climate Change, Habitability and Social Tipping Points: Scenarios for Climate Migration

1.1.1. Work Package 2: Perceptions and Migration Decisions



The overall goal of HABITABLE is to investigate how and to what extent climate change affects the habitability of socio-ecological systems and transforms current and future migration and displacement patterns.

- 1.2. Objective of this study: to identify similarities and differences in perceptions of factors influencing the decision to migrate among residents in two communities on opposite sides of the African continent



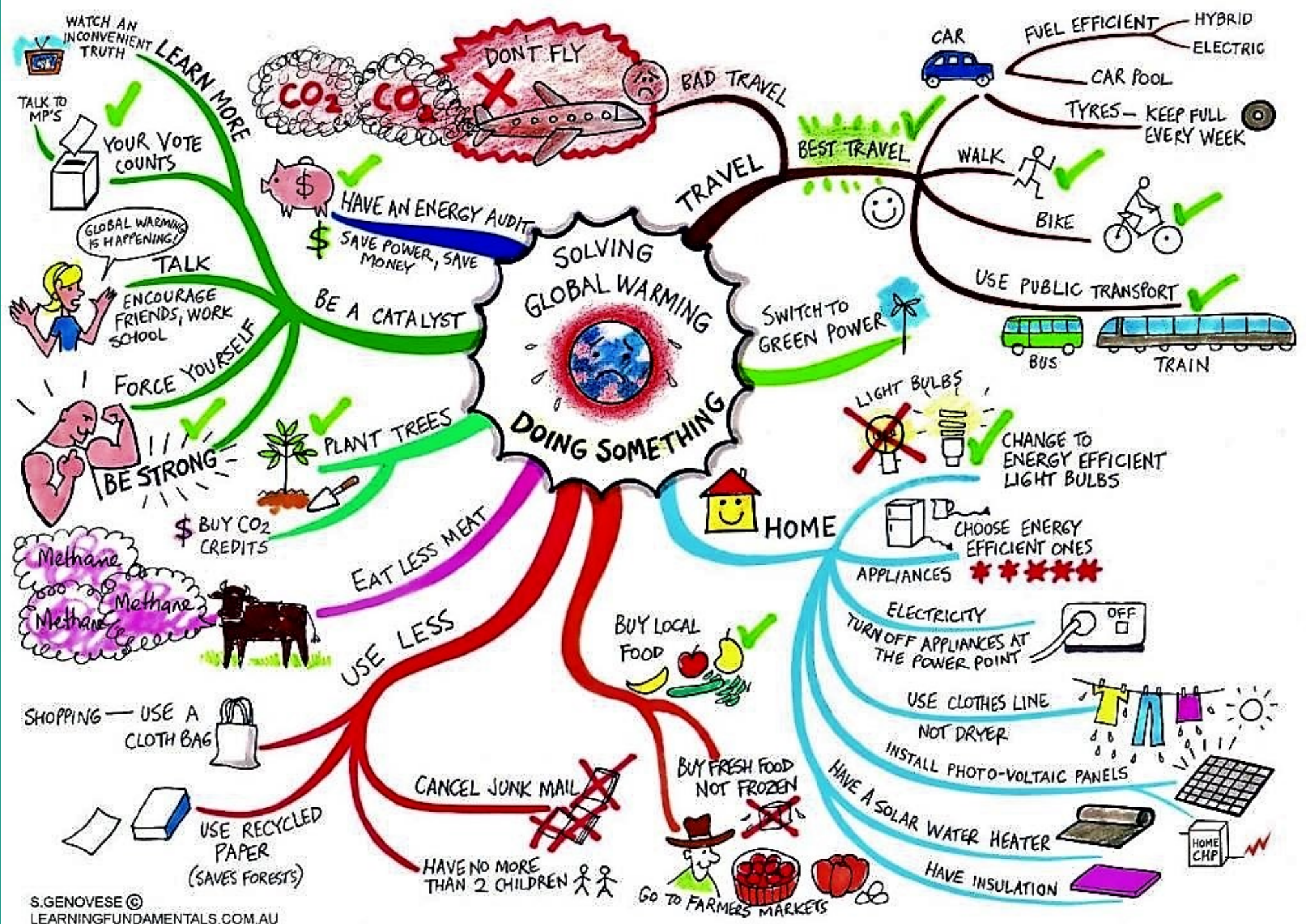
2. Background
 - 2.1. Perception: subjective social reality deviates from objective reality, perception drives ACTION
 - 2.2. Understanding the migration decision making process (informed by perception) gives us a more nuanced picture of potential non-linear climate-driven migration patterns



A cognitive model illustrating sensory input and processing (perception). Fludd, R. (1619)



Photo by Rachel Keeton (2019)





