

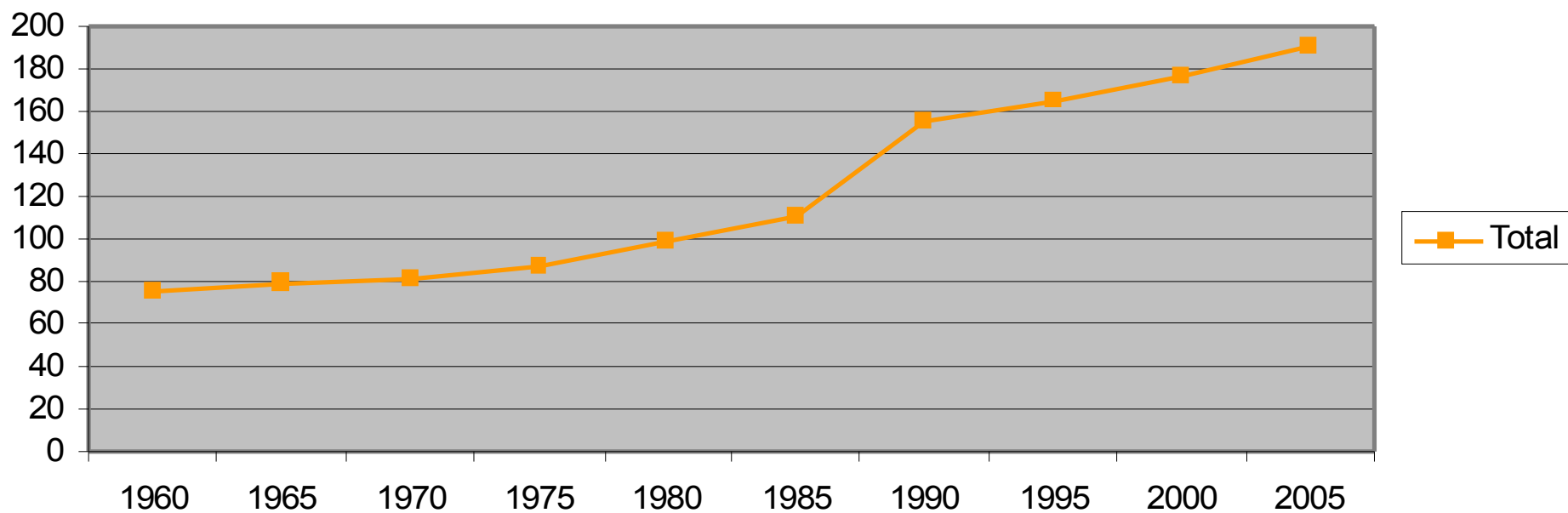


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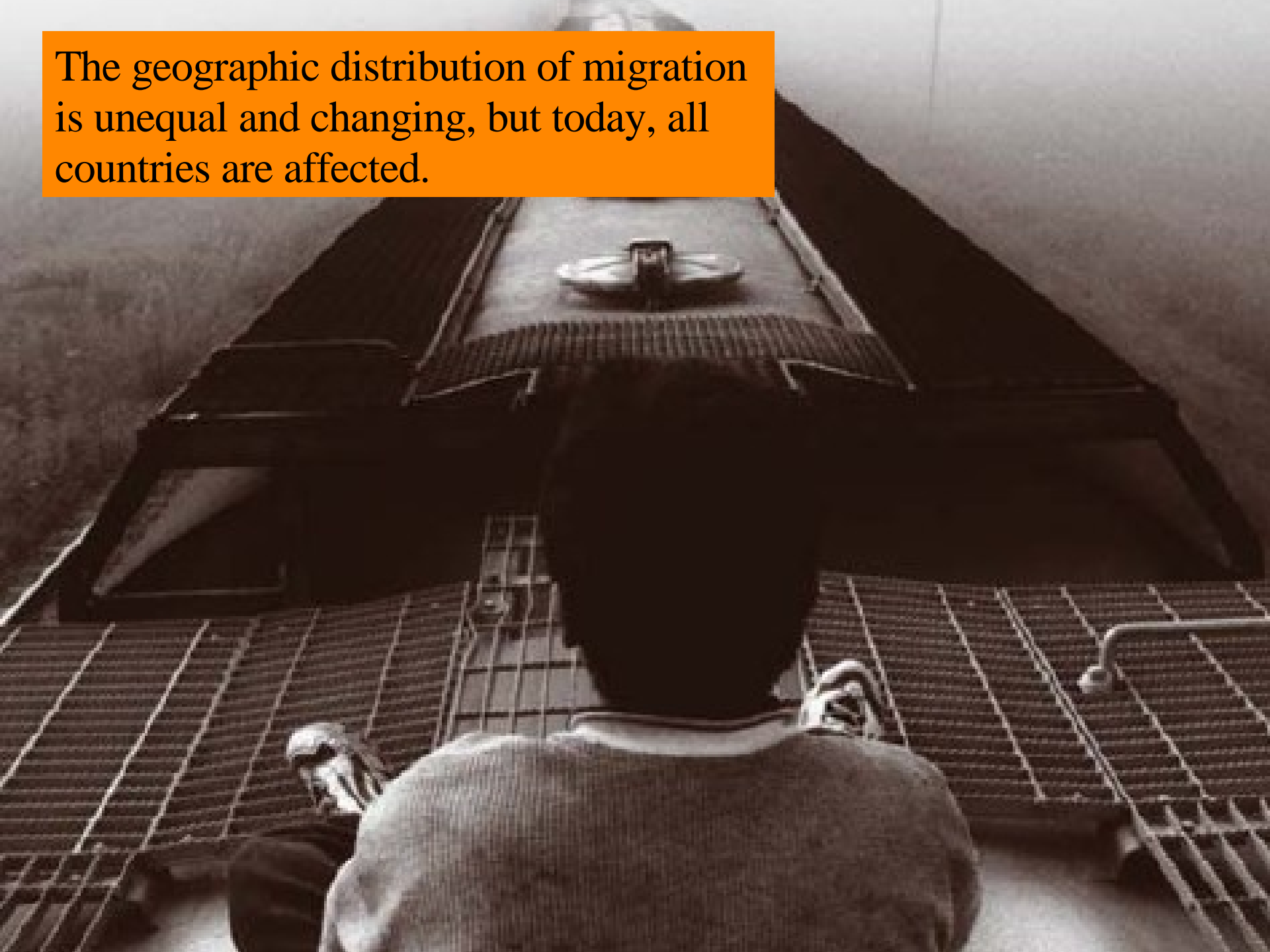
Women and International Migration

World Migrant Stock (mil.)



