INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, CONSUMPTION AND RE-ACCUMULATION OF FAMILY ASSETS IN PAKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

The sale of family assets to pay for the cost of migrating abroad is a common phenomenon among the people of Gujrat in Pakistan. People gather money from different sources to complete the process of international migration, for this purpose they do not hesitate to sell their agricultural land, houses, shops, and other personal possessions. The underlying expectation is that the economic migrant would be able to raise the economic standards of the closest relatives left behind in Pakistan by way of routine money transfer. The goal of this study is to evaluate the pattern of asset conveyance and consumption patterns of international economic migration in rural areas of Gujrat and, to highlight the how the inward remittance of funds by the economic immigrants are contributing to the re-accumulation of assets. A survey research method was used by adopting the simple random sampling technique for selection of respondents (households) from two villages of Gujrat district. The result shows that all interviewed households had sold different assets for the purpose of sending economic immigrant abroad.

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