COVID – 19: Risks of Lives and Emerging of Social Movement of Migrant Workers in Chiang Rai Borderland

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Abstract

COVID – 19 pandemic in Thailand raises a number of concerns among Non Governmental Organization (NGO), activists, and scholars about the economic suffering of migrant workers and question the government stigmatize them as a group of disease spreader. As such, migrant workers are viewed as the victim of inequality and discrimination. Instead, I shade lights on the risks of lives and emerging of social movement of migrant workers in Chiang Rai borderland. On one hand, migrant workers face 3 kinds of risks: work; health and cross-border. On the other hand, they are very active in participating with NGO and academic in aid providing and access to right of health and workers.