2.3. Description of case studies

2.3.1. Lunbunga (Lingbunga),
Tolon District, Ghana

2.3.2. Kathyaka, Makueni County, Kenya

2.3.3. Site selection criteria

Criterion 1: Exposure to environmental stressors

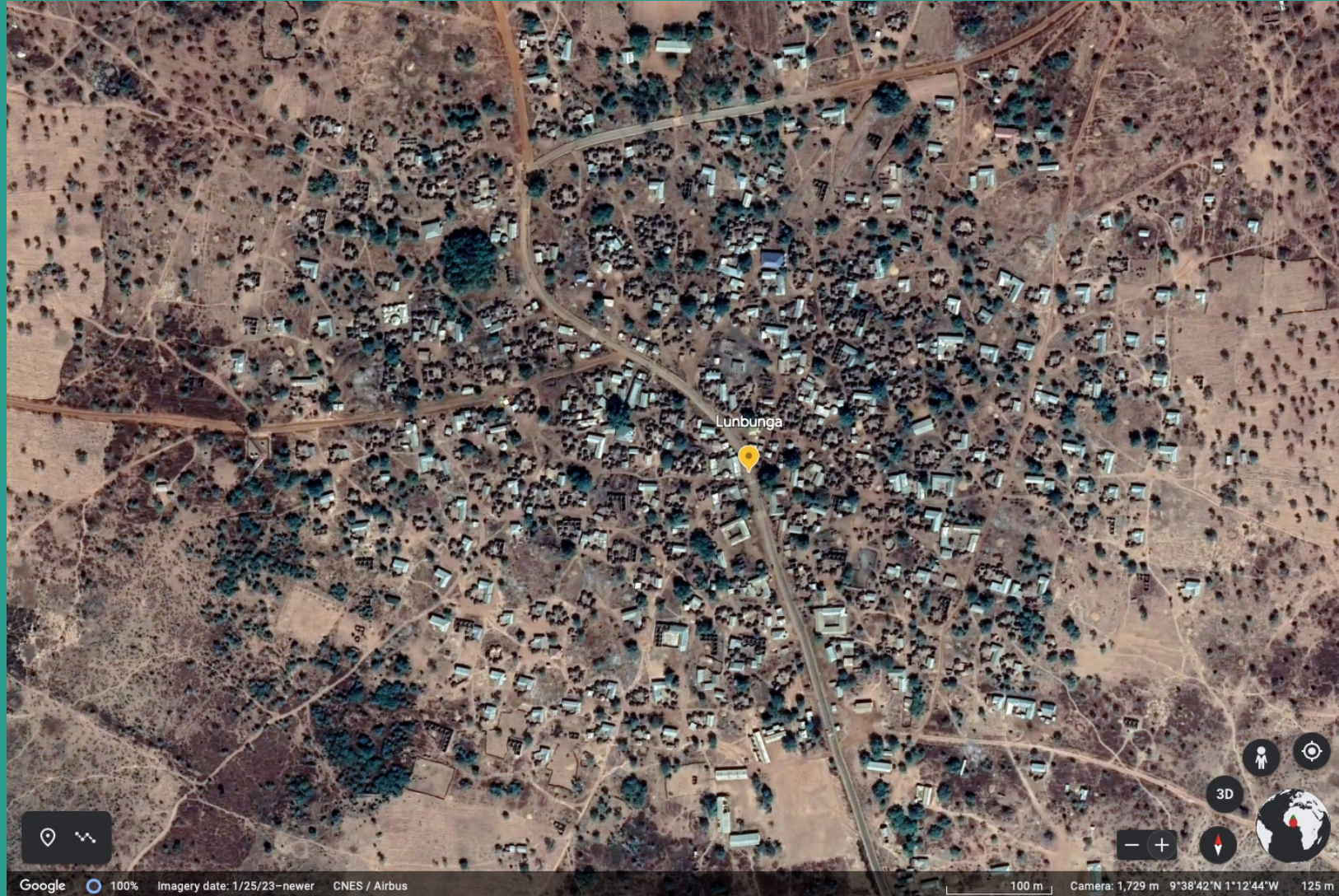
Criterion 2: Rural area with small/mid-size population

Criterion 3: Vulnerability to environmental stressors

Criterion 4: Similar destination from origin point



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2.3.2. Kathyaka, Makueni County, Kenya





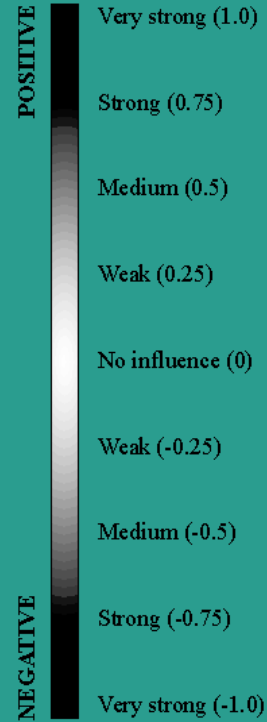
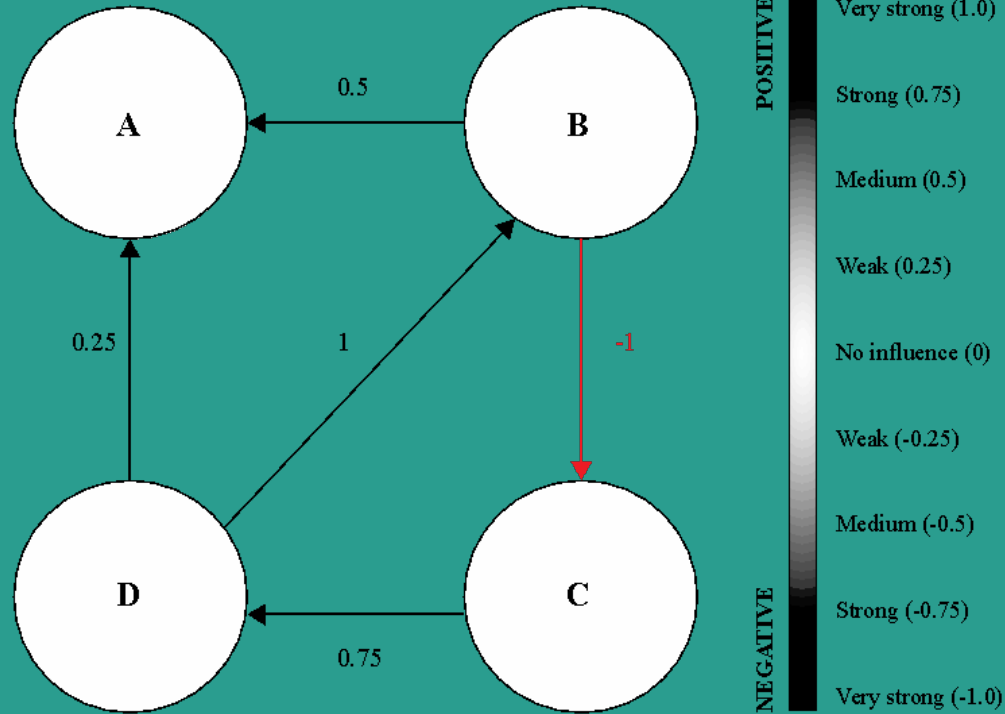
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3.1 Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping (FCM)

