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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IT	Information Technology
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
U/	University Student Identification Prefix (used in student numbers)

ABSTRACT

The international migration of skilled labor, or "brain drain," represents a significant developmental challenge for Uganda, where heavy investments in education often fail to yield expected domestic economic returns. This study provides a micro-foundational analysis of the determinants of skilled emigration and its perceived impact on sectoral productivity and economic growth in Uganda. Guided by human capital and endogenous growth theories, the research sought to identify key economic, institutional, and professional drivers of migration and assess whether their effects are perceived as negative, compensatory, or mixed.

A quantitative research design was employed, utilizing a cross-sectional survey administered to a sample of 261 Ugandan nationals at the pre-departure stage for overseas employment. Primary data were collected through structured questionnaires on digital platforms and analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics in Stata.

Findings reveal that while large wage differentials remain a primary driver, institutional factors—including governance quality and perceived domestic labor market failures—significantly influence migration intentions, particularly among the youth (under 25). Despite the "chronic shortages" of personnel in critical sectors like healthcare and STEM, respondents generally held a "nuanced perspective" on the economic impact of their departure. Median negative impact scores were relatively low (1.5 to 1.7 on a 5-point scale), suggesting a strong belief in the "beneficial brain drain" hypothesis where remittances and diaspora networks mitigate the direct loss of human capital.

The study concludes that skilled emigration in Uganda is driven by a domestic environment that fails to effectively absorb and reward merit-based skills. It recommends that the Ugandan government prioritize institutional reforms, merit-based recruitment, and sector-specific retention packages—especially for healthcare and STEM professionals—while developing frameworks to harness the potential of the diaspora for national development.

Keywords: Brain Drain, Human Capital, Institutional Determinants, Sectoral Productivity, Uganda, Micro-foundational Analysis.

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The international migration of skilled labour, commonly referred to as brain drain, remains one of the most debated development challenges confronting developing economies. In an increasingly globalised labour market, skilled professionals from low- and middle-income countries are drawn to advanced economies by higher wages, superior working conditions, stronger institutions, and broader professional opportunities (Docquier & Rapoport, 2012). While labour mobility can generate benefits such as remittance inflows, diaspora networks, and knowledge diffusion, the sustained loss of highly skilled human capital raises serious concerns for countries whose growth prospects are strongly dependent on domestic skill accumulation. From a development economics perspective, brain drain directly engages core questions surrounding productivity, innovation, and long-term economic growth.

Uganda offers a particularly relevant context for examining these dynamics. Since the 1990s, the country has invested heavily in expanding access to education and professional training as part of its broader development strategy. Human capital accumulation is widely recognised as a central driver of economic growth, especially in developing economies where technological adoption and productivity improvements depend heavily on skilled labour (Lucas, 1988; Romer, 1990). In an ideal scenario, Uganda's expanding stock of educated professionals would be retained within the domestic economy, supporting innovation, strengthening public and private institutions, and accelerating economic growth. However, persistent emigration of skilled Ugandans—particularly in health, education, engineering, and information technology—raises critical concerns about whether these investments are yielding their intended economic returns.

Theoretically, the relationship between brain drain and economic growth is complex and contested. Classical and endogenous growth theories emphasise the role of human capital in enhancing productivity and sustaining long-run growth, implying that the loss of skilled workers may undermine economic performance (Barro & Sala-i-Martin, 2004). In contrast, the “beneficial brain drain” hypothesis suggests that migration may encourage human capital formation and generate growth-enhancing effects through remittances and knowledge transfers (Beine, Docquier, &

Rapoport, 2008). The net impact of brain drain is therefore ambiguous and highly context-dependent, shaped by institutional quality, labour market absorption capacity, and the scale and composition of migration flows. This theoretical ambiguity highlights the need for country-specific empirical investigations that jointly examine the drivers and consequences of skilled migration.

1.2 Problem Statement

In an ideal development context, Uganda's skilled workforce would be productively absorbed into the domestic economy, contributing to higher labour productivity, technological diffusion, improved service delivery, and sustained economic growth. Public and private investments in education would translate into strong social returns, reinforcing a virtuous cycle of human capital accumulation and economic development. Such an outcome is consistent with human capital theory, which posits that education and skills are fundamental inputs into economic growth (Schultz, 1961; Becker, 1964).

