

Global Migration

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Abstract— This research addresses the growth of global migration as well as the causes of it. Moreover, it discusses the disadvantages of global migration, and what obstacles it can cause on businesses and economies. Furthermore, this research provides solutions that might significantly help to decrease such disadvantages.

INTRODUCTION

Recently, since technology has evolved, it has become easy to many people to move from their homeland to another country in order to find better life's opportunities. This situation is called global migration. Developed countries have become a target for immigrants, which leads to a rise in the number of global migration. According to the United Nations, the number of global migration in 1990 were 154 million, whereas in 2000 it reached 175 million; however, the most awful thing is over a period of 13 years, the number of global migration has doubled and reached 232 million people. By comparing these two periods of time, we can estimate that the number of global migration will continue to grow with enormous figures. This dramatic increase can cause damage to humans and the environment around the world such as brain drain, cultural misunderstanding, and air pollution; however, such problems can schematically be solved by providing awareness programs, improving wages and housing for communities, and building environmentally smart cities.

CONGESTION AND TRANSPORTATION

The dramatic increase of global migration causes plenty of congestion and transportation use, which greatly affects the environment. Due to a lack of funding, immigrants depend on inexpensive transportation. The majority of inexpensive transportation is very damaging to the environment. According to McEntire, J. & Williams, J (2014) in their article "Global Migration," the number of transportation in Bangkok, Thailand and Jakarta, Indonesia is enormous, and that directly leads to air pollution. It is unusual for people to live in these environments; which might be a cause of serious diseases particularly respiratory illnesses. These gigantic numbers of transportation that are caused by global migration are very terrifying. Breathing polluted air every day is very dangerous to human life. Human life is very important. Therefore, there are some optimal solutions for air pollution problem such as environmentally smart cities. BedZED, South London and Tianjin Eco-city, China are environmentally smart cities. These cities provide housing, employment, alternative energy, and transportation (McEntire, J. & Williams, J, 2014). These cities use alternative energy that is eco-friendly, which reduce pollution dramatically. Also they provide transportation, which reduce reliance on cars. Thus, the governments and the international organizations ought to find such as these solutions for the huge numbers of immigrants that can cause damage for human's life and environment.

DISCRIMINATION

The large number of migrants around the world also leads to plenty of discrimination problems and misconception of cultures. Many immigrants have found obstacles in understanding culture of other countries, which causes them to be isolated from host country citizens. This isolation is the major problem that causes cultural misunderstanding. In the article "Migrant marriage wave changes Korea," Boudsady (2011) states that because of cultural misunderstanding, Many Korean in South Korea infringe human rights and discriminate their Filipinos family members. Obviously, it is possible to accept discrimination by people in the community, but it is difficult to accept the racism of your family members. As a result, this misunderstanding can lead to huge conflicts among family members. It might be hard to solve such as these problems. However, there are some reasonable strategies can solve these problems if it is applied properly. Filipino Korean Spouse Association and the Filipino Wives Foundation are organizations created by multicultural families to help people understand each other (Boudsady, 2011). These organizations help to educate the community and reduce the problem of cultural misunderstandings. Moreover, it helps in the overlap of different cultures. Global migration can lead to many misconceptions because of the ignorance of understanding the culture of other countries. Consequently, the existence of organizations that educate people different cultures can significantly help countries solve global migration problems such as cultural misunderstanding.

POVERTY AND LACK OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Furthermore, poverty and lack of career opportunities lead productive workers to migrate other countries. Due to the large number of career opportunities and the existing of high salaries in developed countries, the workers have become aspiring to work in these countries. In "Stemming the African brain drain; Western world lures brightest professionals away from home," Marc & Kielburger (2014) state that the International Organization for Migration estimates that around 460,000 educated professionals have migrated from African countries since 1990 because of the lack of salaries and career opportunities. Clearly, this statistic only focuses on the educated professionals, and it does not include the normal workers. Therefore, losing around half a million educated professionals significantly impacts the economy of African countries because of global migration. However, some international organizations seek to solve brain drain problems by coming up

with unique ideas and suggestions for affected countries. CUSO International is working with the African Union to provide volunteer programs. Moreover, UNESCO suggests that building African centers of academic excellence. Such solutions make ideal opportunities to convince African citizens to stay home (Marc & Kielburger, 2014). Thus, these solutions are beneficial and easy to apply because they do not cost a lot of money. In addition, these solutions undoubtedly help to solve brain drain problems that are caused by global migration. Therefore, these organizations should work to share these solutions with not only African countries but also all the countries that affected from global migration problems.

CONCLUSION

Global migration has many advantages that sown familiarity between nations. I migrated to the United States last year in order to get high quality education, and this is one of the benefits of global migration. However, some misconceptions might obstruct these advantages and lead to global migration problems. These problems such as brain drain, cultural misunderstanding, and air pollution endanger human's life and the environment. However, Negligence in the quest to find solutions to the problems of global migration will cause exacerbations in the problems, which leads to the difficulty in finding solutions in the future. For example, Saudi Arabia had not given an importance to the increase of immigrants, which led to partisanship foreign workers, and they have become gangs to sell drugs and steal homes. Thus, all governments and international organizations should cooperate to safeguard human's life and the environment by creating studied plans and awareness programs to help countries reduce the problems of global migration.

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