

Social Protection for Rural Migrants

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Objectives and Scopes

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 - Review and assess existing documents, policies, laws and regulations
 - Identify directions and methods for further reform
- Scopes
 - Institutional constraints: household registration system, Hukou-Ho Khau
 - Housing
 - Employment and wage
 - Health and health care
 - Education of migrant children
 - Social insurance and welfare
- Practices and Policy Measures

Data and Methodology

- Second-hand data sources
 - China's paper: various sources
 - Vietnam's paper: 2004 VMS survey
 - Consistency and explanation
- Methodology
 - Citation and statistical description
 - In-depth analysis
 - Different policies and different methods

Differences, Similarities and Mutual Learning

- Differences
 - Income level and development stage
 - Transition stage and reform focuses
 - Volume of migration and relevant reform
- Similarities
 - Economic transition from planning economy to market-oriented economy
 - Similar institutional background
- Mutual Learning

Recent Policy Progress against Global Financial Crises

- China
 - Speed up institutional reform and create a friendly urban environment for rural migrants
 - Employment promotion and Labor contract law
 - Social insurances, education, trainings, health and affordable housing
 - Integrate rural and urban development and labor market
- Vietnam
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Gradual Reform and Recommendations for Policy Formation

- Both countries have taken gradual reform
 - Based on 1992 constitution, Vietnam' paper discussed the existing policies and regulations against labor motilities and rights
 - China's paper investigates the issues of institutional and legal bases, social insurance and welfare provision, regional variations, portability of social insurances for migrants, sources for financing and others
- What are the recommendations for policy formation?

Questions

- For two presenters
 - Can both countries take a radical reform to abolish the household registration system? If not, why? What kind of strategy and options can both countries take to speed up its reform pace?
- China
 - Given the status of social protection for rural migrants, what do you think they are priority policies of social protection for rural migrants?
- Vietnam
 - Based on the VMS survey, what are the difference in employment and wages between migrant and local workers?