

Impacts of Migration in Afghanistan

Migration among the Afghan people has become normal. Although human migration has existed for hundreds thousands years. Migration in modern sense the movement of people from a country to another country, where they are not citizens. (1)

Therefore, this essay attempts to investigate the most important elements about the Causes consequences of immigration in Afghanistan.

Generally migration can be divided in to;

- 1: mandatory migration
- 2: individual migration
- 3: legal migration
- 4: Illegal migration
- 4: Mass Migration. (2)

First, a migrant is a person who has entered to a country and has resided for at least 12 months. Most of migrations in Afghanistan to western countries are under pretext of achieving a better life and peace, in spite of this in 2003 more than 2.8 million Afghan refugees lived in Iran, only 800,000 of them were registered as legal migrants, while the rest were illegally living in Iran.(3)

About 1.5 million registered refugees live in Pakistan and about 1 million refugees live there illegally. Afghans usually emigrate because of departure from situation or unfavorable disadvantages such as war, unemployment and lack of security, the second reason can be favorable condition for attractors, such as more health facilities, better education, more income and better life for a living.(4)

However, human migration is not biological but social, economic, political or culture. It should be noted that 77,234,531 million people are migrating from the world population, it can be said that 76% of Afghan people have an immigrant experience and itself shows the reality that Afghanistan is the second largest immigrant country after Syria. (5)

Although political and security issues were the main phenomenon of immigration in Afghanistan until 2001, about 78% of migration issues were economic and unemployment from 2007-2011.

On the other hand, migration can also have positive achievements as such; increasing people's awareness, gaining experience from the new social environment, and cultural exchange. People in the world are seen to be benefiting from new these experiences.

According to the report of United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in January 2016, roughly 77,731 Afghan migrants has been registered in the first six months of 2015. The same has tripled in 2014 and the most of them were between the ages of 15-24. All of them were the young generation which fall from Afghanistan. It should be noted that migration in Afghanistan has been caused by the effect of prolong wars in the past four decades.(6)

Afghanistan is a country which has experience internal crisis and wars, the believe and trust between the citizen of the country and the government has fallen.

Years of fighting in Afghanistan led to disappearance of the country's cultural and educational institution, but at least the second and third generation of Afghan immigrants in other countries were able to withstand along with the day to day science.

Migration of the youth generation from the country can slowdown the development of the family and the society. Getting huge money out of the country as well as the weakening of the security forces and defense, are the most important harms and threats of immigration.



After they enter to other countries and facing a lot of difficulties, they are employed for the very hard works. However, they could have done these hard works in their own countries.

During the Taliban wars, most Afghan girls and boys left their schools, universities and immigrated to Iran. Immigrants were able to regain this opportunity by migrating to other countries. According to the statistics of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran around 20,000 students at schools and 310,000 Afghan students study at the Iranian universities. (7)

Young people are forced to immigrate when social conditions are keeping them with the expectations and needs of young people and when there is no minimum health facilities there is no way without immigration.



The person who is in the process of migration, faces with a lot of challenges in order to be accommodated, and after they are deployed to an unfamiliar region, they fight against other obstacles.

Many Afghans who are refugees in deferent countries today are not fully aware of their rights, it should be said that Afghans consciously trafficked even those who have PHD but they have migrated to the foreign countries because of lack of security and this problem is faced by educated people.(8)

Migrants fortunately continue their education and live without any problem after the accommodation to the host countries. Most of them migrate to the European countries such as Sweden, Germany, Austria, and etc.

A remarkable number of migrated Afghans were sent to the Yemen war from Saudi Arabia during the past years, which is one of the major problems for Afghan refugees and especially for the migrated youths.(8)

However Afghans are away from their homeland they do not face discrimination, and most importantly they are currently in countries which do not risk of dead of a blast and suicide bomber.

At the end, To boost the Economy of Afghanistan there is a need to bring the changes in polices in three main area: sustainable development, governance resource management.

all these problems and obstacles that have caused the migration of Afghans have to be resolved, they must be given a job, their security will be provided so that they can enjoy their life, reduce the security challenges of the country, in the mass media the spirit of citizenship should be strengthened, some young people must be recognized and used throughout the field, it would be useful to have Hospitals, Schools, Universities in distant province of Afghanistan, when all these problems are resolved, it is easy to reduce immigration in Afghanistan.