Concept map



Adjacency matrix

	A	B	C	D
A				
B	0.5		-1.0	
C				0.75
D	0.25	1.0		



HABITABLE PROJECT
FCM Interview (Sending location)

PLACE CODE (CC_Place name):

LINGBUNG

DATE (YY/MM/DD):

2022/05/30

ENUMERATOR NAME:

MOHAMMED HABIB ADAM

1. RESPONDENT CODE (ENUMERATOR INITIALS, INTERVIEW #):

MHA 033

2. GENDER:

FEMALE

3. AGE RANGE:

44-49

4. MAIN WORK ACTIVITY:

FARMING

5. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED:

NONE

6. HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (#):

12

7. ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD (#):

6

8. HOUSEHOLD TYPE (DH / FH / MH*):

MH

9. CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE:

LINGBUNG

10. MIGRANT'S GENDER:

MALE

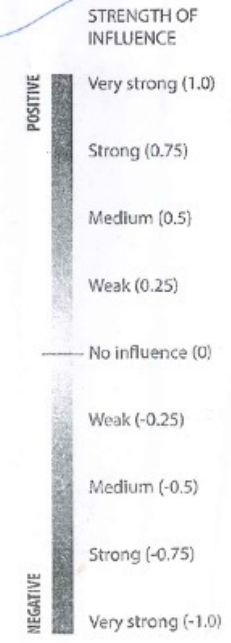
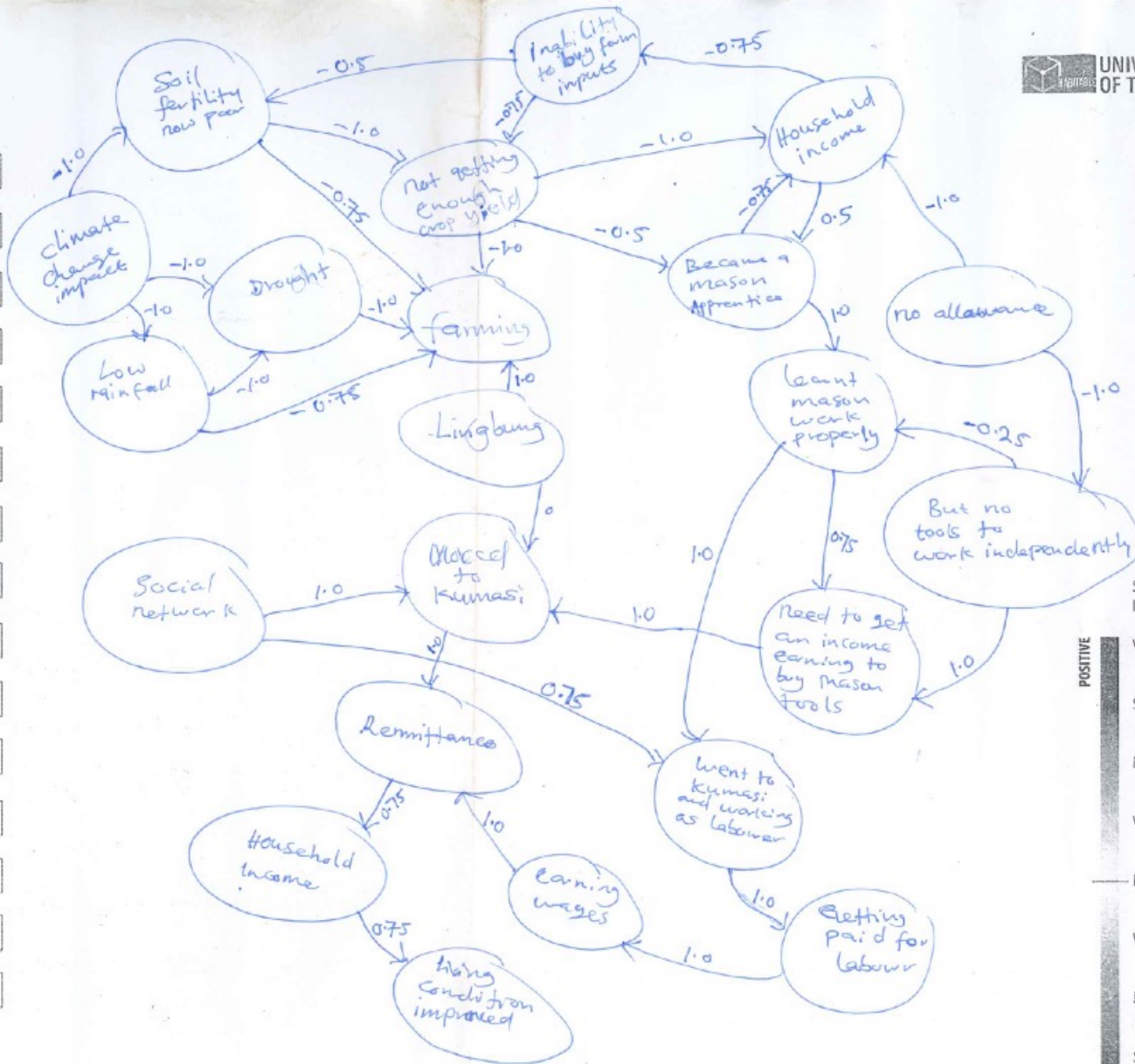
11. MIGRANT'S AGE RANGE AT TIME OF MIGRATION:

