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Migration is an important aspect of the Senegalese society today. An estimated 2.8 % of the total population lives abroad, and emigration has an impact on people´s lives leaving the country as well as the Senegalese at home. Emigration from Senegal is directed to other African countries as well as to Western countries like France, Spain, Italy or the USA. Since the beginning of the new millennium economic growth and the extension of the tourism sector resulted in a growing demand for cheap but also qualified labour, especially in the building industry, and have put the Cape Verdean Islands on the map as a destination for labour migrants from other ECOWAS member states, mainly from Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Nigeria.

The aim of this research is to understand migration processes between Senegal and Boa Vista and the impact of this migration for the society at the place of origin. In order to understand consequences of the migration for the Senegalese society analysis of different aspects like migration decisions, working situations on the islands, the impact of the migration on inequalities in remittance receiving societies and the myths / narratives about migration are made. A special focus is put on the analyses of remittances from Senegalese labour migrants to their relatives at home and how these relatives use them. It should be clarified whether there is a connection between the remittances and food security. Migration between different countries or places is influenced by a variety of factors, which can range from economic, social or political factors. Transformation or developments in one or more than one of these factors can therefore have profound impacts on the process of migration and the research tries to determine these impacts.