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ABSTRACT

The present study has tried to find out the role of international labour migration as a livelihood strategy from the analysis of the households of migrant labourers in Parroha VDC, ward No. 1 of Rupandehi district. The analysis has been done on the basis of data generated from the interview, questionnaire, survey and group discussion as well as from secondary data. The study has revealed unemployment, poverty, lack of opportunity in the home country are the reasons and obligations of labour migration. Gulf countries followed by East /South-East Asian countries have been the major destination of migrant workers. Mainly the local brokers have organized the foreign employment and most of them have found cheated during the course of migration. The migrant workers have managed the amount difficultly from different sources like selling land and properties, taking loans and borrowing from relatives and friends. Most of the migrant workers are unskilled. Due to the lack of higher education and proper training, they face problem in languages, skills and are compelled to work as unskilled manual workers. Therefore, they have been working abroad in lower wage and salary due to the lesser skills. Bank and Hundi are the major sources to transfer the remittances to their households. To buy essential goods and maintain the house expenses have been the first priorities of using the remittances. Besides, they have invested on education of their children and constructing houses. Therefore, labour migration has resulted in changing the living standard, custom and other activities of the households in the study area.

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ABBREVIATION

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDA	Centre for Economic Development and Administration
CNAS	Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies
DFID	Department for International Development
DOLEP	Department of Labour and Employment Promotion
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
HH	Household
ILO	International Labour Organization
NPC	National Planning Commission
NRB	Nepal Rastra Bank
SAARC	South-Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
VDC	Village Development Committee
WB	World Bank