

Migration Of Zimbabweans To South Africa

Migration of Zimbabweans to South Africa is one of the ongoing migrations in Southern Africa. The migrations exacerbated during 2008 when the country experienced an economic recession. Up until now migration to South Africa is still going on and rising. Job seeking is the major reason for these movements since employment has declined significantly.

Other reasons for the migrations is

- Better living standards
- Cheap and affordable goods
- Buying cheap goods which are then sold to Zimbabwe at a higher price.
- Invitation by others in South Africa.
- Buying Forex.

NEGATIVE EFFECTS TO THE SOURCE COUNTRY, ZIMBABWE

Brain drain is one major problem that Zimbabwe is facing due to these huge migrations to South Africa. Zimbabwe is being deprived of skilled labor force which is migrating to South Africa. This has severely hurt industrial growth in Zimbabwe.

Local companies are often pushed out of business due to competition from foreign goods.

NEGATIVE EFFECTS TO THE RECEIVING COUNTRY, SOUTH AFRICA

The rising number of Zimbabweans in South Africa has and is taking away local jobs for the local people. This has caused violence, murder and deprivation such as Xenophobia over the past years as locals protest for their jobs.

Crime cases are rising in South Africa as many Zimbabweans do not find employment, thus engage in theft and murder to earn a living.

CONCLUSION

Migration of Zimbabweans to South Africa is still rampant and increasing which has badly crippled the Zimbabwean economy. An economic upturn is needed which can retain skilled labour in the country.