18-24

12. MIGRANT'S PLACE OF DESTINATION:

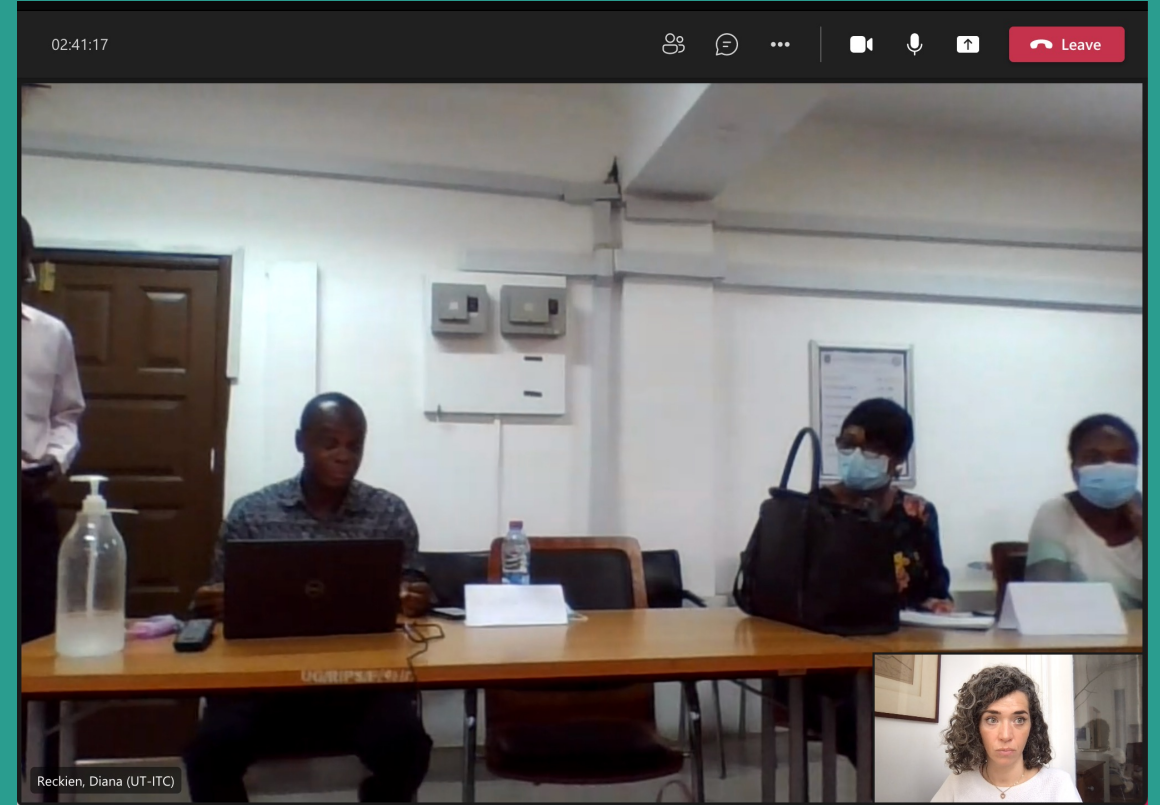
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*DH: DUAL-HEADED
FH: FEMALE-HEADED
MH: MALE-HEADED





