

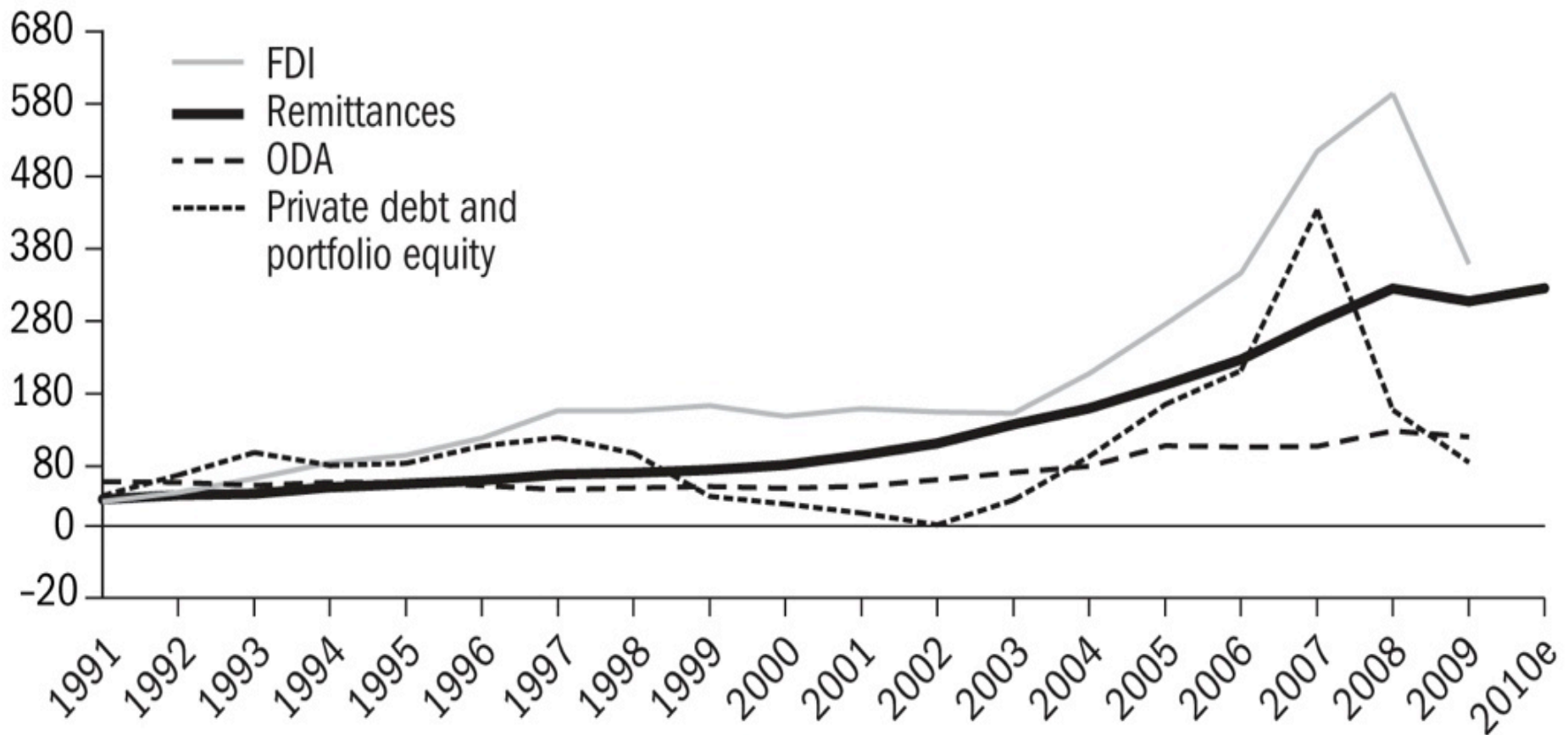
# A Pilot Study on Impact of Remittances on Migrant-Sending Households in Southern Myanmar



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# Role of Remittances in Developing Countries

**US\$ billions**



Source: World Bank (2011)

