

INTERNAL MIGRATION POLICY OF UKRAINE: URGENT PROBLEMS AND TASKS

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The article is devoted to the urgent problems of the internal migration policy of Ukraine. With the help of statistical information and a number of sociological surveys conducted by various institutions, the author identified the range of the acutest problems associated with internal migration and forced displacement of the population. They are: low level of internal mobility of the Ukrainian population in comparison with the developed countries; depopulation and decline in rural areas; unregulated and inefficient placement of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Besides, problems of housing and employment of IDPs require an immediate solution.

The main tasks of the state internal migration policy are conceptualized (for example, it is important to provide the freedom of internal mobility of the population and to achieve a more rational territorial distribution of population). It is emphasized that social and economic mechanisms should be used for the regulation of internal migration of the population under modern conditions.

It is proposed a differentiated approach to solving the problems of unemployment of internally displaced persons, depending on their disposition on the future place of residence. It is found that the farther away from the conflict zone, the greater is the proportion of people who tend to stay in the host region. In the western regions, where the percentage of such people is the largest, it is advisable to provide benefits to employers for employing internally displaced persons and to create favourable conditions for their self-employment and entrepreneurship. In areas where is the predominant share of internal migrants with a clear desire to return to their home, it is important to stimulate temporary employment, to activate attracting of immigrants to public works. Given that in the structure of internally displaced persons, there are a significant proportion of women with children, it is important to encourage flexible forms of employment (work-at-home job, flexible working hours, on-call work, etc.).