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Remittances in insecure
settings: exploring the
Somali case

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Remittances in the country of origin: Hargeisa case study

- Transformed geography and diversified participation
- Underlying social relationships
- Various patterns but considerable reliance
- Small business investment issues
- Coping strategy in crises
- Distribution and social recirculation
- Wider economic repercussions
- Shaping the local political economy

Displacement and remittances: from Nairobi to London

- Intertwining with regional and global mobility
- Investments in small businesses in Eastleigh, Nairobi
- Distinct uses of remittances and sense of contingency in Eastleigh
- Someone pays: social and economic costs in London
- Crucial role of remittance infrastructure

Policy issues

- Future scenarios and key factors in remittance patterns
- Political and economic context in the country of origin
- Refugee policy in neighbouring countries
- Importance of keeping money transfer channels open
- Ways of 'leveraging' remittances in more stable areas
- Dialogue between diaspora charitable initiatives and 'mainstream' NGOs and donors