In practice, however, this ideal situation has not been fully realised. Uganda continues to experience significant outflows of skilled professionals, many of whom were trained at substantial public expense. Empirical evidence suggests that wage differentials, limited career advancement opportunities, poor working conditions, weak institutional support, and governance challenges are key factors driving skilled migration from sub-Saharan Africa (Clemens, 2014; Kapur & McHale, 2005). In Uganda, these challenges have contributed to chronic shortages of skilled personnel in critical sectors such as healthcare and higher education, potentially constraining productivity and economic growth.

Previous empirical studies on brain drain in developing countries have provided important insights but remain limited in several respects. Much of the literature relies on macro-level cross-country or time-series data to examine the relationship between skilled migration and economic growth (Docquier, Lohest, & Marfouk, 2007; Faini, 2007). While informative, such approaches often obscure micro-level motivations and decision-making processes that drive migration. Moreover, existing studies frequently analyse either the determinants of brain drain or its economic effects in isolation, rather than within a unified analytical framework. As a result, the mechanisms through

which individual migration decisions translate into broader economic outcomes remain insufficiently explored, particularly in country-specific contexts such as Uganda.

The consequences of brain drain are both direct and indirect. Directly, the loss of skilled labour reduces the stock of human capital available for productive activities, weakens institutional capacity, and limits innovation (Bhagwati & Hamada, 1974). Indirectly, it may discourage investment in skills-intensive sectors, exacerbate income inequality, and impose fiscal costs associated with subsidised education and training (World Bank, 2019). Over time, these effects may interact to undermine long-term economic growth and development efforts.

Despite growing scholarly attention, there remains a significant knowledge gap regarding how the determinants of brain drain at the individual and institutional level influence economic growth outcomes in Uganda. In particular, there is limited survey-based quantitative evidence that captures both the drivers of skilled migration and its perceived and measurable economic effects. Existing studies tend to conceptualise economic growth exclusively through macroeconomic indicators, overlooking the micro-foundations through which human capital loss affects productivity, income generation, and sectoral performance.

This study seeks to address this gap by adopting a quantitative, survey-based approach to examine the determinants of brain drain and their impact on economic growth in Uganda. Guided by human capital theory and endogenous growth theory, the study integrates micro-level migration drivers with economic performance outcomes within a single empirical framework. By doing so, it builds on existing literature while addressing its methodological and contextual limitations. The study contributes new evidence on how skilled migration decisions affect economic growth processes in a developing country context and offers policy-relevant insights into strategies for retaining human capital and maximising the growth benefits of education investments in Uganda.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

This study seeks to examine brain drain in Uganda not as an abstract macroeconomic outcome, but as a process shaped by concrete individual, institutional, and economic forces whose effects accumulate over time. At its core, the research aims to test how specific determinants influence the decision of skilled Ugandans to migrate and how these migration dynamics, in turn, affect economic growth outcomes within the country.

The **overall objective** of the study is to quantitatively analyse the determinants of brain drain and assess their impact on economic growth in Uganda.

To achieve this broad aim, the study is guided by the following **specific objectives**:—

- To identify and quantify the key economic, institutional, and professional factors influencing skilled labour migration from Uganda.
- To examine the relationship between brain drain and selected indicators of economic growth and productivity.
- To assess how perceptions of domestic labour market conditions, governance quality, and career prospects shape migration intentions among skilled Ugandans.
- To determine whether the effects of brain drain on economic growth are perceived as predominantly negative, compensatory, or mixed, particularly through channels such as productivity, skills availability, and investment incentives.

Taken together, these objectives allow the study to move beyond a simple “loss versus gain” framing of brain drain. Instead, the research tests whether Uganda’s current economic and institutional environment amplifies the costs of skilled migration or mitigates them through indirect mechanisms such as remittances, knowledge diffusion, or return migration.

