

Save the Children and Feinstein International Center

Migrant Workers in the Gig Economy: Experience of Youth in Bangalore

Qualitative Instrument

Researcher Name:
Respondent Code:
Date:
Location:

Did you obtain verbal informed consent? (✓ if yes, X if no)

I. Background and moving to the city

1. What is your highest level of schooling and why did you stop?
2. Where were you before coming here?
3. Why did you leave that place?
4. Whose decision was it to come here?
5. Why did you choose to come to Bangalore, in particular?
6. What connections did you have in this city when you first came here?
7. What kind of help did you receive from them initially?
8. Is this your first time in the city? If not, how many times have you been here before and why?
9. How long have you lived here?
10. Who is in your household here in the city? Back home?
11. How many children do you have? What are their ages?
12. Where is the rest of your family?
13. What do they do? Does your family back home have a traditional occupation?

II. Livelihood Strategies

1. What economic activities did you do before coming here?
2. Describe all the economic activities you are engaged in now. What is the most important one for your income?
3. How did you find out about this work?
4. How did you get your current job?
5. What assets did you have to buy for this job (car, bike, smartphone, etc)? What other investments did you have to make (driving lessons, language training, etc)
6. How did you finance the purchase?
7. If you did not make the purchase, who provided you with these materials?
8. Have you migrated before for your livelihood? What happened then?

III. Financial Status

1. What are the sources of your personal income? What are the sources of your household income? Before and after migration.
2. What were your major expenses before migration? What are your major expenses after migration?
3. Do you feel financially better off after getting this job?
4. Are you earning what you expected to earn?
5. How did you finance your migration?
6. What is your current debt situation, if any?
7. Who usually makes big financial decisions in your household back home? Did this change after you migrated?
8. Who usually makes big financial decisions in your household in the city?
9. Are you more involved in matters of money now than before migrating?
10. Who decides the amount of remittances? How is this decision made?
11. How does the household decide how to use the money you send home? What is the primary use of your remittances?
12. Are you currently fulfilling any family obligations like debt repayment, rebuilding house, saving money for a marriage, education of children or siblings, paying for medical care etc?

IV. Social Status

1. Do you think your position in your social circle or peer group back home has changed since you migrated? If so, how?
2. Do you think your position within your household back home has changed since you migrated? If so, how?
3. What do you think of your social status in the city? What would improve your social status?
4. How do you spend your free time? Do you have more free time now or before you migrated?
5. Have you made friends in the city? Where did you meet them?
6. Whom can you ask for assistance if you needed emergency medical help?
7. Whom can you ask for assistance if you needed an emergency loan?

V. Sense of empowerment

1. How do you feel about doing this work? What do you like/dislike about it?
2. How do you feel this work compares with what you were doing before coming here?
3. How are you treated at work? By employers? By customers?
4. How long do you see yourself doing this work?
5. What do you want to do next?
6. How do you feel about living in the city? Is life what you expected? Why/why not? What would improve it?
7. How long do you plan to live here? If permanent, why?
8. If temporary, where will you go next? How will you decide when to move?

9. Would you move back to your home town or village? Why/why not?
10. What were your expectations about this work before migrating? Have they been met?
11. What do you see yourself doing in five years?
12. Are you doing this work to fulfill any personal goals (saving for own business, further education)?
13. Would you recommend your friends/family members to come to the city to do this work?

VI. Success of migration

1. What were your goals before migration?
2. Do you feel you have achieved this goal? If yes, what has helped you achieve it? If no, what needs to happen to so that you can achieve it?