

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
- World Bank Report 2000 – 2016 Over \$US500 BILLION



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.