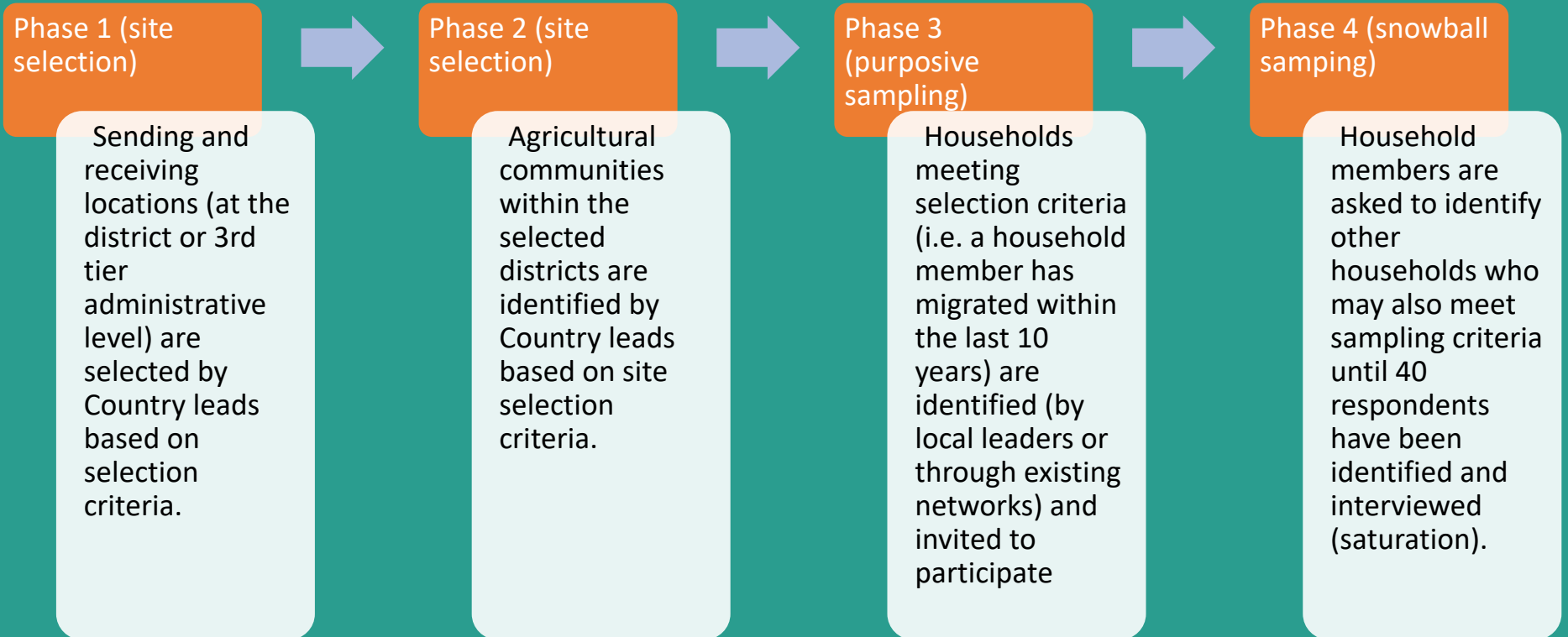
FCM training in Kathyaka, Kenya
(Image by Samuel Hall, August 2022)



FCM training in Accra, Ghana (May 2022)



3.3. Sampling strategy





3.4 Data collection

Site	Data collected	Enumerators	Respondents
Lunbunga, Ghana	May, 2022	4 enumerators (2 women, 2 men) 1 field coordinator	59 respondents (24 women, 35 men)
Kathyaka, Kenya	September, 2022	4 enumerators (2 women, 2 men) 1 field coordinator	56 respondents (36 women, 20 men)



FCM interviews in Kathyaka, Kenya (Image by Samuel Hall, September 2022)





4. Results

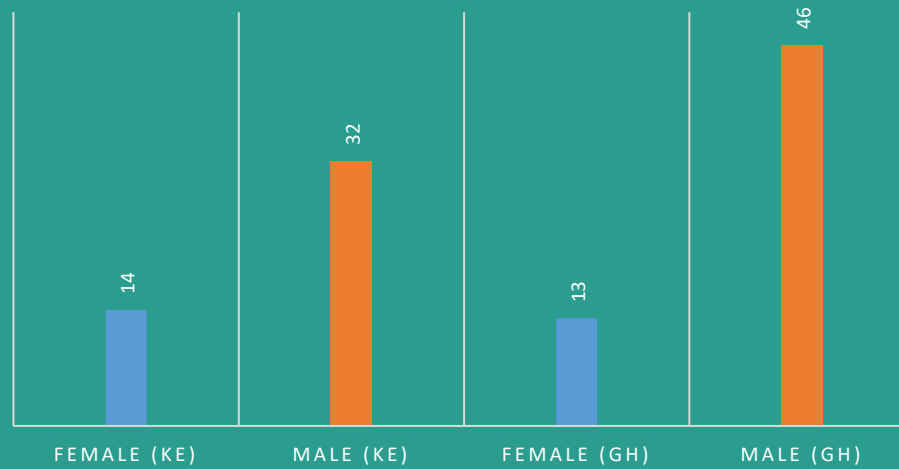
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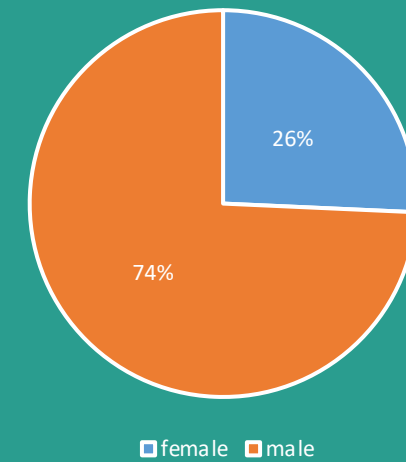


Who moves?

