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Research Dissemination and Policy Workshop on Labour Out-migration, Agriculture Change and Consequences for left behind Women

Hotel Shanker

Lazimpat, Kathmandu

December 18, 2017

1:00 PM– 7:30 PM



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Shaping policy for development

Goal:

The goal of this workshop is to share empirical findings and foster intellectual interaction to strengthen evidence based policy formulation.

Background:

This dissemination and policy workshop will share the empirical findings generated through rigorous scientific investigation of Labour Out-migration, agricultural change and its consequences for left behind women to strengthen evidence based policy. An estimated 232 million migrants globally with nearly 11 percent of the total population internally and persistent food scarcity, population mobility and agriculture productivity have been key concerns in scholarly and policy arena. This study focuses on the impact of labor outmigration on agricultural productivity in migrant-sending areas. This is crucial as agriculture productivity in poor subsistence economies is closely connected with one of the world's epidemic problems: *food security*.



This study aims to fill the gap in understanding of the relationship between migration and agriculture and provides crucial information to policy makers to formulate evidence based agriculture development and gender policy.



Specific aims of the workshop:

- Briefly revisit the project goals, and accomplishments.
- Share empirical results:
 - Labour out-migration and agriculture change
 - Husband's out-migration consequences for wives
 - How good are survey measures of agriculture production?
- Data and other resources access.
- Potential collaboration and future direction of evidence based policy formulation.

Capacity building:

On top of this, our capacity building program also enhance scientific and analytical capacity of faculty and scientists —Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal Agriculture Research Council and others. In collaboration with the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan, ISER-N regularly organizes an International Training on Survey Data Analysis Techniques. To date, a total of 179 participants- 147 from Nepal and 32 from other South Asian countries have participated in this course.



Program

- 13:00-13:30 **Arrival, Registration and Tea/Coffee**
- 13:30-14:00 **Welcome Remarks and Introduction**
~Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Director of Research and Extension, AFU, Rampur, Chitwan
- 14:00-14.15 **Overview of the workshop and study**
~Dr. Dirgha J. Ghimire, Director, ISER-N, Bharatpur, Chitwan; Research Associate Professor, Population Studies Center (PSC), University of Michigan, USA
- 14:15-14:35 **Thematic Presentation: *Labour out-migration and agricultural change***
~Dr. Dirgha J. Ghimire, ISER-N /PSC
- 14:35-14:50 **Policy implication of labour out-migration and Q&A**
~Dr. Ganesh Gurung, Former Member, National Planning Commission; Chair, Nepal Institute of Development Studies, Kathmandu
- 14:50-15:10 **Thematic Presentation: *Husbands' out-migration consequences for wives***
~Dr. Dirgha J. Ghimire, ISER-N /PSC
- 15:10-15:25 **Policy implication on Women's empowerment and Q&A**
~Dr. Meeta Sainju Pradhan, Gender and Social Exclusion Specialist; Director of Himalayan Program, The Mountain Institute, Kathmandu
- 15:25-15:45 **Thematic Presentation: *How good are survey measures of agricultural productivity?***
~Ms. Rija Manandhar, Senior Research Officer, ISER-N
- 15:45-16:00 **Methodological implication and Q&A**
~Dr. Pashupati Chaudhary, FAO, Kathmandu
- 16:00-16:30 **Presentation: *Overview of policy briefs, data and other resources access***
~Ms. Rija Manandhar, Senior Research Officer, ISER-N
- 16:30-16:45 Tea/Coffee break**
- 16:45-17:00 **Presentation: *Capacity building, collaboration in evidence based policy formulation***
~Dr. Dirgha J. Ghimire, Director, ISER-N/PSC
- 17:00-17:10 **Role of Interdisciplinary research in Agriculture development**
~Dr. Yug Nath Ghimire, Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Kathmandu
- 17:10-17:20 **Interdisciplinary research and evidence based agriculture policy formulation**
~Dr. Suroj Pokhrel, Secretary, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Kathmandu
- 17:20-17:30 **Keynote Address: *Interdisciplinary research and higher education policy***
~Hon. Prof. Dr. Ishwari P. Dhakal, Vice Chancellor, AFU, Rampur, Chitwan
- 17:30-17:50 **Action agenda for collaboration in research and evidence based policy formulation**
~All participants
- 17:50-18:00 **Closing Remarks**
~Prof. Dr. Dharma R. Dangol, Chief, Natural History Museum, Kathmandu, Chair, ISER-N, Fulbari, Chitwan
- 18:00-18:30 **Refreshment and networking**
- 18:30-19:30 **Dinner**

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