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Male Gulf Migration: Effects on left-behind women in Bihar

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Abstract

Pull and push factors are attracting people from India to Gulf countries. Male out-migration greatly increases women's work and burdens them, which compounds their difficulties of basic survival. So, the main objective of this paper is to examine how male gulf migration affects the lives of left-behind wives in Gopalganj district of Bihar. Primary data has been collected with an in-depth interview method. Books, journals, published documents, ILO, IOM (International organization of Migration), and Ministry of External Affairs has been used as secondary sources. The result of the study reveals that those women who are left behind after male migration face a lot of challenges and opportunities. Both challenges and opportunities make them more capable and self-dependent but psycho-social aspects of left-behind women need to be addressed through various social work interventions. To reduce or minimize the psycho-social aspect of the problem intervention in terms of livelihood promotion, counseling as well community support activities required more attention.

Key Words:

Gulf Migration workers, Gulf cooperation council (GCC), Lest behind Women, Psycho-social, Migration.

Introduction

In the present context, migration is the movement of people due to social and economic reasons. Scholars from different disciplines have

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