Internal vs. International Migration: Impacts of Remittances on Child Well-Being in Vietnam

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The paper focuses on the effects of domestic and international remittances on children’s well-being. Using data from the 1992-1993 and 1997-1998 Vietnam Living Standards Surveys, we investigate average school attendance and child labour in remittance recipient and non-recipient households. The results of our binomial logit and two-sided censored regression analyses indicate that remittances increase schooling and reduce child labour. Although international remittances are found to have a stronger beneficial impact than domestic remittances in the cross-section, the panel analysis, taking account of fixed effects, reverses this result, showing that the only significant impact stems from domestic remittances.