THE DETERMINANTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

In spite of all the orchestrated policies and programmes of Federal, State and Local Governments in the country targeted at checking rural-urban migration, the problem has remained unresolved. This paper, therefore, probes into the determinants and implications of rural-urban migration in Nigeria. The paper adopts the Classical and Neo-classical rural-urban development-related theory and gathered data primarily from books, journal articles and library materials. The paper argues that the imbalance between the rural and urban economic opportunities is the prime determinant of the rate of rural-urban migration. The adoption of serious rural development strategies such as establishment of cottage industries; promotion of mechanized agriculture in rural areas; provision of low-cost houses, electricity, water and other essential socio-economic amenities, will check rural-urban drift.

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