INTRODUCTION

- Poverty reduction is the focus of policy

Poverty has been decreasing in Ghana while migration is a problem to deal with

Theories and Prepositions

Migration → Remittances

Remittances → Improved livelihood to escape poverty

Better risk coping strategies (Less vulnerabilities)

EMPIRICAL STUDIES

Migration is a way to improve individuals an individual’s life or get out of poverty (Christiaensen & Todo, 2014; Kessides & Alliance, 2006).

Rural urban transformation, rapid urbanisation has the tendency of increasing inequality (Christiaensen & Todo, 2014).

Studies that confirms the H-T migration models (Glasser et al., 2008),

Migration is a means to avoid poverty (Du, Park, & Wang, 2005; Newland & Patrick, 2004)

Migrant challenges

- Equity, right and citizenship (see: Lokshin et al., 2010)

Use Logit as the regression model to capture the effect of migration and remittance on poverty

IV estimation

The model estimated

$POVi = \alpha + \beta_1 M_{ij} + \beta_2 x_i + \epsilon_i$ .................................(1)

Mig is remittances migration, $x$ are controls (age of household head, sex, education)

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*** represent significant level (Standard errors)

It was found not to be significant in the four models estimated for this work.

Migration could be a source of poverty Reduction

But the impact or the effect is not certain (Akobeng, n.d.; Chamhuri et al., 2012)

Conceptual frame work is base on Ravallion et al (1996) and Ellis (2003)

Migration policy should target at address the vulnerability and employability of migrants.