

*Kryzys migracyjny – destrukcja czy szansa?
Społeczne i pastoralne aspekty*

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External Migration of Georgia, its History, Reasons and Statistical Data

In the history of Georgia migration has a huge role due to wars caused by main strategies geo political location, population constantly migrated within the country and out of it. Recent history of Georgia indicates some waves of migration, till 1950's, which was due to political issues within the Soviet Union is characterized by exile. The second wave was in 1950-1990, when migration of the population of Georgia took place in the territory of the Soviet Union. The third wave was in 1990's massive emigration, which was due to severe social economic condition and military conflicts. This migration wave was directed to Russia. However, in 2000, Russia's law of visa regime, caused the wave of emigration directed to different countries. Since 2004, the migration processes, became much various due to reasons and directions as well.

1. Number of migrants

According to statistics of Georgia of 2014 -2016, emigrants wave from Georgia increased, in 2014 the number of the emigrants was 88 704, 69 855 citizens of Georgia among them. In 2015, 95 965 emigrants left Georgia, majority of these people, 67 452 were Georgian citizens. In 2016, the number of migrants increased slightly and was 98 288 among them the number of citizens of Georgia didn't increase it decreased till 64 705. According to it, we can say that emigration tendency takes place, but not citizens of Georgia. It is due to citizens of other countries migration.

The first table indicates according to citizenship emigrants are generally from Russia, Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and it is possible, they will return to their native lands.

2. Top to countries, where migration from Georgia is very high

Population of Georgia, in comparison with 2002, is less by 15% and is fewer than 657 731. The main reason of this reduction is emigration. According to statistics of Georgia, after 2002, the territory of Georgia was left by 88 500 people. The majority of these people live in Russia. Due to the descriptive statistics of emigrants number is 88 500 people, 44.4% male among them. 54.6% are female. Economy of Georgia is dependent on the amount of sum of money they send to Georgia.

Migration due to countries

1. Russia 21.7%
2. Greece 15.9%
3. Turkey 11.2%
4. Italy 10.9%
5. Germany 7.1%
6. The U.S.A 5.7%
7. Spain 4.1%
8. France 3.7%
9. Ukraine 3.7%
10. Azerbaijan 2%

3. Reasons of migration

Migration process reasons always existed in the world and still exist now. Different types of conflicts and wars make people refugees and trigger them to leave conflict territories and go to neighbor or remote countries. Migration reasons are political, social, ethnic, cultural, economic, religious, natural, issues. According to the form of migration implementation, we can distinguish two forms of migration the first is self-motivated and the second is due to reasons. We can also indicate migration connected to time dimension as constant and temporary. In the period of globalization when complex relationship and multiculturalism became universal migration turned to be a massive event. Migration and free movement is a major human right, that's why a democratic state has no right to ban migration. On the one hand illegal migration from the third world countries became severe for western Europe and north America, these countries had to restrict migration. Immigration and migration are chained with one another. One creates another and vice versa.

4. Visa free movement for citizens of Georgia in European Union and Schengen area

In 2017, on the 8th of March in the official magazine was published a change of European council regulation, according to this, Georgia gained visa free regime. Accordingly, since 2017, 28th of March citizens of Georgia, who hold biometric passports, are able to travel visa free in European Union countries.

5. Migration, challenges and advantages

Besides migration of skilled citizens, student migration is also crucial, they leave the country to expand their knowledge. On the one hand, it is a positive event for a developing country to experience technological breakthrough of developed countries. Migrants can obtain education and they will be able to contribute this knowledge into their native countries. But does this really happen? Unfortunately the answer is negative. Despite that migration issues statistical data is very little, we can admit that major part of alumnus seldom return to developing countries from developed ones. The main reason is to apply obtained skills and the difference between payment, in many cases developing economy countries spend less resources on research and development. This one is a priority in developed countries. This gives an opportunity to people to apply

their skills effectively. Migration can play an effective role in a country's economy. This is international monetary transaction. This assists to make national currency stable. This monetary transaction is due to migrants, who try to support their families from abroad.

6. Preventing measures in Georgia

According to the recent statement of the government of Georgia, positive movements in regulation of migration policy take place. Approaching to European Union and other European structures, made it necessary to develop internal and external policy. Despite, Georgia's membership of international organizations, created new liabilities to regulate migration. Accordingly managing migration and its processes became the important direction for internal and foreign policy of Georgia.