Effects of Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Rural-urban Migrants in Plateau State: Path Model Approach

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Abstract

Migration is a complex phenomenon with the multiplicity of economic, social and security affecting migrants in their place of relocation. This shift has effects on migrants' socio-demographic feature about the reason for rural to urban migration. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the direct effects of the socio-demographic status of migrants in Plateau State using variables of socio-demographic information and deriving factors of demography variable. The study uses stratified and purposive sampling techniques to administered 400 questionnaires to six (6) selected Local Government Area in the study area, of which 385 were retrieved successfully. A path model analysis was utilized to evaluate the direct effects of the socio-demographic features of migrants and the result revealed a strong significance among the ten variables against reasons for immigrants' movement at both 95% and 99% confidence level. Job secured and occasional movement has direct effects on migrants of the socio-demography of migrants.

Keywords: Migrants, Migration, Path model analysis, Socio-demographic variables.

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Migration is a complex phenomenon with multiplicity of economic, environmental, social and security aspects affecting daily lives of people in an increasingly interconnectivity of the world. This encompasses wide diversity of people's movements of all walks of life from different location to another location or residential (World Migration Report [WMR], 2018). The relocation of residence varies with the interval of time for which the change occurs. On the other hand, Shamshad(2012) stated that migration is not merely the shift of people from one place to another, but its dynamic of assisting individual to understand the ever-changing 'space-content' and 'space-relations' of a region. The WMR (2018) noted that migration is increasing in its nature than ever before, impacting nations and people in this era of globalization, intertwined with geopolitics, trade and cultural exchange.

Migration is develop base on the intention of people to move or change location within two geographical places for several purposes desiring to achieve. Nigeria is known to be an agrarian nation with high rate of poverty experience among its citizenry. Being one of