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Proposing a Return Migration Policy: Insights from Indonesia Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (IJEPA) Nurses Study

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Abstract

There are few data on return migration of Indonesian nurses from Japan to Indonesia, especially in the context of bilateral agreement. Yet our study results point out that managing return migration needs a holistic approach. We discuss the motivation of ex-IJEPA nurses for coming home, their lived after return, intention to go back to Japan, and any other insights related to return migration.

The analysis showed that the decision for return was due to the expiration of the contract; therefore, they were fully aware that they must return to Indonesia. In the origin country, Indonesian nurses face challenges and difficulty for finding a new job and struggle with their current status. We propose that return migration should be managed in comprehensive approach. The role of sending and receiving country is an imperative to maximize the benefit of return and minimize the negative effects. Bilateral agreement or Indonesia Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (IJEPA) may become a good starting point in developing cooperative approach to manage the return migration.

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