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ABSTRACT

The study Socio- Economic Impact of Remittance in Putha Uttarganga Rural Municipality ward no.10, East Rukum tries to assess the social and economic impact and utilization pattern of remittance in study area. The study is mainly based on primary data. The primary information was collected through direct personal interview with remittance receiver family members and focus group discussions techniques. For this open-ended questionnaire was made. 90 sample households were selected by purposive sampling method. The households were those from where at least one family member are working in foreign country or who worked in foreign country and have returned as a labor migration.

The study shows that remittance has increased their access to education as most of them send their children to private school and some has even send their children to foreign country for further study. It has also increased their access to health checkup, brought improvements in sanitation, increased in income, saving and expenditure. In the context of utilization pattern, the major bulk of remittance was found used in consumption of goods, repayment of loans and for education of their children. After expending in these field, remaining money was found used in unproductive sectors i.e. land, give loan to others, keep with self, deposit in self-help group and few of them were found running a retail shop, tailor and poultry farm. Besides these, some negative impact were also found. With the receiving of remittance they sooner or later migrate to urban areas for better life as a result their land remain barren and unused. Remittance has encouraged them to buy necessary goods which they used to produce themselves. Also their involvement in agriculture and animal husbandry was found decreased due to the shortage of active human resource as most of the youth has gone abroad for work. It means that rural development has negatively impacted.

Hence, finally the study concludes that comparatively remittance has brought positive impact on socio-economic status of remittance receiving households and most importantly remittance was seen as an important financial source for investment in human capital i.e. education, health and hygiene.

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ACRONYMS / ABBREVIATIONS

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

DoFE : Department of Foreign Employment

FDI : Foreign Direct Investment

FGDs : Focus Group Discussion

FY : Fiscal Year

GCC : Gulf Cooperation Council

IMF : International Monetary Fund

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GNP : Gross National Product

LMICs : Low and Middle Income Countries

NPR : Nepalese Rupee

NRB : Nepal Rastra Bank

ODA : Official Development Assistance

PCI : Per Capita Income

SLC : School Leaving Certificate

VDC : Village Development Committee