1.4. Why the Study Matters

This study matters for both academic and practical reasons. From an academic standpoint, the literature on brain drain remains divided. On one side, human capital and endogenous growth theories emphasise skill retention as a prerequisite for sustained growth (Lucas, 1988; Romer, 1990). On the other, migration-focused models suggest that the opportunity to migrate can stimulate education investment and generate long-run benefits under certain conditions (Beine et al., 2008). What remains uncertain, however, is how these competing dynamics play out in specific country contexts where labour markets are imperfect and institutions are still consolidating. Uganda exemplifies such a context.

Much of the existing empirical work relies on cross-country datasets or macro-level indicators that smooth over national realities and individual motivations (Docquier & Rapoport, 2012). By contrast, this study adopts a survey-based quantitative approach that captures micro-level drivers

of migration decisions and links them to economic outcomes. This approach responds directly to calls in the migration literature for greater attention to the micro-foundations of brain drain and growth (Clemens, 2014).

From a practical perspective, the findings are relevant for policymakers grappling with persistent skills shortages in sectors such as health, education, and science-driven industries. When a country invests heavily in training doctors, engineers, or lecturers who then leave within a few years, the fiscal and developmental implications are not theoretical—they are immediate and tangible. Understanding *why* skilled individuals leave and *how* their departure affects economic performance is essential for designing retention strategies, incentive structures, and diaspora engagement policies that are grounded in evidence rather than assumption (Kapur & McHale, 2005; World Bank, 2019).

1.5. Positioning the Study: Territory, Niche, and Contribution

The territory this study engages with is well established: human capital is central to economic growth, and skilled migration reshapes development paths in profound ways. Yet within this broad terrain lies a clear niche. Existing research has paid limited attention to Uganda-specific, survey-based quantitative evidence that simultaneously examines the determinants of brain drain and its growth implications. Where studies do exist, they often isolate one side of the relationship or rely on secondary data that cannot capture individual motivations and perceptions.

This study occupies that niche by integrating both dimensions—determinants and economic effects—within a single analytical framework. Guided by human capital theory and endogenous growth theory, it places individual migration decisions at the centre of broader economic outcomes. In doing so, it offers a grounded, context-sensitive contribution to the debate on whether brain drain in Uganda represents a structural constraint on growth or a challenge that can be managed through informed policy choices.

1.6. Organisation of the Dissertation

The remainder of the dissertation is organised as follows. Chapter Two reviews the theoretical and empirical literature on brain drain and economic growth, highlighting areas of consensus and contention. Chapter Three outlines the research methodology, detailing the study design, data

collection procedures, variables, and quantitative analytical techniques employed. Chapter Four presents and discusses the empirical findings. Finally, Chapter Five summarises the main conclusions, draws out policy implications, and suggests directions for future research.

