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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out to assess the local people perception on remittance, to identify the role on rural livelihood. Study was conducted in Kolhavi VDC of Bara District, Nepal was conduct with the objectives to analyze the impact of remittance on rural livelihood, access the contribution of remittance in poverty reduction on rural areas and analyze the factors related to the use of remittance in Kolhavi VDC of Bara District. This study is mainly based in the primary information and the data were collected using the technique of household survey with the help of questionnaire and interview (FGD and KII).

There was 6567 population in VDC. Out of total households 1272 households were receiving remittance money. Among them 62 households were selected as the probability sampling for study. Most of the households from the study area were receiving remittance. In the study area it was found that Madesi 32.25%, Chhetri 19.35% Brahmin 21%, Newar 12%, Rajput 6.70% and Magar 9.50% were caste of the study area. Remittance was the main source of livelihood of this study area. Of the total, 37% foreign migrant worker were spending their remittance in HHs expenditure, 20% spend for education. After remittance foreign migrant worker households economic condition has improved through remittance.

Similarly, there was significant improvement in the foreign migrant worker household going for better health check-up in private hospital and started to send their children in school, college and university after receiving the remittance in the study area.

In the study area, remittance income has an effective tool in reducing the poverty. The living standard of the people is gradually changing. People are now getting the proper health and facilities and their educational status is also gradually increasing. The income of the family has been raised up ultimately uplifting the living standard of the living under the poverty line. Some utilize in productive from our side like income coming from remittance should be utilizes in productive sector like business, agriculture, agro forestry, real estate (land purchase and housing construction) etc, there should be some vocational training institution in the local area for their skill development and so on. Result of the studysuggests that remittance helps to reduce rural poverty and helps rural development.

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ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

ADB : Asian Development Bank

BOP : Balance of Payment

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

DFID : Department for International Development

FDI : Foreign Direct Investment

FY : Fiscal Year

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GNI : Gross National Income

GON : Government of Nepal

HDR : Human Development Report

ILO : International Labour Organization

IMF : International Monetary Fund

NLSS : Nepal Living Standard Survey

NPC : National Planning Commission

NRB : Nepal Rastra Bank

SAARC : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SLC : School Leaving Certificate

UAE : United Arab Emirates

UK : United Kingdom

USA : United States of America

VDC : Village Development Committee

WB : World Bank