

AFRICAN CHILD AND YOUTH MIGRATION NETWORK

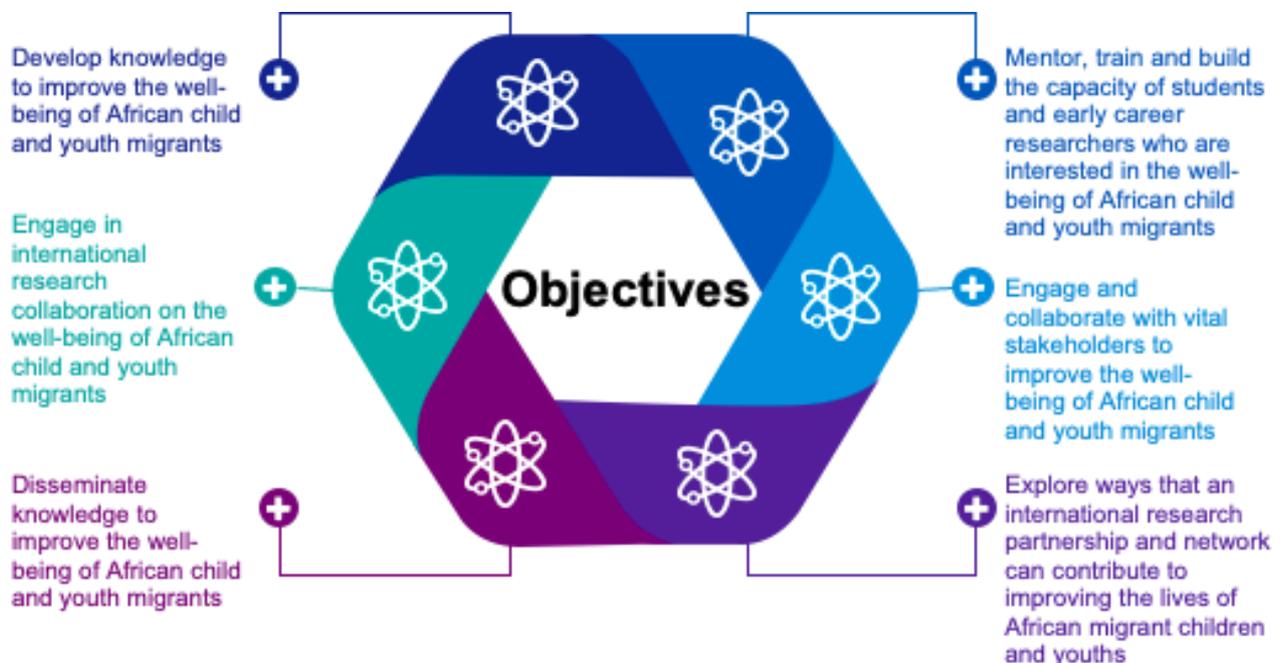
DID YOU KNOW?

There were 33 million international child migrants in 2019 and three out of five migrant children are from Africa and Asia (UNICEF, 2019). Some children migrate with their parents or other adults, and others migrate independently.

The African Child and Youth Migration Network was created in 2018 to focus on providing knowledge to improve global policies and practices related to the health of African migrant children.

In the Global North, there are limited intervention studies and comparative policy analysis to improve the wellbeing of African child migrants.

The African Child and Youth Migration Network seeks to develop and mobilize knowledge to improve policies and practices that will contribute to the wellbeing of African migrant children and youths across the globe. The objectives of the network include:





ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

With support from the Worldwide Universities Network Research Development Fund, our network was able to:

- Conduct a series of scoping reviews of the literature on African child migration. One of these papers on the health of internally displaced children has been published and one has been accepted for publication, [click here to view](#). Four additional papers have been submitted for publication.
- Hold a research team meeting in Alberta in June 2019. At the research team meeting, we developed our governance structure, steering committee terms of reference, advisory committee terms of reference, and preliminary strategic agenda, including future funding.
- We also delivered a graduate student webinar to students across the globe on methodological issues of researching migrant children and youth and we have held further meetings by teleconference.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO NOW

We are pleased to announce that our team was granted \$200,000 from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Development. With this funding:

1. We are completing interviews in Canada on the well-being of African child migrants and parents from single parent families, separated and reunited families and families that have experienced issues related to gangs and gun violence.
2. We will soon begin completing interviews with African child migrants and parents in Ghana, Nigeria and Ethiopia on migrants who beg on the street, are trafficked, are left behind children or are internally displaced.
3. We plan to have a meeting and conference in Ghana in late 2021 or 2022 to support the development of our network and partnerships, mobilize knowledge gained to date, and inform global policies and practices.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

We are currently in the process of recruiting advisory committee members. Current advisory committee members include:

- Professor Isaac Adewole, Immediate Past Minister of Health of Nigeria
- Ambassador Adjei, Ambassador of Ghana to Spain and Previous Director of Ghana Immigration Services

