

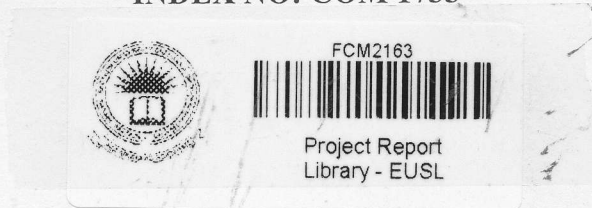
**THE IMPACT OF REMITTANCE ON RURAL HOUSEHOLD IN  
AKURANA DS DIVISION**



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## ABSTRACT

This study mainly focuses to investigate how migrant workers distribute their income in various ways. The aim of the present study was to analyze the impact of remittances income on the rural household in Akurana ds division. For this purpose the data were collected during April 2019, from the ten purposively selected grama Niladari divisions. 125 households were randomly selected as sample households.

The problem to be addressed in this study is how are the remittance spent on household? Since international remittance is large, many researchers feel that how migrants spend their remittance earnings will have an important development effect local economics.

Findings of the study revealed that the main source of income in the area was remittance. Before migration the incomes of people were very low, which significantly improved after migration, savings of people become many fold higher, expenditure on their basic needs, ceremonies and luxury items significantly increased. Due to increase in incomes after migration the respondents preferred to educate their children in private educational institutions. As a result of remittances, respondents' families spent income on the purchase of commercial plots, repaid their debts, constructed and renewed their houses, purchased more agriculture land and started new businesses in the area. Respondents' families were satisfied with their present financial status and preferred migration for their children in future for earning purpose. The overall impact on livelihood, education, health, goods and service, housing, debt repayment, and savings deposit with bank respondent families in the area was found significantly high. The study recommends that for better utilization of the remittances proper training is required of the left over family members, so that the investment may be made in such a way to generate employment in research area.

**Keywords:** remittance income, consumption pattern, livelihood, rural house hold, investment, migration

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