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## *The Longer-Term Effects of Parental Migration on the Psychological Well-Being of Children Left Behind in Indonesia and the Philippines*

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### Summary:

Every year thousands of parents in Southeast Asia join the outflow of labor migrants, often motivated by a desire to give their children a better future. Compared to the extensive literature on labor migration, relatively little research has investigated the impact of parental absence on children left behind. In this presentation I first introduce the Child Health and Migrant Parent in South East Asia (CHAMPSEA) project, which has collected two waves of data on left-behind children and their households in Indonesia and the Philippines. Using measures of child psychological well-being derived from the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ), I then present empirical findings from wave 1 that highlight differences between outcomes according to which parent is migrant and the study country. Lastly, I consider the longer-term effects of parental migration using the two waves of CHAMPSEA data. Initial findings suggest longer-term negative effects of parental migration on the psychological well-being of left-behind children in Indonesia, especially when their father is migrant, but no longer-term impacts in the Philippines.

### Biography:

Elspeth Graham has recently retired from her role as Co-Director of the ESRC Centre for Population Change, where she jointly led the Fertility and Family research strand, and is now Professor Emeritus in Geography at the University of St Andrews, UK. She holds an MA degree in Geography and Economics and a PhD in Social Science. Her research interests are in population and health and she has published widely on issues related to low fertility in Europe, housing and demography, migration and geographies of health, and left-behind children in Southeast Asia. She is currently working on projects in Europe and Thailand.

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