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Background

- Research shows that unemployment has been the main reason why rural youths are migrating to the urban areas.
- More than half (57%) of the youth migrants are male, while 43% are female.
- Despite the importance of remittance, yet only a few households are receiving it since majority of the youths are not gainfully employed in the cities.
- Education plays a key role in both finding and keeping a job. Comparing the educational level of both migrant youths and non-migrant youths, it was evident that the migrant youths are a bit more educated than those that did not migrate.

Reason for migration

- The study identifies various reasons why youths are migrating such as;
- Leaving to find a better land
- Educational opportunities
- Marriage
- However, the main reason why they leave their rural areas is to get job.

Effects of migration

- Rural-urban migration of youth is associated with lesser food expenditures and total expenditures of the originating household.

- The incidence of poverty appears to have increased as a result of the youth migration.
- Rural-urban migration of youth is associated with reduced productivity.
- Rural-urban migration of youths causes household farm income to be reduced by \$88. This is as a result of shortage in family labour, and thereby increase the cost of hired labour.

Recommendations

- Sensitization on prospect of Agribusiness
- Creating awareness on professionalization of agriculture activities and making it less of a 'hard work, low paid job' and more of a 'profit-making business'.
- Access to services and resources such as improved varieties and new technologies to increase productivity and efficiency respectively.
- Creating infrastructures that are directly related to private sector development, such as building roads to facilitate market access.
- Giving access to finance and providing training on credit utilization so that it could have positive influence on their farming activities.
- Creating business enabling environment
- Promoting labour force such as vocational training and technical capacity building targeted at increasing the skills of local labour force.