MIGRANT GENDER KE/GH



MIGRANT GENDER COMBINED





Respondent occupation Ghana



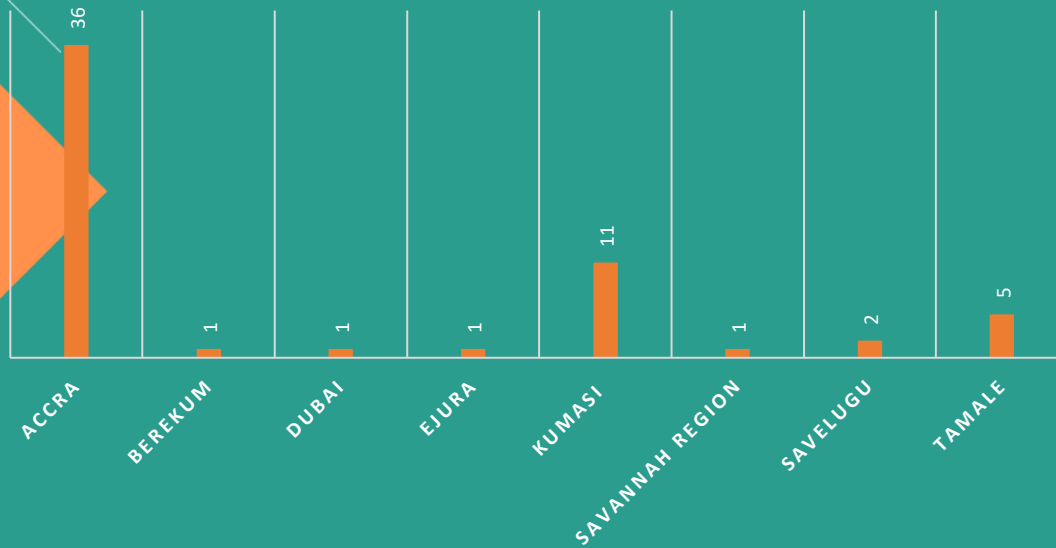
Respondent occupation Kenya



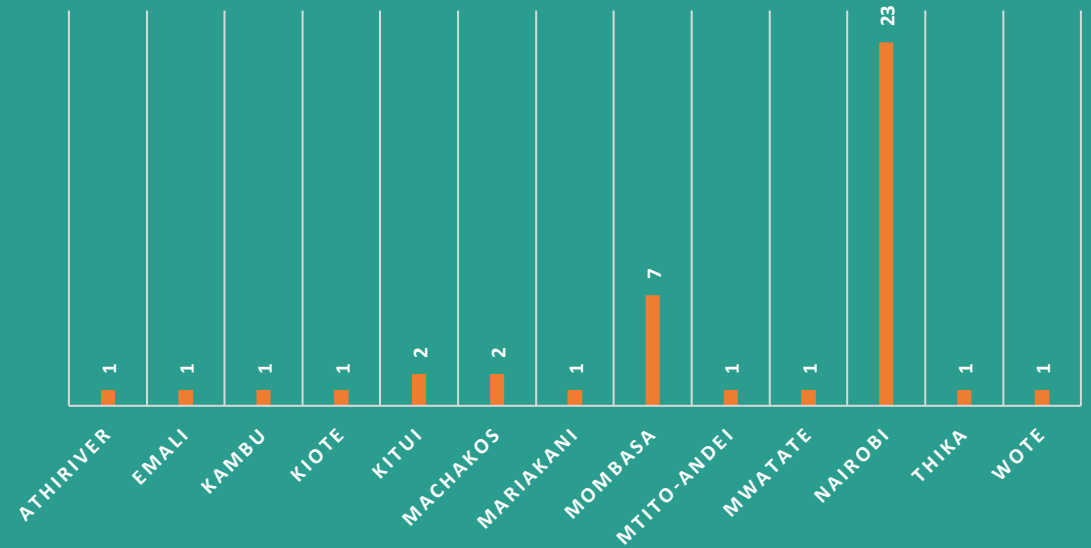


Where do they go?

DESTINATION AREA (GHANA)