Conceptual Framework

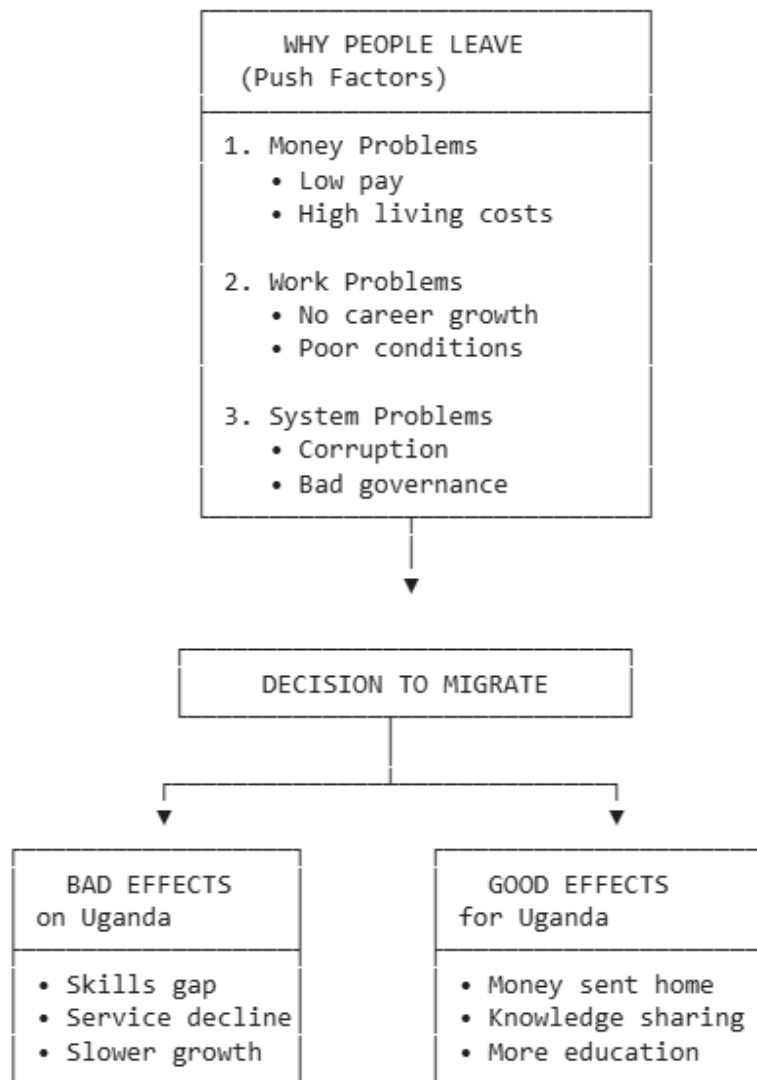


Figure 1: Conceptual Framework

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction and Conceptual Overview

Brain drain—the emigration of highly skilled and educated individuals from their country of origin—has long occupied a central place in development economics, labour economics, and migration studies. Initially framed as a unidirectional loss of human capital from developing to developed economies, the concept has since evolved into a more nuanced debate encompassing potential compensatory mechanisms such as remittances, return migration, diaspora networks, and human capital formation incentives (Docquier & Rapoport, 2012). Despite this evolution, brain drain remains a critical policy concern for low-income countries, particularly those that invest scarce public resources in education yet struggle to retain skilled labour.

The significance of brain drain lies in its direct connection to human capital accumulation, productivity, institutional capacity, and long-term economic growth. Endogenous growth theory posits that sustained economic growth depends on the accumulation and effective utilisation of human capital (Lucas, 1988; Romer, 1990). From this perspective, the persistent loss of skilled labour undermines innovation, reduces labour productivity, and weakens growth prospects. Conversely, newer theoretical models suggest that migration opportunities may stimulate education investment and generate indirect growth benefits, leading to what has been termed “beneficial brain drain” (Beine et al., 2008). Whether brain drain ultimately constrains or enhances growth is therefore an empirical question, highly dependent on national context, institutional quality, and labour market dynamics.

Uganda represents a particularly relevant case. As a low-income country with a rapidly expanding education sector and persistent skills shortages in key sectors such as health, education, and engineering, Uganda faces the paradox of human capital formation without commensurate retention. Understanding the determinants of skilled migration and its economic consequences is therefore essential for evidence-based policy. This chapter critically reviews the literature relevant to the study’s objectives: identifying the determinants of brain drain, examining its relationship with economic growth, analysing perceptions shaping migration intentions, and evaluating whether its effects are predominantly negative or mixed.

2.2 Theoretical Perspectives on Brain Drain and Economic Growth

The earliest theoretical treatments of brain drain were firmly pessimistic. Bhagwati and Hamada (1974) conceptualised skilled migration as a welfare loss to sending countries, arguing that it results in fiscal externalities when publicly financed education benefits destination economies. This framework assumes limited compensatory mechanisms and weak labour market adjustments, an assumption that resonated strongly with early post-independence African development experiences.

Human capital theory further reinforced this pessimism by emphasising the role of education and skills in enhancing worker productivity and economic output (Schultz, 1961; Becker, 1964). From this perspective, the emigration of skilled labour reduces the effective stock of human capital, lowering productivity and slowing growth. Lucas (1988) formalised this argument within an endogenous growth framework, demonstrating that human capital externalities are central to sustained economic growth. The implication is clear: countries that fail to retain skilled labour face long-term growth penalties.