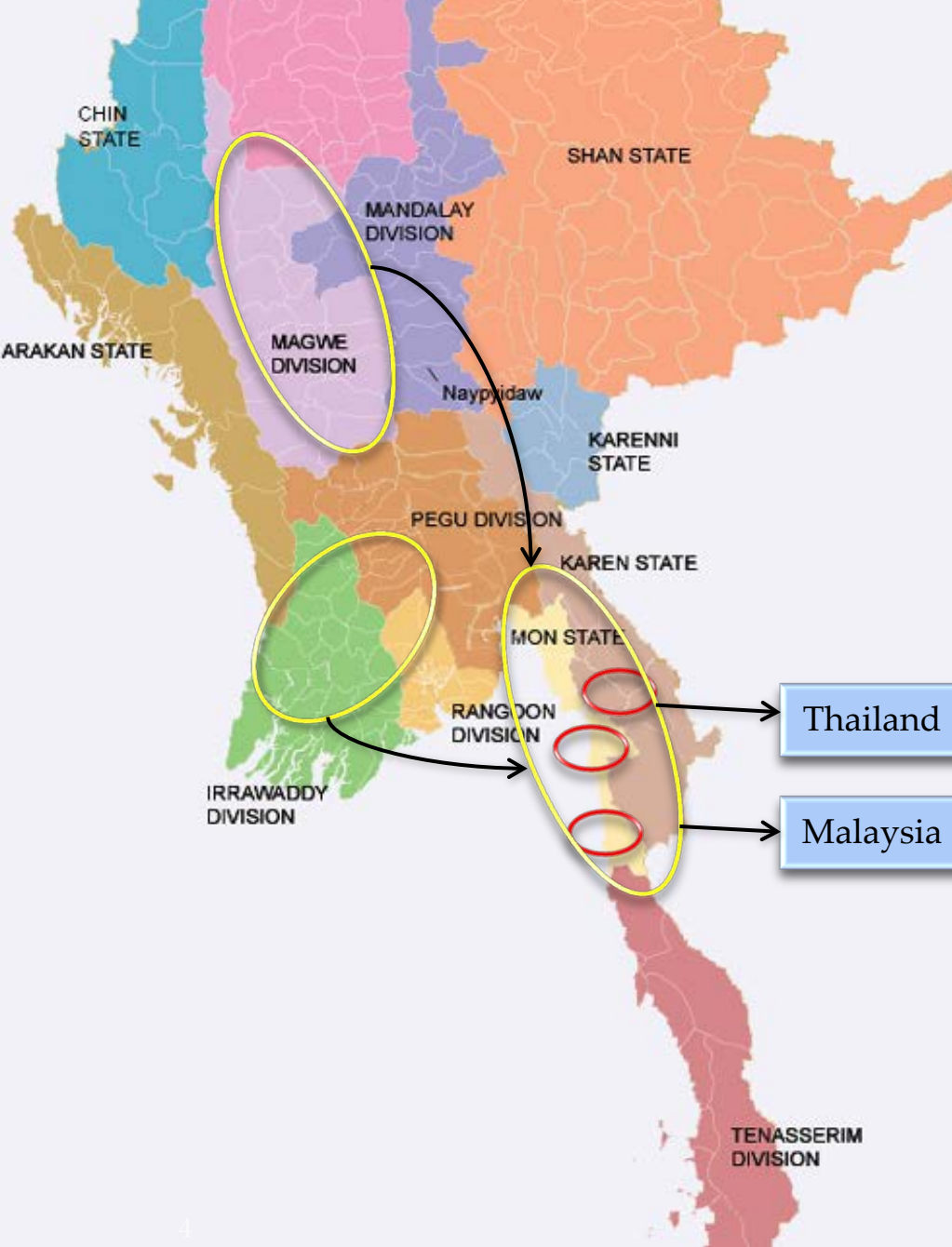
# Myanmar Migrants Working Overseas



- ❖ One of the largest Labour sending countries in the region (10-15% of pop)
- ❖ In Thailand:
  - ◆ Registered – 812,984 (*Ministry of Labour (Thailand), 2010*)
  - ◆ Issued temporary passports from Myanmar - 1 million (*Nationmultimedia, 2012*)
- ❖ In Malaysia:
  - ◆ 150,000 documented workers (*Andy Hall, Mahidol University , 2012*)
- ◆ IOM (2009) estimate 5 million migrants



