



The Impact of Migration on Areas of Limited Statehood in Sub-Sahara Africa

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Sub-Saharan Africa is, geographically and ethnoculturally, the area of the continent of Africa that lies south of the Sahara. According to the United Nations, it consists of all African countries and territories that are fully or partially south of the Sahara. While the United Nations geoscheme for Africa excludes Sudan from its definition of sub-Saharan Africa, the African Union's definition includes Sudan but instead excludes Mauritania. The impact of the evolving farm structure on employment remains unclear. While there is considerable speculation that the rise of investor farmers will exacerbate the challenges facing rural youth and convert them into landless informal wage workers, we feel it is premature to make such dire conclusions. Much depends on the rate of agricultural productivity growth, which because of its extensive forward and backward linkages with the rest of the economy, will influence the rate of employment growth in the off-farm sectors. Much of the economic transformation and employment shifts that the regi...

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Many of these specific impacts of the African migration flows on the sending communities will be illuminated in the following to portrait the dangers as well as potential benefits of massive in- and out-migration for areas of limited statehood. However, reduced economic opportunities in major sub-Saharan African cities and the increase in urban poverty despite the implementation of Structural Adjustment Programs, has led to urban outmigration- the migration from towns to rural areas [4, 5]. The health effects of rural-urban migration in Africa have been documented [3–5], and this category of internal migration still accounts for the majority of internal migratory movements.Â Our study of large populations of mothers highlighted the impact of internal migration on U5MR in 27 sub-Saharan African countries. In general, hazards of under-five mortality was were higher among among urban-rural migrant, rural non-migrant, and rural-urban migrant mothers than urban non-migrant mothers.