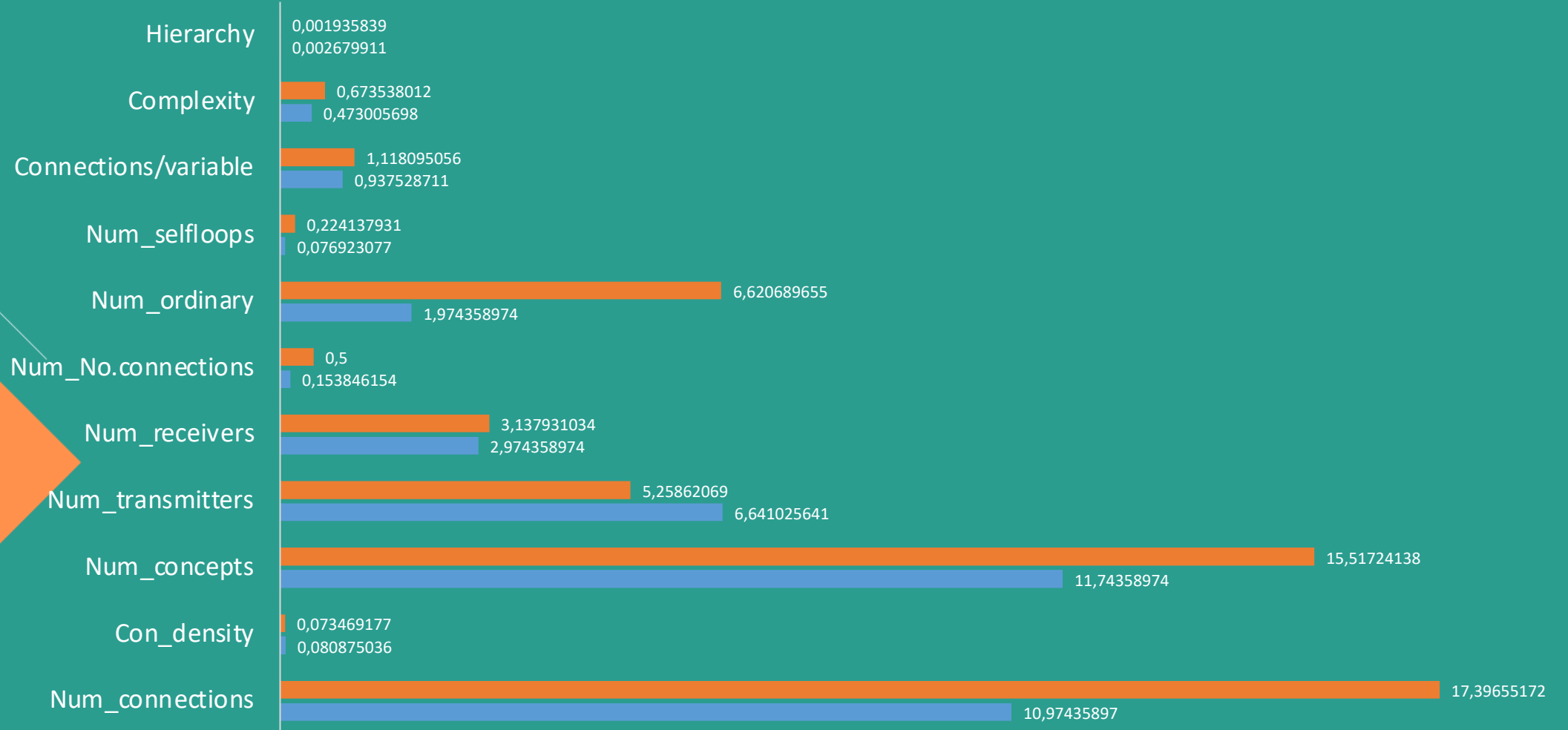
DESTINATION AREA (KENYA)