Source: Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations

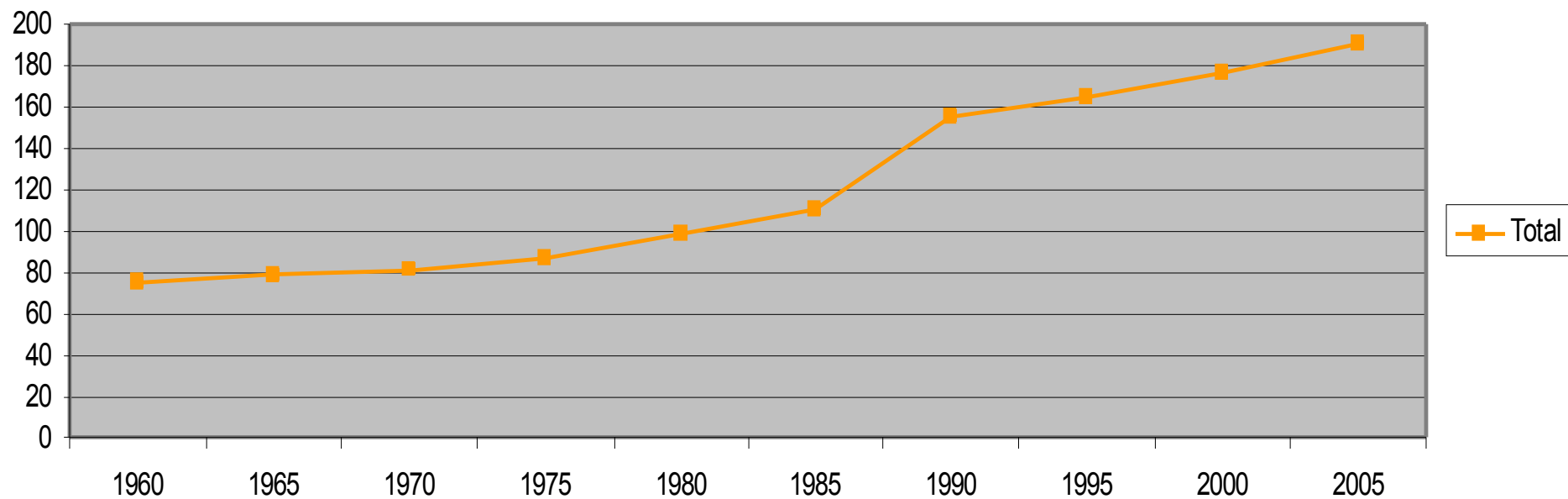
The geographic distribution of migration is unequal and changing, but today, all countries are affected.



