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### Improve Housing Policy for Migrant Workers from Rural to City

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#### Abstract

In the past decade, the process of strong industrialization and urbanization has led to strong population growth in urban areas. Industrial parks, urban areas and the dynamism of economic sectors have created many jobs, attracting a large number of workers from rural areas to migrate to urban areas to find jobs.

Migration has become the choice of people to improve their livelihoods and create business opportunities and it has become an indispensable component in the typical development process for the interrelationship between regions and territories. The migration phenomenon is an

objective factor. However, its downside is affecting the urban development process in an unsustainable way due to lack of housing, forming illegal boarding houses and "slum" housing areas in urban areas big city like Hanoi city. This is a complex social problem, the government and all levels of industry need to pay attention to come up with appropriate solutions, suitable to the specific conditions of our country.

Therefore, in this article, the author has deeply analyzed the housing situation for migrant workers from rural areas to the city and proposed some solutions to improve housing policy for this group of people in the future next time.

**Keywords:** Housing, Migrant Workers, Cities

#### 1. Introduction

Migration helps economic development because migration redistributes labor resources from places with surplus labor to places where labor is needed. Migrant workers have become an indispensable part of the development process between regions and territories. Migration of rural labor to urban areas and industrial zones is a strong trend, playing a very important role in the country's socio-economic development. However, this is also the most vulnerable workforce and has difficulty accessing social security policies, including housing policies. Therefore, housing policy for migrants to the city also poses an urgent problem that needs to be resolved for Vietnamese managers.

#### 2. Theoretical basis for migrant workers and housing policy for migrant workers

Migrant labor is a term used to reflect workers from one province/country moving to another province/country to work, looking for better income or a better quality of life.

On May 25, 2018, the Government issued Decree No. 82/2018/ND-CP regulating the management of industrial parks and economic zones. Accordingly, in Section 4, Article 24, Chapter III, investment incentives for industrial parks with housing and social infrastructure facilities for workers are mentioned, especially industrial parks, The economic zone has more female workers than male workers. This document also provides contents related to the development of housing, social, cultural and sports facilities for workers in industrial parks and economic zones (Article 32), showing that the State Encourage and encourage the People's Committees of provinces with industrial parks to create favorable conditions for land funds, planning areas for housing construction, cultural, social and sports works, ensuring to meet the needs of basic social services for workers... Accordingly, on July 12, 2019, the Ministry of Finance issued Circular No. 43/2019/TT-BTC guiding the implementation of regulations in Clause 4, Article 24 Decree No. 82/2018/ND-CP clarifies incentives for investment projects to build housing, cultural and sports facilities, and social infrastructure projects to serve workers working in the area. Industrial and economic zones with female workers are entitled to incentives according to legal regulations on social housing construction and relevant laws.

### 3. Research methods

The article uses qualitative research methods including two basic methods: data collection, synthesis and analysis and evaluation. Based on the synthesis of data related to the housing situation of migrant workers to the city, the article offers some solutions to improve housing policy for this group in the coming time.

### 4. Housing situation for workers migrating from rural areas to cities

According to the General Statistics Office in 2019, more than 13% of the country's population are migrants.

For migrants from rural areas to urban areas looking for work, the housing problem is very difficult. Detail:

Firstly, this is a difficult problem, a great pressure on the city government. There are currently no housing policies for this group.

Second, although the State has policies to solve problems, such as investing in building housing areas specifically for low-income people, migrants cannot easily access them due to their financial conditions. Theirs is still limited.

Third, most immigrants cannot afford to buy a house to live in. In recent years, the housing of immigrants to urban areas and industrial zones has always been in a state of floating status, with no directing or management unit. That leads to a situation where individuals in places have a need to build their own houses for rent. As a result, tenants are forced, disorder, lack of safety and environmental pollution in rented housing often occur.

Fourth, the majority of people who migrate to the city cannot afford to buy their own houses due to unstable employment and income, so they have to rent in temporary, inadequately built boarding houses minimum living conditions... at prices much higher than their income level.

In addition, many people rent a cramped room with insufficient amenities, no stove, and eat and live in the same space. The bathroom is arranged in a common area outside the rooms, polluted environment affects their health and that of surrounding residents. In these boarding houses, security and order are not guaranteed, the quality of the living environment is poor, gas emissions and other toxic substances are making the quality of life of immigrants worse and worse. Many social evils such as drugs and prostitution are growing day by day.

Fifth, immigrants without valid documents will not be allowed to temporarily reside in urban areas and will not enjoy social service policy incentives like city residents. They are not allowed to use the education system, health care system and other social services. If necessary, it will be very expensive. Therefore, if managed well, it will be more convenient for them to participate in jobs and enjoy public service benefits, especially using housing policies for the urban poor and immigrants. help them integrate quickly into the community.

### 5. Solutions to improve housing policies for workers migrating from rural areas to cities

To improve housing policy for workers migrating from rural areas to cities, we focus on implementing the following measures:

First, state management agencies need to have policies to provide safe housing and a suitable living environment for them, paying special attention to building housing for migrant workers working in the areas. industry, especially

female migrant workers and those raising children.

In addition, it is necessary to remove complexes and barriers about immigration and ensure housing benefits and welfare facilities for immigrants. Incorporate housing and immigration issues into the city's socio-economic development plan and poverty reduction strategy.

Second, State management agencies need to review current policies, supplement or modify priority conditions for social housing construction enterprises to encourage them to participate more actively in investing. Invest in building social housing to meet the needs of workers.

Third, State management agencies coordinate with factory owners and businesses to participate in building housing areas for migrant workers. Detail:

regulations for labor recruitment establishments to ensure accommodation for immigrants near their businesses and according to general planning; Build social housing and low-cost houses for low-income immigrants... That will create better conditions for immigrants, preventing them from falling into a situation of renting a house that does not meet the minimum living standards., leading to the result that immigrants are susceptible to social evils, or are vulnerable.

### 6. Conclusion

The process of industrialization and modernization of the country, many large industrial parks have been built in many cities along with the urbanization process also happening very quickly has led to the development of industrial parks., urban areas and the dynamism of economic sectors have created many jobs, attracting a large number of workers from rural areas to migrate to the city to find jobs. Migration is an important factor, a positive driving force in promoting socio-economic development, contributing to population redistribution, labor economic restructuring, job creation, hunger eradication and poverty reduction., is a part of the sustainable socio-economic development strategy of the Governments of various countries. However, there are still some issues that need to be resolved in housing policy for workers migrating from rural areas to cities. Therefore, competent management agencies need to effectively implement measures to improve housing policies and improve the quality of life for this group of people.

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