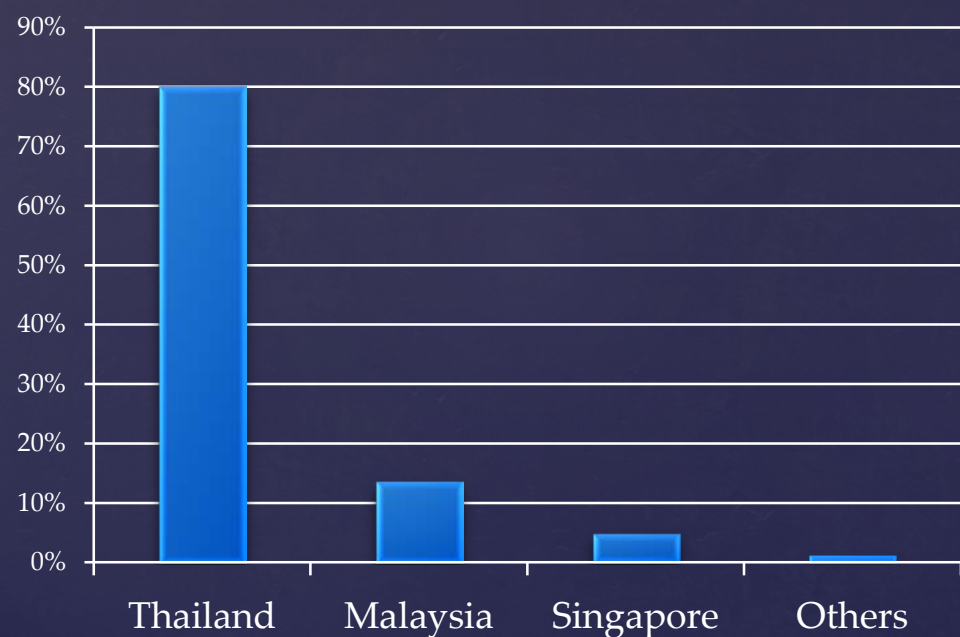
# The Trend of Migratory Pattern



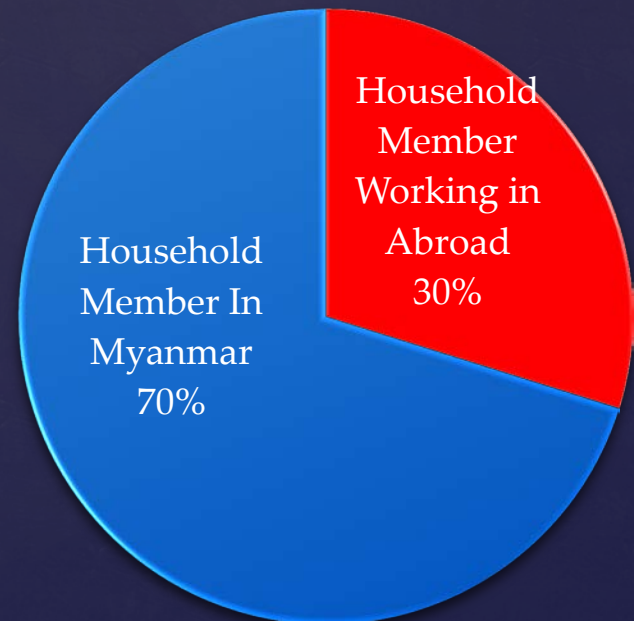
- **Mon State**
  - Villages in Mudon Township
  - Villages in Ye Township
- **Karen State**
  - Villages in Pa-An Township
- **Source and Transit Area for Migration**
- **After few years of work, labourers from other parts of the country migrate to abroad again.**

