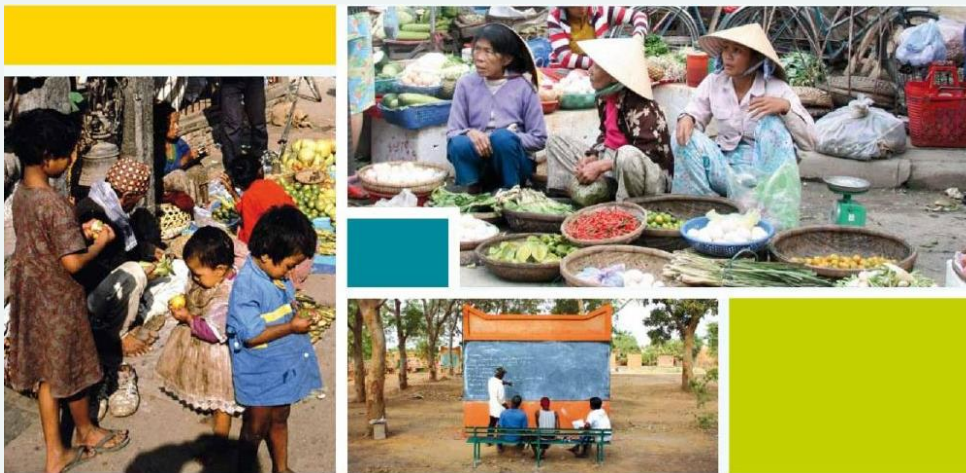


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# Malian context

- Huge political challenges
  - North crisis and spread of radical Islam
  - Strengthening trust in Malian democratic institutions
- Important mobility and circulation of Malians
  - 11% of Malians have already had a migration experience abroad
  - more than 20% of Malians have a family member currently in migration
  - more than 40% of Malians live in a household with at least one return migrant



# Migration is a vehicle for the transfer of new political norms.

- Malian migrants have different perceptions of Malian democratic institutions than non-migrants
- Migrants, returnees and their family are more interested in politics and are more involved in local democratic institutions than non-migrants



# The process of political norm transfer depends on

- the institutional context of the host country
  - Malian from democratic countries are
    - more skeptical and less trustful than those coming from less democratic countries
    - and more involved in Malian political institutions
- the quantity and quality of the Migrants' interactions with the host society



# Policy implications

- Reinforcing integration of migrants in European countries as well as in African democratic countries
  - Housing, literacy policies
  
- Facilitating circulation and communication of migrants with their origins countries
  - Decreasing financial costs
  - Encouraging temporary return
  - Simplifying visa procedure
  
- Drawing on returnees to consolidate Malian political institutions



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