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Abstract

There is scant literature on migrants with an entrepreneurial background and who return to their country of origin. Using a transnational theoretical approach, we seek to contribute to research in this field by analysing the return strategies and expectations of Colombian migrant entrepreneurs participating in the Programme Migration and Diaspora (PMD). This programme is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (German Society for International Cooperation, Eschborn, Germany) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ, Berlin, Germany). To this end, a mixed-methods study was conducted. Likert scale questionnaires and semi-structured interviews were applied to twenty-seven entrepreneurs participating in the programme, analysing quantitative and qualitative variables. Migrants seek to contribute to Colombia's development through entrepreneurship, looking for various commercial connections for which security and planning conditions are necessary. They see entrepreneurship as sustenance, which in most cases results in transnational links between Germany and Colombia. For that to happen, contacts and acquired experiences are fundamental, as well as tangible and intangible resources, amongst which the information and

support for entrepreneurship granted by GIZ stand out. Generally, it is essential to continue strengthening differentiated and comprehensive support strategies for all types of migrant entrepreneurs in destination countries. © 2025 by the authors.

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A paradigmatic example is the Migration and Diaspora Programme (PMD), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) under the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Within this framework, the Business Ideas for Development (GfE) initiative targets Colombians residing in Germany, providing financial grants and mentorship through transnational incubators to promote enterprise creation in Colombia. Participants classified as transnational entrepreneurs (TEs) engage in an annual competitive selection process, during which proposals are assessed by bi-national juries. Finalists pitch their business ideas, and selected winners receive tailored support ().

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Saving for old age is important for individuals in their retirement age, even more so if they belong to the agricultural sector or the popular economy, in most cases they do not have enough resources to accumulate throughout their life to be able to use them in the retirement stage. The objective of this article is to design a savings scheme for old age for informal employees in the agricultural sector, a case study of the municipality of Cajicá Colombia. Methodologically, a mixed approach is used, applying a multivariate statistical process, in which significant variables are established to feed the proposed scheme or model and the relationships between each of the variables analyzed. Analysis of the results is performed based on the input of information collected in the sample. The proposed theoretical model is a scheme an additional aid to the current one, although it does not fully guarantee total protection in terms of social security and, as it is a support, it is only limited to satisfying needs of the present, and to the extent that there is a longer savings period or considerable amounts, it can allow for the generation of capitalization through productivity since the resources can be used in infrastructure projects and their profitability is granted to the beneficiary saver. © 2025 Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. All rights reserved.

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