The Migration-Development Nexus and PNG

Research Question:

How can PNG use Labour migration as a catalysts for growth and development.
Outline

- PNG Background and Context
- Purpose and aim of the Thesis
- Theoretical Framework and the Literature on Migration Development Nexus
- Key Findings of the Research (Domestic & International)
- The Key Challenges
- The Opportunities
- Policy Recommendations
Purpose of the Research

• Research Gap: Migration traditionally has been immigration focused and on skilled labour mobility

• Aim: Highlight the importance of mainstreaming migration into the development mantra of PNG
Key Terms and Definitions including Justification

• Development
• Migration
• Labour
Research Approach and Methodology Used (Why)

• Comparative Analysis
  – Existing Theories
    - Migration Pessimism
    - Migration Optimism
    - A nuanced Approach
  – PNG with similar developing countries (Remittances)
Importance of Nuanced Approach to PNG

- Role of Remittances
- Sub-Saharan Experience
- Philippines
- Remittances far outweigh ODA and FDI
PNG Domestic Labour Policies

- Employment Ordinance Act 1964
- Employment Act 1978
- DPLIR and PNGICSA
- Interoperability Issues key to joint effort to promote the flexible nuanced approach
- International Efforts (ILO, IOM)
International Barriers

- Policy
- High transactional cost
- Domestic Policy Env
Key Challenges

- Lack of conceptual framework
- Socio-cultural and affinity to land
- Institutional capacity gap (Skills & Trg)
- Internationa (Political Barriers)
- Transactional Cost
Recommendations

- Capacity building
- Engage in seasonal and short term labour migration
- Trg and skills empowerment
- Exploit PPP to involve trg and development by extractive resource developers
- A national Skills assessment
- Tying International aid to address skills gaps.