It is a complex picture of benefits and challenges

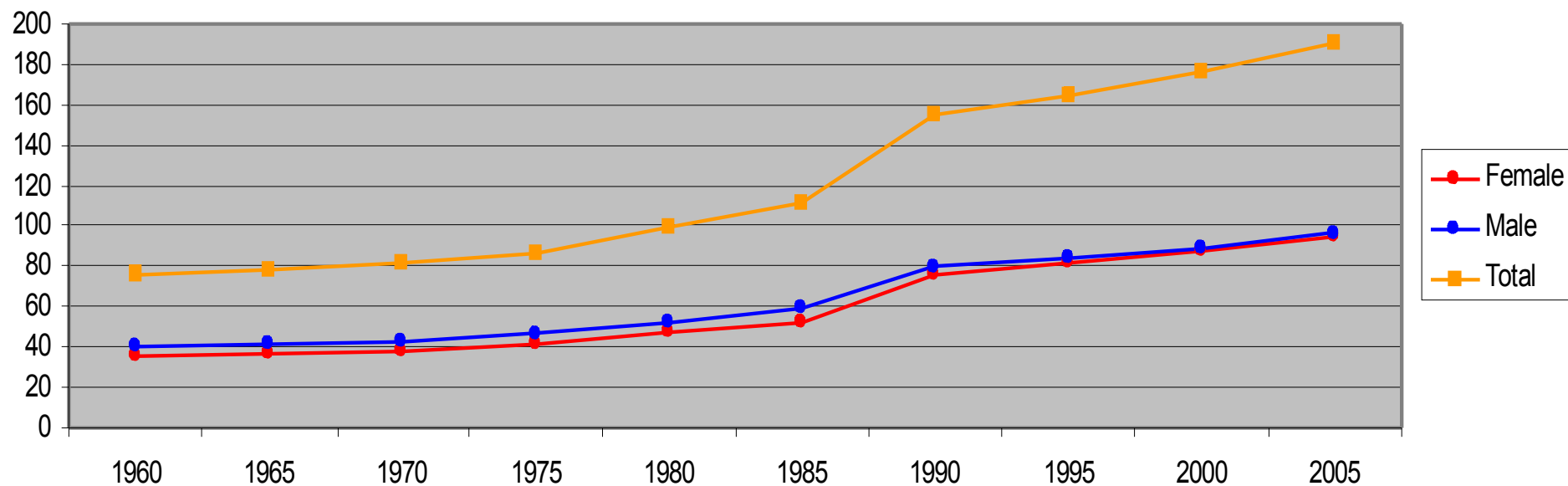
- Remittances - estimated at 232 billion USD (167 billion from North to South). 70% of China's Foreign Direct Investment was by Chinese diaspora. 3-4 times the size of ODA
- Brain drain: there are more medical doctors from Malawi working in Manchester than in Malawi. The health systems of many developed countries could not function without skilled immigrant professionals