# The Characteristics of Migrant Workers

## The Destination of Migrants

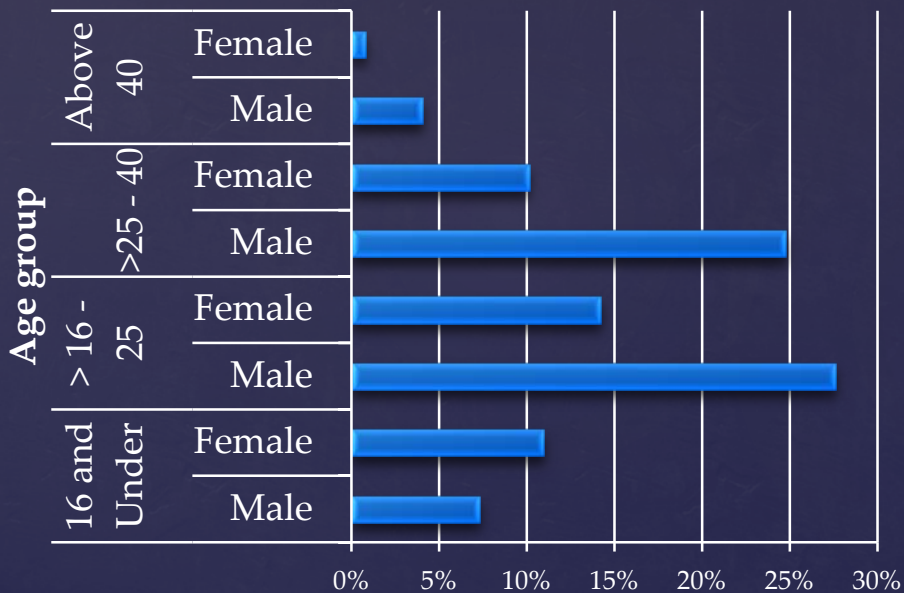


## The Ratio of Household Member in Myanmar and Abroad

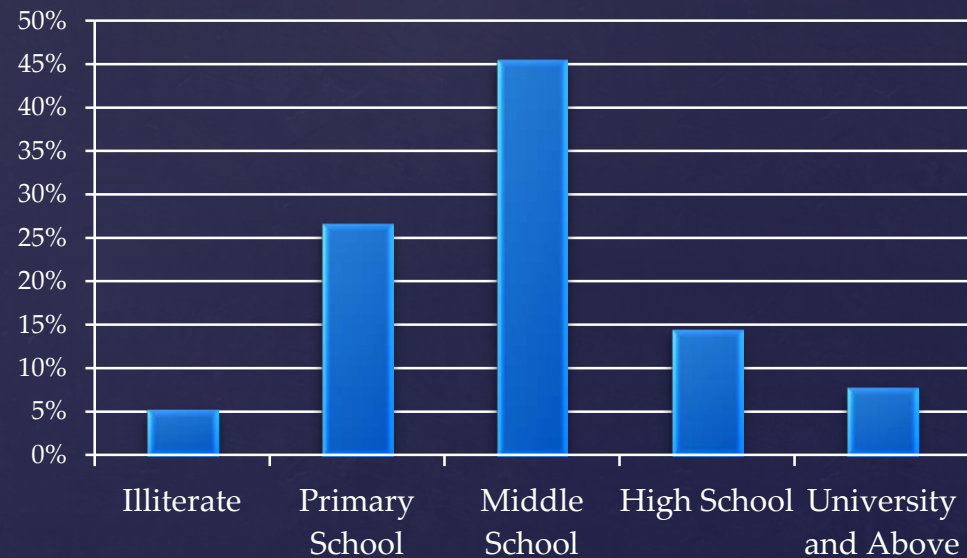


# The Characteristics of Migrant Workers

## Age Distribution of Migrants at the Time of First Migration

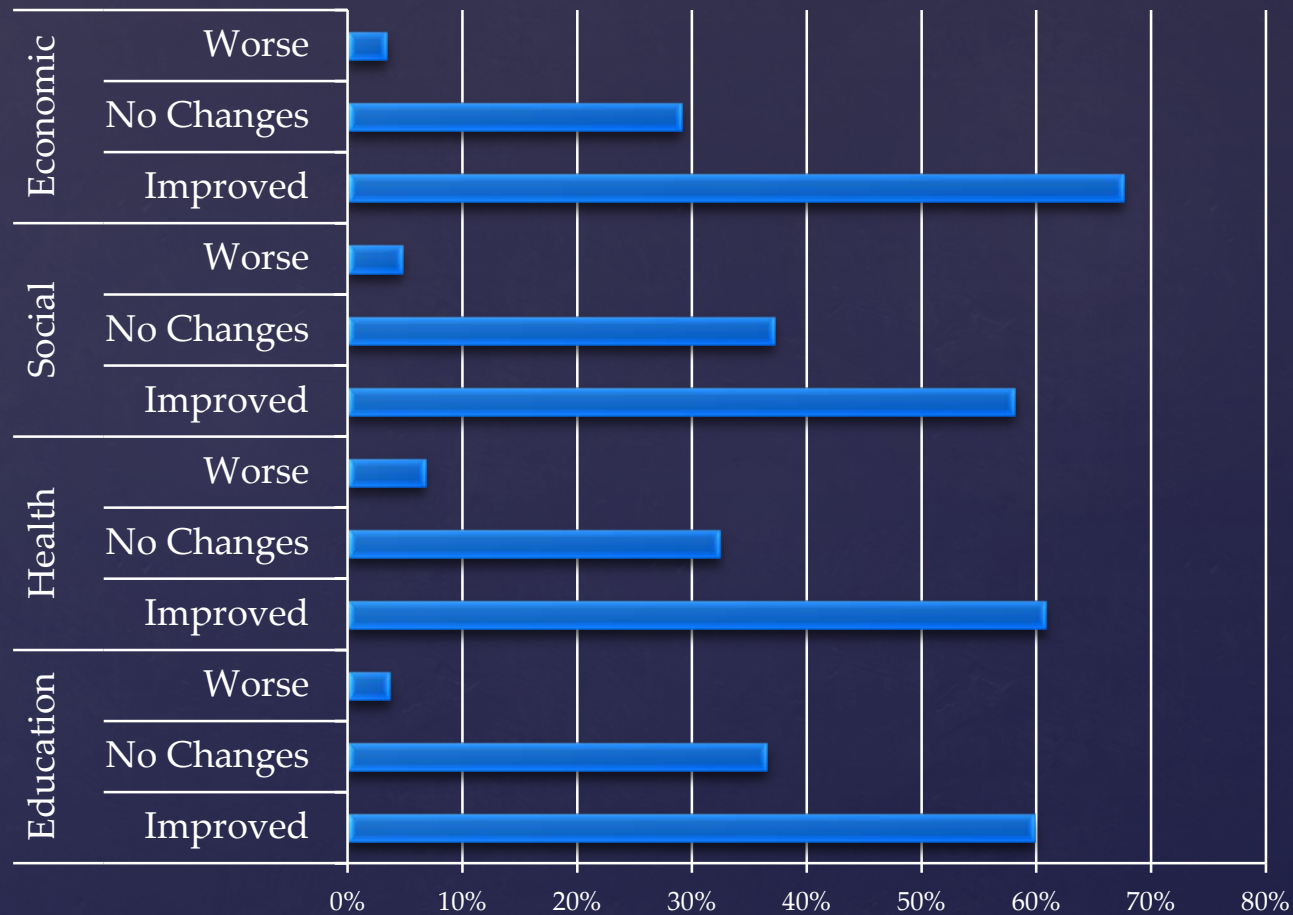


## Migrants' Education Level





# Perception of Migrant-Sending Families