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While they face these challenges already in “normal” times, during economic downturns the situation of migrant workers and in particular that of women migrant workers becomes

even worse. The financial crisis has provoked an examination of our societal values. IOM believes it is crucial to guard against policies aimed at sending migrant workers home as it will not only have negative consequences for development given the drop in remittances, but also may lead to tensions between host and migrant communities during this economic struggle.

Reduction in wages and poorer working conditions will impact on the quality of life and health of migrants and families left behind. Furthermore, discrimination and stigma of migrants