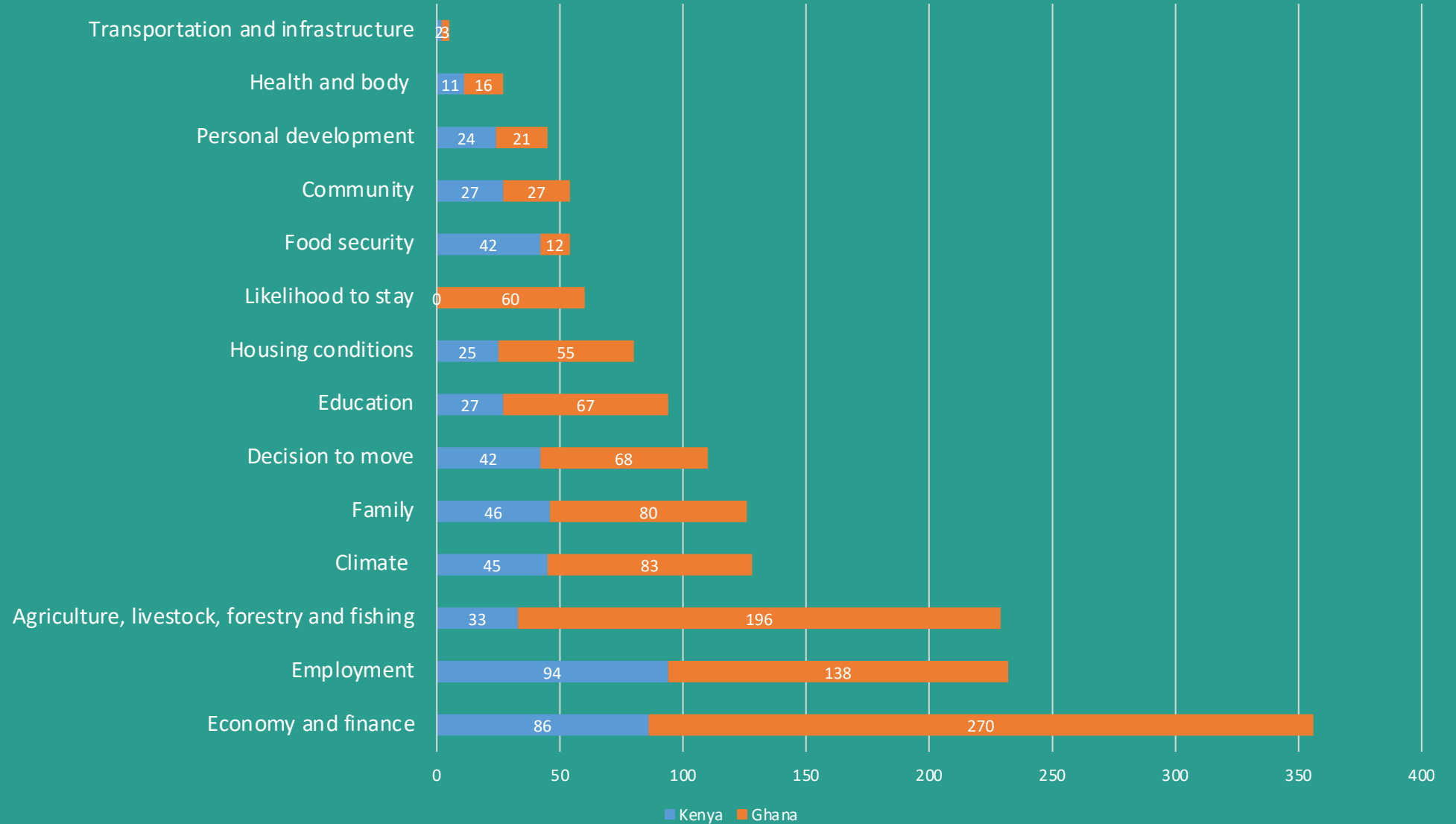
Social map attribute averages

■ Lungbunga social map average ■ Kathyaka social map average



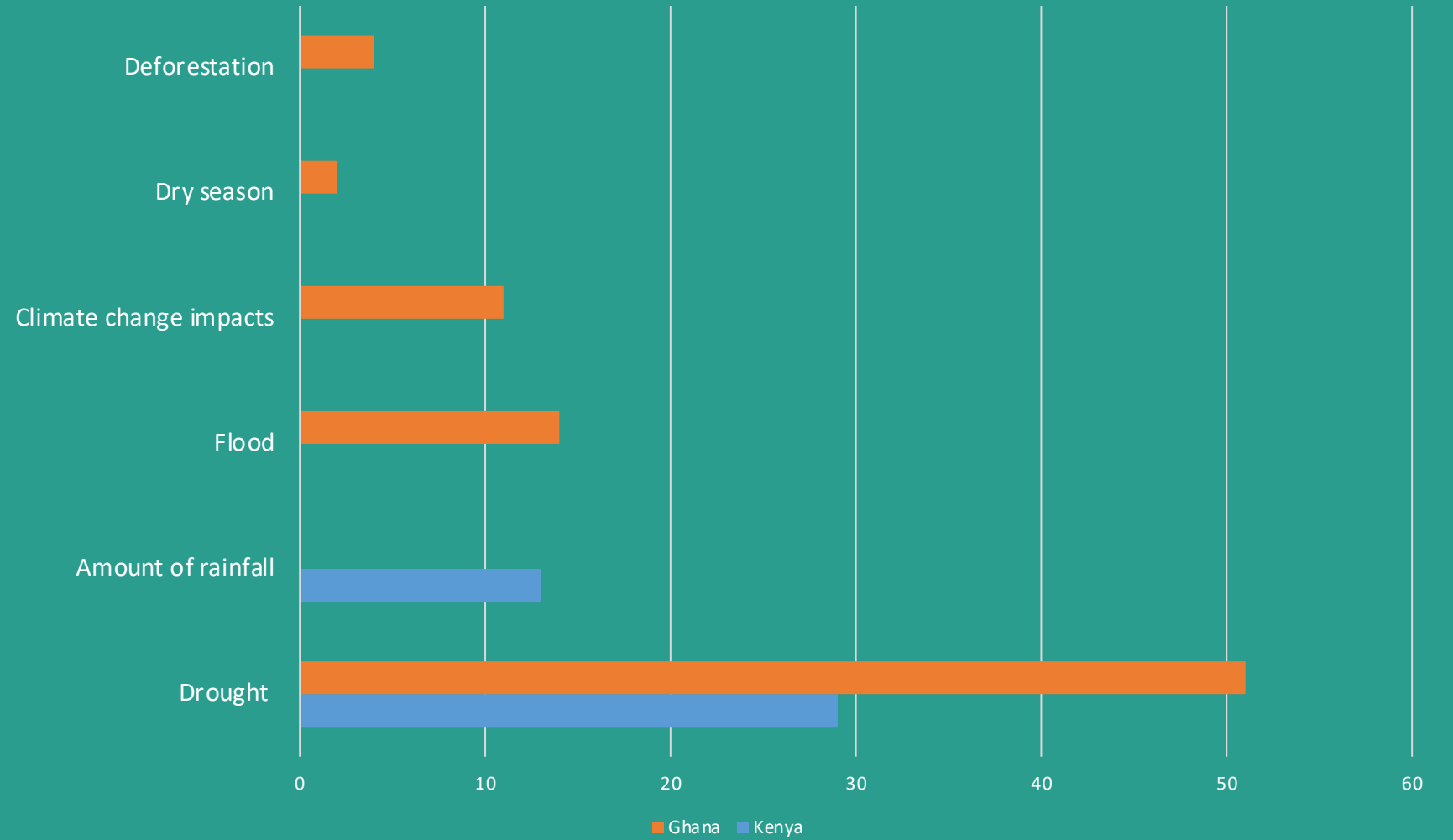


Concept group frequency of mention





Concepts indicated under "Climate"





5. Discussion and conclusion

5.1 Limitations of the study:

Language / translation,
Remote training,
Cannot generalize beyond the sample,
Researcher bias

5.2 Future research directions:

Deeper insight into aspirations and capacities
Combine and triangulate with quantitative data
Transformative approach

5.3 Consistent with previous research

Individuals don't necessarily report climate change as a main driver in migration decision making – part of a causal cascade