However, later theoretical contributions challenged the inevitability of negative outcomes. Mountford (1997) and Stark et al. (1997) introduced models suggesting that the *prospect* of migration can encourage individuals to invest in education, thereby increasing the overall stock of human capital even if some migrants leave. Beine et al. (2008) empirically tested this hypothesis and found that moderate levels of skilled migration could have a net positive effect on human capital formation in some developing countries.

Despite their analytical elegance, these models rely on strong assumptions regarding education responsiveness, labour market absorption, and institutional capacity. Critics argue that in low-income countries with weak labour markets and limited fiscal capacity—conditions that characterise Uganda—the positive mechanisms may be insufficient to offset losses (Faini, 2007). This theoretical tension underscores the need for context-specific empirical analysis.

2.3 Determinants of Brain Drain: Economic, Institutional, and Professional Factors

A substantial body of empirical literature examines the determinants of skilled migration from developing countries. Wage differentials remain the most consistently identified driver. Clemens (2014) demonstrates that large income gaps between source and destination countries create powerful incentives for migration, particularly for highly skilled workers whose productivity is

better rewarded in advanced economies. For sub-Saharan Africa, these differentials are often compounded by limited domestic employment opportunities and underemployment.

Institutional factors also play a critical role. Poor governance, weak rule of law, political instability, and corruption have been shown to significantly increase emigration intentions among skilled professionals (Docquier et al., 2014). In their cross-country analysis, Cooray and Schneider (2016) find that institutional quality is as important as income differentials in explaining skilled migration flows. However, such studies often rely on aggregate governance indices, limiting their ability to capture how individuals perceive and respond to institutional weaknesses.

Professional factors—such as working conditions, career advancement opportunities, and access to research infrastructure—are particularly salient for highly skilled workers. Studies focusing on health professionals in Africa reveal that poor working conditions and limited professional development opportunities strongly predict migration decisions (Dovlo, 2007). While sector-specific studies provide valuable insights, they are often limited in scope and lack integration with broader economic outcomes.

In the Ugandan context, existing studies tend to be descriptive or sectoral. For example, Hagopian et al. (2005) document the emigration of health workers from Uganda but do not quantitatively link migration decisions to broader economic implications. This fragmentation limits the policy relevance of the findings and highlights the need for integrated, survey-based analysis.

2.4 Brain Drain and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence

Empirical evidence on the relationship between brain drain and economic growth is mixed. Cross-country studies by Docquier and Rapoport (2012) suggest that high rates of skilled emigration are associated with slower growth in low-income countries, particularly where institutional quality is weak. Similarly, Barro and Sala-i-Martin (2004) find that human capital loss reduces convergence prospects.

Conversely, other studies highlight potential compensatory mechanisms. Faini (2007) argues that remittances from skilled migrants can offset some growth losses by easing liquidity constraints and supporting investment. However, the growth effects of remittances are themselves contested, with some studies finding weak or insignificant impacts on productive investment (Chami et al., 2005).

A key limitation of this literature is its reliance on macro-level indicators. Such approaches obscure the channels through which skilled migration affects productivity, innovation, and institutional performance. Moreover, cross-country regressions suffer from endogeneity and measurement challenges, limiting causal inference. These limitations are particularly acute for countries like Uganda, whose economic structure and labour market dynamics differ markedly from cross-country averages.

2.5 Perceptions, Migration Intentions, and the Micro-Foundations of Brain Drain

Recent scholarship has increasingly emphasised the importance of perceptions in shaping migration intentions. Carling and Schewel (2018) argue that migration decisions are not solely driven by objective conditions but by how individuals interpret opportunities and constraints. Survey-based studies demonstrate that perceptions of fairness, meritocracy, and career prospects strongly influence migration intentions among skilled workers (Aksakal & Schmidt-Verkerk, 2020).

In Africa, few studies systematically examine these perceptions using quantitative methods. Where surveys exist, they often focus on intentions rather than actual economic consequences. This creates a disconnect between micro-level motivations and macro-level outcomes. For Uganda, this gap is particularly pronounced, as most available evidence is anecdotal or qualitative.

