

Impacts of Migration in Afghanistan

Migration is a worldwide phenomenon, not only it affected my country Afghanistan, but it affects countries all over the world. As it evidenced in history, Afghans are forced to migrate. There are various reasons, and mainly, most crucial reason is war. Since the Great Britain wars, Soviet invasion, Taliban and now the conflicts with more than 1000 groups of terrorist made the generations to live with war and insecurity without peace of mind. People and especially young generation are tired of war. People are tired of losing their beloved ones, mostly they don't think about their selves, they think about their family, mother, father, brother, sister, wife, husband or a friend. It hurts to see you lose your family and you can't do anything.

Before anything, insecurity and war are the main factors that caused immigration and emigration of Afghan people to neighborhood and other countries of the world. They emigrate to find a better place, where they can live in peace within the love of family. Nobody feels good when they leave their home, but the hard conditions and tough situations leaves us with no other option except leaving home, although it hurts. I have seen many of my relatives, who were leaving country, they were happy in the face, but sad in the heart. When we go with them to airport or we see each other as farewell, they cry as much as they can, because they leave their home and country while they don't want, but they are forced due to uncertain situation and seeking better life.

Through the years, Afghanistan has one of the highest trends of migration to countries all over the world. Many of them reached to their ideal life, but many of them didn't find comfort which they were thinking about. If we assess the impacts of migration in Afghanistan, we can begin the story from families. In terms of economy, when a member of family lives outside of Afghanistan, family who are living in Afghanistan expect them to send money and support them. Most of families are happy from this situation but they don't know what are the conditions that a person must accept to have income in a country where the living standards and expenses are higher than Afghanistan.

Mainly, in a broad study, there can be positive and negative impacts of migration in different dimensions. We can assess the impacts of Migration in terms of economy, culture, religion, knowledge and overall life style.

If we have a glance over impacts of migration in terms of economy, we can discuss that, when people leave their country, they bring down their county's consumer spending as well as labor force which are skilled or non-skilled. It will have a positive effect on their

country of origin if the labor force is oversaturated. In the context of Afghanistan, we still need labor force which should be skilled and it is not oversaturated. Although, the number of skilled labor force are less and in a small group of number. But if the situation is different as it is in Afghanistan, then the people leaving their country of birth will deprive their home country of skilled workers. When an educated person leaves Afghanistan, that deprive the country from skills and knowledge that they have. In contrary, the receiving country on the other hand would be gaining workers who would be an asset to the country's economy. This situation strongly exist in countries, where they have higher percentage of Afghans as migrants or refugees. Iran and Pakistan are two main countries that welcomed Afghans as migrants and refugees. In the other hand, they had benefited the cheap workforce and labor force.

In the other way, emigration has a fiscal impact on the receiving country because the new emigrants must pay taxes according to their earnings, purchases and other elements. They can access social services like health care, education of their children and other services provided by the new country.

Emigration affects the job market as well as wages in the country they move into. The country must have enough jobs available for the emigrants while ensuring that the native-born workers have equal chances for employment. Wages could be affected as well. For example, acceptance of lower wages by emigrants will effectively lower the wages received by the native born and the emigrants.

In the context of Afghanistan, this condition exists. Afghans work in other/new countries with a lower wage and a cheap workforce which they can give benefit to economy of that country.

Although, it is not positive for Afghanistan. Because, lots of money moves out of country. In the other hand, Afghanistan at its modern era, is in a serious need to educated, dedicated and skilled workforce in every dimension.

Nowadays, country is moving forward to have a bright future with the support of international community and millions of dollars as international cooperation's. In this situation, the only solution is not to migrate, but it is to stay and build the country. It is true that we are losing lives but if we look to opportunities, there are thousands of way that we can bring revolution. Indeed, every developed and civilized country passed its

bad days. As in the history, Europe and half of the world passed the worst days in world wars I and II. If we look at those countries now, their nation rebuild it! With dedication, perseverance, patience and hard work. The mere and close example that our people can give is Japan. Japan was totally destroyed, especially Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But today, their people made it and rebuild it. Last but not least, we want peace and security, then we will die hundred times and hard work as much as it is possible to build our country and reflect the beauties of Afghanistan to the world.