of Improvements After Migration



# Receipt of Remittances

## Remittances:

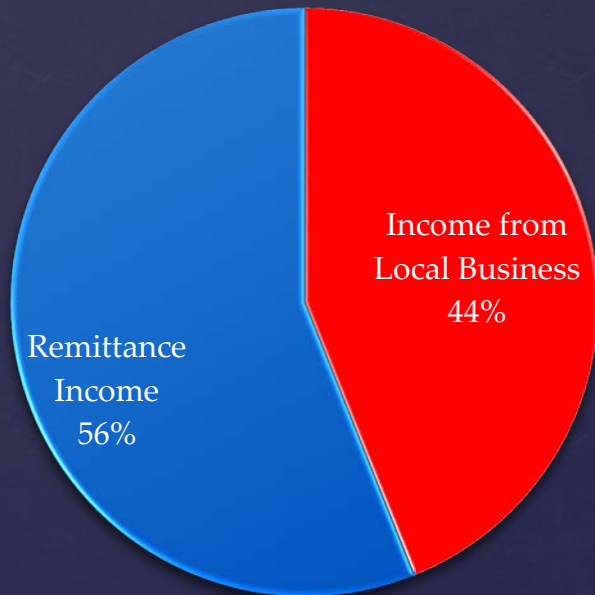
- ❖ Amount of remittance in last 12 months (US dollar)
  - 1828.80 (Mean), 0 (Min), 23,095
- ❖ Duration of money transfer (Day)
  - 2.5723 (Mean), 1 (Min), 10 (Max)
- ❖ Charges of money transfer (Myanmar side)
  - Amount remitted – 0.5 to 2.3 US dollar for 115.47 US dollar
  - Per transaction – 2.3 to 9.2 US dollar

