

Review of: "Impact of Men's Labour Migration on Non-migrating Spouses' Health: A Systematic Review"

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I have worked on those left behind, notably wives and family members, from an emotional perspective, so I find the article well-structured and the literature review concise, even though I'm curious to know why terms such as "health impacts/effects" and "emotional impacts/effects" were not used during the literature review. It is evident that the authors are not considering research undertaken in Latin America or India, where research and some articles have been written addressing this fact. Other than the comments made by other colleagues, which I find enriching and accurate, I will suggest broadening the emotional aspects of the impacts on women. Another essential aspect which is not present in this review is the role that the restrictions and supposed risks of COVID-19 confronted by the migrant men could provoke in their spouses (i.e. several Mexican transmigrant agricultural workers died during their stay in Canada, diagnosed as COVID-19 cases, experienced as an additional stress for them and their spouses, family members and relatives). I'm curious to know if any of the articles found didn't address such a timely topic.