

An Investigation into the Tendency Toward Migration Among Youth in Kabul and Its Associated Factors

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Abstract

In recent years, the rise in migration flows across different regions of the world, particularly from third-world and less-developed countries to developed nations, has become one of the most pressing social issues, presenting significant challenges for both sending and receiving countries. Afghanistan has not been exempt from this trend, and the migration of youth has long been regarded as a major social concern in the country.

This study aims to examine the extent of migration tendency among the youth of Kabul and the key factors influencing it, with a focus on public attitudes. The theoretical framework of the research integrates elements from the "Push-Pull Theory," "Migration Network Theory," and the concept of "Relative Deprivation." The study population comprises residents of Kabul city. A sample of 115 individuals was selected, and the data collected were analyzed using SPSS software across three levels: descriptive statistics, analytical statistics, and inferential statistics.

The findings reveal that the tendency toward migration among Kabul's youth is notably high, and that factors such as economic difficulties, political instability, socio-cultural challenges, relative deprivation, and migration networks significantly contribute to this trend. According to the respondents, creating employment opportunities, ensuring political stability, and providing access to educational and research facilities within the country could play a crucial role in reducing the desire to migrate.

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