

The Impact of Migration and Remittances on Education of Children Left-behind: Evidence from Rural Sector of Sri Lanka

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World literature supports the view that labor migration and remittances play a significant role in children's education of families left-behind although such evidence from Sri Lanka is lacking. Therefore, by taking a nationally representative sample of rural sector households of Sri Lanka, this study investigates the impact of migration and remittances on school enrollment of children left-behind. The data for this are coming from Department of Census and Statistics and they were analyzed using probit models. The results suggests that having an internal migrant or/ and an international migrant in rural households increase the propensity of school enrollment. However, with respect to the receipt of remittances, only internal remittances play a significant role in school enrolment.

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