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Abstract

Land-holding issue in Ethiopia is a controversial as the land policy is based on state ownership where it only allows the ordinary landholders the right to use. The land certification program was introduced for the sake of improving land insecurity issue in the agricultural lands. The objective of this study is to investigate the impact of land certification program on migration and labor productivity. For conducting this research, the Ethiopia's Socio Economic Survey (ESS) was used as data source. While the dependent variable is migration measured by number of households, certified area ratio is the main interest variable in the model. Other explanatory variables such as households and land characteristics were also controlled in the system. In this study, the Ordinary Least square (OLS) estimation technique was employed. However, due to the expected endogeneity problem to exist in the system, period of implementation was considered as instrumental variable and 2SLS estimation technique was used to estimate the data. From this regression results, it was found that land certification program has negative but insignificant impact on migration while it has significant and negative impact on labor productivity.