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The policy context, social protection and temporary transnational labor migration in South-East Asia

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Abstract

Transnational labor migration is a growing phenomenon in South-East Asia. At the macro-scale, this results in a progressively more complex set of linkages and dependencies which are linked to national policies, international agreements and business agents. At the micro-scale, working abroad is often part of a livelihood strategy designed to secure the well-being of families left behind. This paper adopts a comparative case study approach to examine the relationships between government policies and social protection in two South-East Asian countries. We find that while