# Infographic **-** [Migrants Significantly Contribute to Economic Growth](https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/infographics)

Migrants **contribute** to economic growth in both their countries of origin and their countries of destination.

Many migrants send money, known as a remittance, back to their home country. In 2015 alone, migrants sent **$432** billion back to developing countries.

This is **triple** the amount of money sent globally as development aid.

This flow of development aid from **migrants** represents not only a source of foreign exchange for developing countries but crucially a reliable source of income for millions of families.

When the global financial crisis hit in 2008, direct foreign investments in developing countries plunged **89%** while remittances only dipped 5%.

Migrants add significantly to the economies of their **host countries**, contributing more in taxes and social contributions than they receive in individual benefits.