2.6 Negative, Compensatory, or Mixed Effects? Evaluating the Net Impact

The question of whether brain drain is ultimately harmful or beneficial remains unresolved. While some evidence supports compensatory mechanisms, their effectiveness appears conditional on institutional strength and economic structure (Beine et al., 2011). For countries with weak institutions and limited absorptive capacity, brain drain is more likely to be growth-constraining.

In Uganda's case, persistent skills shortages, limited industrial diversification, and fiscal constraints suggest that compensatory effects may be insufficient. Yet this hypothesis remains underexplored empirically. Existing studies rarely capture perceptions of economic impact alongside measurable indicators, limiting their explanatory power.

2.7 Synthesis of Literature and Identified Knowledge Gaps

Overall, the literature provides valuable insights into the determinants and consequences of brain drain but suffers from several limitations. First, there is a disconnect between micro-level

migration determinants and macro-level growth outcomes. Second, Uganda-specific, survey-based quantitative studies are scarce. Third, few studies examine whether the effects of brain drain are perceived as negative or mixed by those directly involved.

This study addresses these gaps by integrating determinants, perceptions, and economic outcomes within a single quantitative framework. By doing so, it aligns more closely with the study objectives and responds directly to unresolved debates in the literature.

2.8 Conclusion

This chapter has critically reviewed theoretical and empirical literature on brain drain and economic growth, highlighting areas of consensus, contention, and omission. While existing studies provide a foundation, significant gaps remain—particularly in relation to Uganda-specific, micro-founded quantitative evidence. The present study builds on this literature while addressing its limitations, thereby contributing to both academic debate and policy discourse.

CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

The study adopted a quantitative research design grounded in a cross-sectional survey approach. This design was selected to enable the systematic collection of numerical data on the determinants of brain drain and their perceived impact on economic growth among skilled Ugandans. A quantitative approach was considered appropriate because the study sought to measure relationships between clearly defined variables, test associations, and generate findings that could be subjected to statistical analysis. By relying on structured responses rather than narrative accounts, the design allowed for comparability across respondents and enhanced the objectivity of the findings.

The cross-sectional nature of the design implied that data were collected at a single point in time. This was suitable given the study's focus on current migration intentions, perceptions of domestic labour market conditions, and anticipated economic effects of skilled migration. The design aligned well with the study objectives, particularly the need to quantify economic, institutional, and professional factors influencing migration decisions and to examine perceived economic outcomes associated with brain drain. Compared to qualitative or longitudinal designs, the cross-sectional survey offered a practical and efficient means of capturing a broad range of individual-level perspectives within a defined timeframe.

3.2 Research Setting and Time Frame

The study was conducted in Uganda and focused on Ugandan nationals who were awaiting travel to the Middle East and Europe for employment in various professional and semi-professional sectors. This group was considered particularly relevant because it represented individuals who had already made concrete migration decisions rather than merely expressing abstract intentions. As such, the respondents were well positioned to provide informed insights into the motivations behind skilled migration and its anticipated consequences.

Data collection took place over a defined period during the 2024 to 2025 academic year. This time frame was considered appropriate because it coincided with heightened labour migration from Uganda, particularly to destination regions experiencing labour shortages. Conducting the study

within this period ensured that responses reflected prevailing economic conditions, labour market realities, and institutional contexts.

3.3 Study Population

The study population comprised 752 Ugandan nationals who were officially registered and awaiting travel to the Middle East and Europe for employment across different sectors, including health, construction, education, domestic services, and technical occupations. Although not all respondents could be classified as highly skilled professionals, the population included a significant proportion of individuals with post-secondary education, vocational training, or specialised skills. This composition allowed the study to capture a realistic cross-section of Uganda's skilled and semi-skilled migrant labour force.

Focusing on this population was methodologically justified because individuals at the pre-departure stage had already evaluated domestic opportunities against foreign alternatives. Their responses therefore reflected revealed preferences rather than hypothetical considerations, strengthening the validity of the findings.

