Positive and Negative Potential Consequences of Human Migration

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**Q: Examine one positive and one negative potential consequence of human migration.**

**Donor Region:** The country/region from which migrants leave.

**Host Region:** The country that receives migrants. A country may be both a donor and receiver of migrants.

**Advantages of migration for the host region**

* Continued growth of the economy may depend on migrant workers.
* Countries facing labour shortage need immigration to keep industries and services going.
* There is an attraction of highly skilled workers.
* Migration allows high tech and other industries to find skilled workers.

**Advantages of migration for the donor region**

* Remittance flow- money a migrant may send home to their relatives.
* It is a source of funding for developing countries.

-266 billion euro goes to developing

Countries.

* The top three countries receiving remittances are India (42.3 billion), China (39.2billion) and Mexico (17.3 billion)
* The top three countries sending the most remittances are USA (37.1 billion), Saudi Arabia (20.0 billion) and Switzerland(15.0 billion)

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**Racism:** the belief that people are inferior because of their skin colour or ethnic group.

**Race**: the devision of humanity into groups based on their physical features.

Migrants are facing many problems when it comes to racism. In 2006, an ESRI survey on racism and discrimination reported that 35% of immigrants had experienced harassment in public places and on public transport.

Racism can be shown in several ways:

* Discrimination
* Assaults or threats
* Insults and labelling
* Discrimination in the work place ie. Different rates of pay for migrant workers.
* Discrimination in housing, employment or healthcare services.