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ABSTRACT

This study relates the women labour migrants. It has been conducted with the aim of identify the trend of emigration by sex and problems of women migrant workers. And it has aimed to find out the socio-economic impacts of emigration. This study has done on the basis of secondary source of information. It has included the data on emigration from 1981 census to 2006. Obtained data/information is analyzed from descriptive way.

After analyzing the obtained data/information it is found that, portion of women emigrants is very small in compare to men. Out of approximate 0.86 million Nepalese abroad workers, 9.12 percent were women and volume of women abroad workers is around 78 thousand in 2006. Around 50 percent women abroad workers are concentrated in the Gulf regions especially in Saudi Arabia. Number of women emigrants seems in increasing trend especially in recent years. More than 90 percent of women abroad workers except India are in different 15 countries with minimum 350 to maximum 30,000 (Saudi Arab). Approximately 65 percent are domestic workers. More numbers of migrant women workers seems from indigenous nationalities and Dalit, around 40 percent are from lower middle class society and one quartile of women emigrants are literate (with small share of illiterate) only. Women migrant workers are more vulnerable than men. Particularly, migrant women workers have to face the problems of language difficulty, long working hours and low income. And they could not perform their task.

As a result of emigration, remittances are becoming an important source of household income and national economy. Contribution of women in sending remittances to Nepal is slightly better than share of women in volume of abroad workers. Now, sources of remittances are becoming other countries than Nepal and India. Except economic remittance, Nepal has gained some other things like skills and experiences. However, youths' emigration does not favour the long run nation's prosperity.

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Acronyms

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
BA	-	Bachelor of Arts
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	-	Central Department of Population
CeLRRD	-	Center for Legal Research and Resource Development
DDC	-	District Development Committee
DLEP	-	Department of Labour and Employment Promotion
DW	-	Domestic Worker
EFWA	-	Employment of Foreign Workers Act
FDWs	-	Female Domestic Workers
GCIM	-	Global Commission on International Migration
GDP	-	Gross Domestic Product
HH	-	Household
HMG	-	His Majesty's Government
ILO	-	International Labour office
IMF	-	International Money Fund
INGOs	-	International Non-government Organizations
IUSSP	-	International Union of Social Scientists in Population
MA	-	Master of Arts
MD	-	Managing Director
ML&TM	-	Ministry of Labour and Transport Management
Mln	-	Million
MWWs	-	Migrant Women Workers

N	-	Number
NGOs	-	Non-government Organizations
NIDS	-	Nepal Institute of Development Studies
NLSS	-	Nepal Living Standard Survey
NRs	-	Nepalese Rupees
Nst	-	Not Stated
PIC	-	Public Information Center
Rs.	-	Rupees
SAARC	-	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAMANATA	-	Institute for Social and Gender Equality
SLC	-	School Leaving Certificate
UAE	-	United Arab Emirates
UK	-	United Kingdom
UN	-	United Nations
UNFEM	-	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNFPA	-	United Nations Population Fund
US	-	United States
USA	-	United States of America
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
\$	-	Dollar
%	-	Percentage