

A Review of Parents Migration and its Impacts on Left-behind Children

Abstract: Due to urbanization or wishes to improve the outcomes for children, many parents in developing countries migrate nationally or internationally and leave their children behind cared by one of the parents or by grandparents or other relatives. This group of children constitutes a subpopulation called left-behind children, which has attracted much attention from scholars, governments and society. This article presents a comprehensive review about literature that study the educational, psychological, physical impacts of parents' migration may have on left-behind children. These literatures show different results between parents migrating nationally and parents migrating internationally. Also, the effects of father's migration are different from mother's migration on left-behind children. Discrimination or resources allocation after parents' migration varies between boys and girls left behind. This article contributes to deeper and comprehensive understanding of impacts of parents' migration on left-behind children.

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