



30 June 2014 - In this month's newsletter we shine the light on [migrants](#) . In spite of their increasing presence, migrants and their contributions to home and host societies remain largely unknown and misrepresented.

From the French football star Karim Benzema, who [doesn't sing the national anthem](#) at the World Cup in Brazil, to [Moussa Diouf](#) whose pearl hen was the biggest obstacle when he crossed the Mediterranean from Senegal to Spain, we have taken a closer look at some of the aspects of migration.

We find out the importance of [remittances](#), which in 2013 amounted to three times the global official development aid (ODA), and how money is sometimes sent through a trust based system called "[Hawala](#) ", avoiding the fees of the wire transfer firms which sometimes amount to up to 12%.