

Labor Migration and the Right to Health: Implications for Those Who are Abroad as Well as for Those Who are Left Behind

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The Article first gives a background on the reality that is labor migration, recognizing that it has become a phenomenon. It then goes on lay down some efforts that address labor migration issues, specifically with respect to the international community. It then provides background on the fundamental right to health in general then discusses the right to health of migrant workers particularly. The Article argues that migrant workers should be viewed as more than mere economic commodities to be traded across borders. However, the reality is that migrant workers and their families, being aliens residing in the states of employment, are generally unprotected by the legislation of the receiving states, or even by their own states of origin.

The Article thus suggests that using a rights-based approach to health must be the paradigm that all countries, whether receiving or sending, must work under. For the Author, migration management is still the most viable.