

Assessment of the Impacts of Population Decline in the Town of Güzelyurt on the Socio-economic Structure of TRNC

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ABSTRACT According to this research, the population of Güzelyurt, a town located in the island of Cyprus, does not increase but has migration then and now. This study assesses the factors that cause migration in Güzelyurt and movements of migration. The existing natural, human and economic geography conditions are considered as migration factors. There are also driving factors arising from the natural, political and socio-economic conditions. This study aims to identify the characteristics of on-site movements of migration through censuses and statistics as well as face-to-face interviews conducted with the randomly selected people that migrated from Güzelyurt. The main reason of depopulation in Güzelyurt is migration. People living in the research constantly postpone the investment in the area due to psychological, economic, social and human despair. This structure surely slows down the development of economic activities in Güzelyurt and pushes on the migration to other regions, towns and even abroad.