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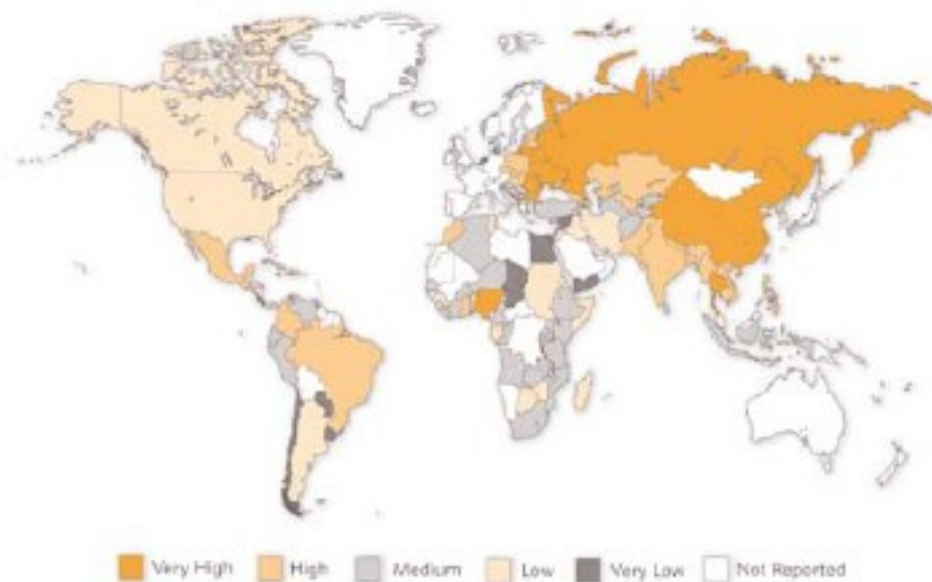


Even though women earn less than men, they send a higher proportion of their earnings back home, earmarked for daily needs, healthcare and education.

Women face specific challenges – lack of laws for domestic work, targeted for sexual violence during their journey, or trafficking

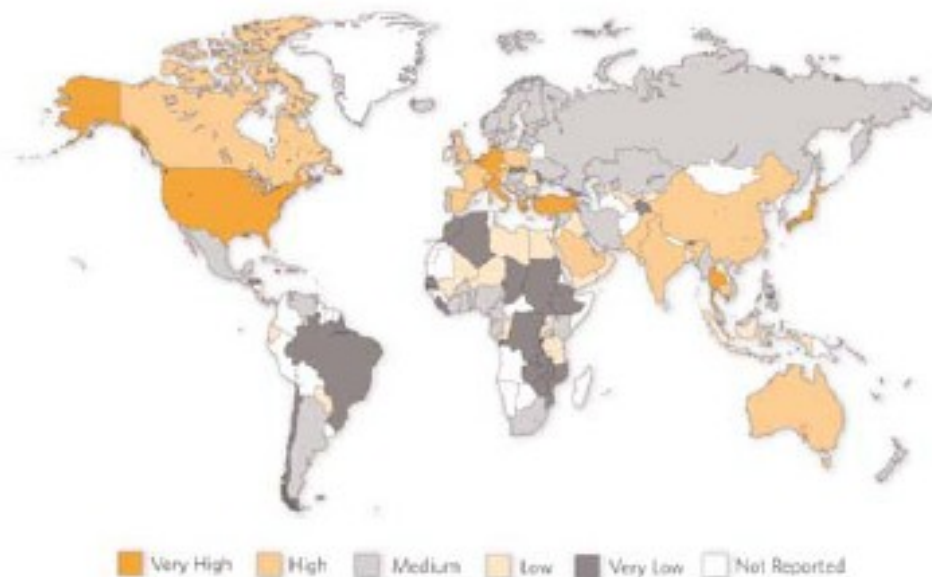


Figure 6: Countries of Origin, as measured by the extent of reporting of trafficking



Source: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 2006. Trafficking in Persons: Global Patterns, p. 30.

Figure 7: Countries of Destination, as measured by the extent of reporting of trafficking



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50% of migrants are young people, seeking employment, education, family reunion, or to escape persecution.



Rights and responsibilities – what are the human rights standards?



Let us note

- Every country has the right to control its borders, and every migrant has the responsibility to observe the laws of the host country

That being said, migrants have rights as humans even if they are not citizens, e.g.:

- Right to flee persecution, not to be subject to torture or violence, slavery, exploitation; freedom of religion



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