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Article **On the Move: Migration, Urbanization and Development in Papua New Guinea**

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Abstract Migration and urbanization data from Papua New Guinea's first truly national census in 1980 and considered against a backdrop of spatial and social inequalities. Source and destination factors affecting migration flows and destinations are found to relate to population density, availability of rural wages, ease of access, destination wage-earning opportunities, historical linkages and present day developments. Short-distance migration differs from longer-distance migration; many migrants are short-term, and possibly circular, migrants. Migration and urbanization are considered part of the same process of developmental change.

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