*\*\*1 US dollar = MMK 866 (Myanmar Kyat) (as 24th August, 2012)*

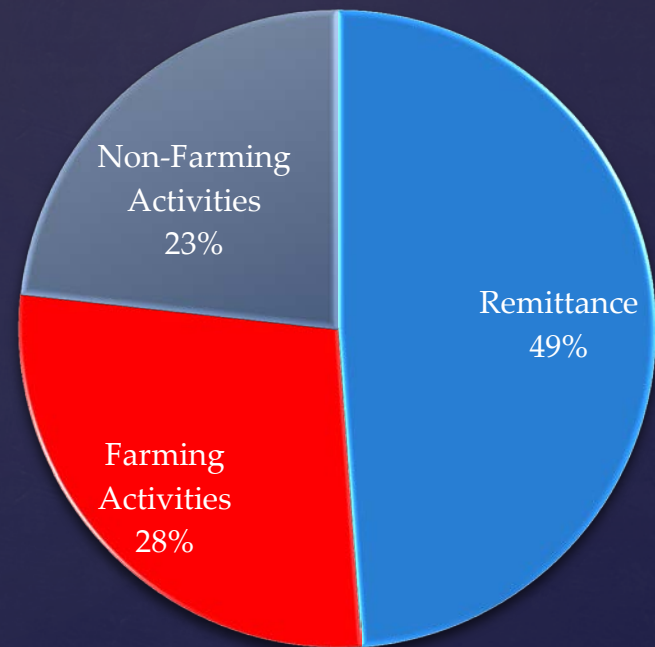


# Impact of Remittances

## Contribution of Remittance Income to Total Income

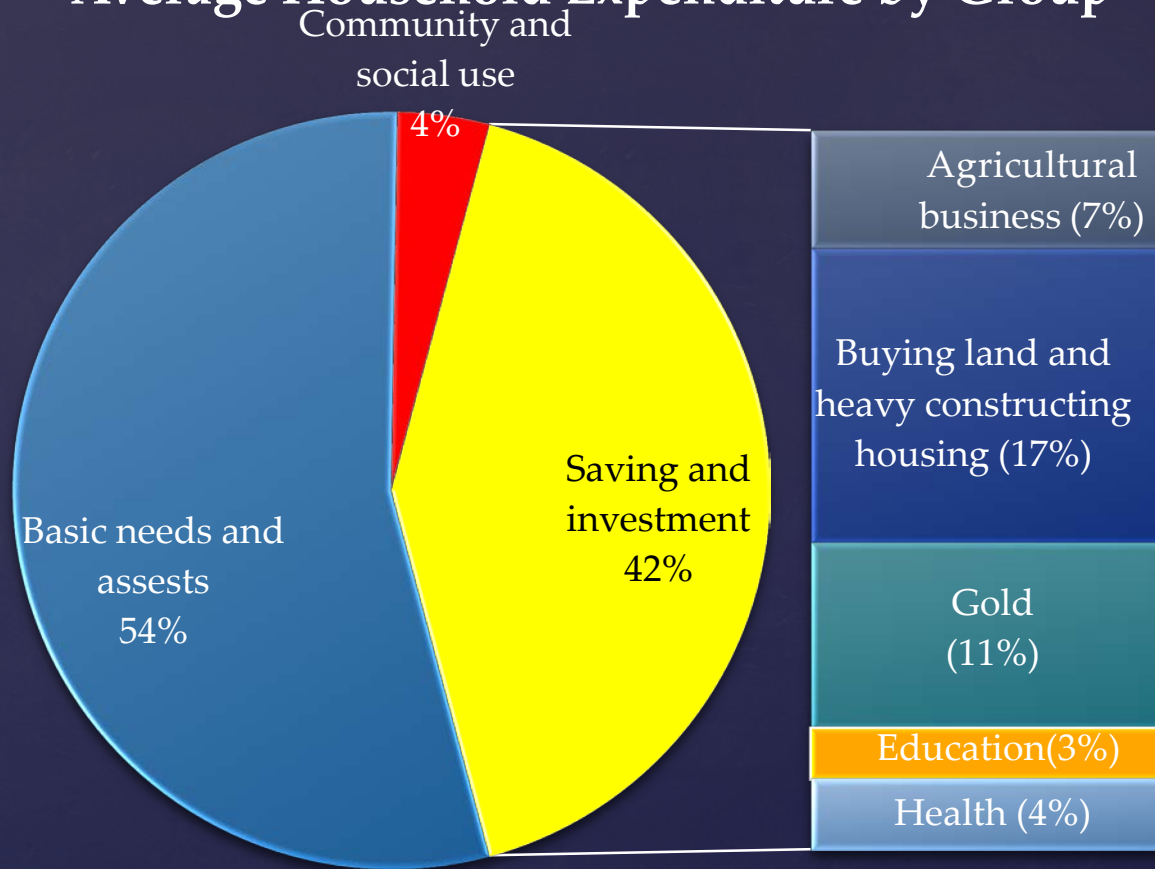


## Major Source of Household Income



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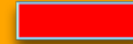
## Average Household Expenditure by Group



# Conclusion



- ❖ A crucial source of income, particularly for emergency needs – safety net mechanisms
- ❖ Contribute to the poverty reduction and improvement of living conditions



- ❖ Dependent families using remittances mainly on consumption
- ❖ Discouragement of higher education among youth
- ❖ Unproductive investments, irresponsible spending, moral hazards.