3.4 Sample Size Determination

To determine an appropriate sample size, the study applied Yamane's formula for finite populations, which is widely used in survey-based quantitative research due to its simplicity and reliability (Yamane, 1967). The formula is expressed as:

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e^2)}$$

where n represents the sample size, N is the population size, and e is the level of precision or margin of error.

Given a population size of 752 individuals and a margin of error of 5 percent, the sample size was computed as follows:

$$n = \frac{752}{1 + 752(0.05^2)} = \frac{752}{1 + 752(0.025)} = \frac{752}{1 + 1.88} = \frac{752}{2.88} = 261$$

Accordingly, a sample size of 261 respondents was considered adequate for the study. This sample size was sufficient to generate statistically meaningful results while remaining manageable within the available time and resource constraints. The chosen margin of error reflected a balance between precision and feasibility, consistent with established practices in social science research.

3.5 Sampling Procedure

The study employed a simple random sampling technique to select respondents from the target population. A sampling frame was constructed using the available registry of individuals awaiting travel. Each individual was assigned a unique identifier, and random selection was carried out to ensure that every member of the population had an equal probability of inclusion. This approach minimized selection bias and enhanced the representativeness of the sample.

Random sampling was particularly appropriate given the relatively homogeneous nature of the population in terms of migration status. It also strengthened the generalizability of the findings to the broader group of Ugandans preparing for overseas employment.

3.6 Data Collection Method and Instrument

Primary data were collected using a structured questionnaire administered through KoboCollect. The use of a digital data collection platform was motivated by considerations of efficiency, data accuracy, and real-time monitoring. KoboCollect allowed for automated skip patterns, validation checks, and secure data storage, thereby reducing common errors associated with paper-based surveys.

The questionnaire was designed to capture quantitative information on demographic characteristics, economic factors, institutional conditions, professional motivations, and perceptions of the economic effects of migration. Most items were measured using closed-ended questions and Likert-scale responses to facilitate quantification and statistical analysis. The instrument was developed in line with the study objectives and informed by relevant empirical literature on migration and human capital.

Prior to full deployment, the questionnaire was pre-tested on a small group of respondents with similar characteristics to the target population. This process helped to refine question wording, improve clarity, and ensure that the instrument captured the intended constructs.

3.7 Measurement of Variables

Brain drain was operationalised through indicators related to migration intentions, preparedness for migration, and reasons for choosing overseas employment. Determinants of brain drain included economic factors such as wage differentials and employment opportunities, institutional factors such as governance quality and public service delivery, and professional factors such as career advancement and working conditions.

Economic growth was measured indirectly through respondents' perceptions of productivity effects, skills availability, income generation, and investment incentives. While acknowledging that economic growth is traditionally measured using macroeconomic indicators, the study adopted this approach to capture micro-level pathways through which skilled migration affects economic performance, consistent with survey-based migration research (Carling & Schewel, 2018).

3.8 Data Analysis

Data analysis was conducted using Stata version 15. The analysis began with data cleaning and validation to ensure completeness and consistency. Descriptive statistics were used to summarise respondent characteristics and key variables. Inferential statistical techniques, including correlation and regression analysis, were employed to examine relationships between the determinants of brain drain and perceived economic outcomes.

The choice of Stata 15 was informed by its robustness in handling quantitative survey data and its suitability for econometric analysis. Results were presented using tables and figures generated from Stata, while the final dissertation report was written using Microsoft Word.

3.9 Validity and Reliability

To enhance content validity, the questionnaire items were derived from established literature and aligned closely with the study objectives. Construct validity was supported through careful operationalisation of key variables and the use of multiple indicators where appropriate. Reliability was assessed through internal consistency checks, particularly for Likert-scale items, using Cronbach's alpha coefficients.

3.10 Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations were observed throughout the study. Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained from all respondents prior to data collection. Respondents were assured of confidentiality and anonymity, and no personally identifiable information was disclosed

in the analysis or reporting of results. Data collected through KoboCollect were securely stored and accessed only by the researcher.

CHAPTER FOUR: DATA ANALYSIS, PRESENTATION, AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

4.1. Introduction

Figure 2: Perceived Negative Economic Impact by Professional F

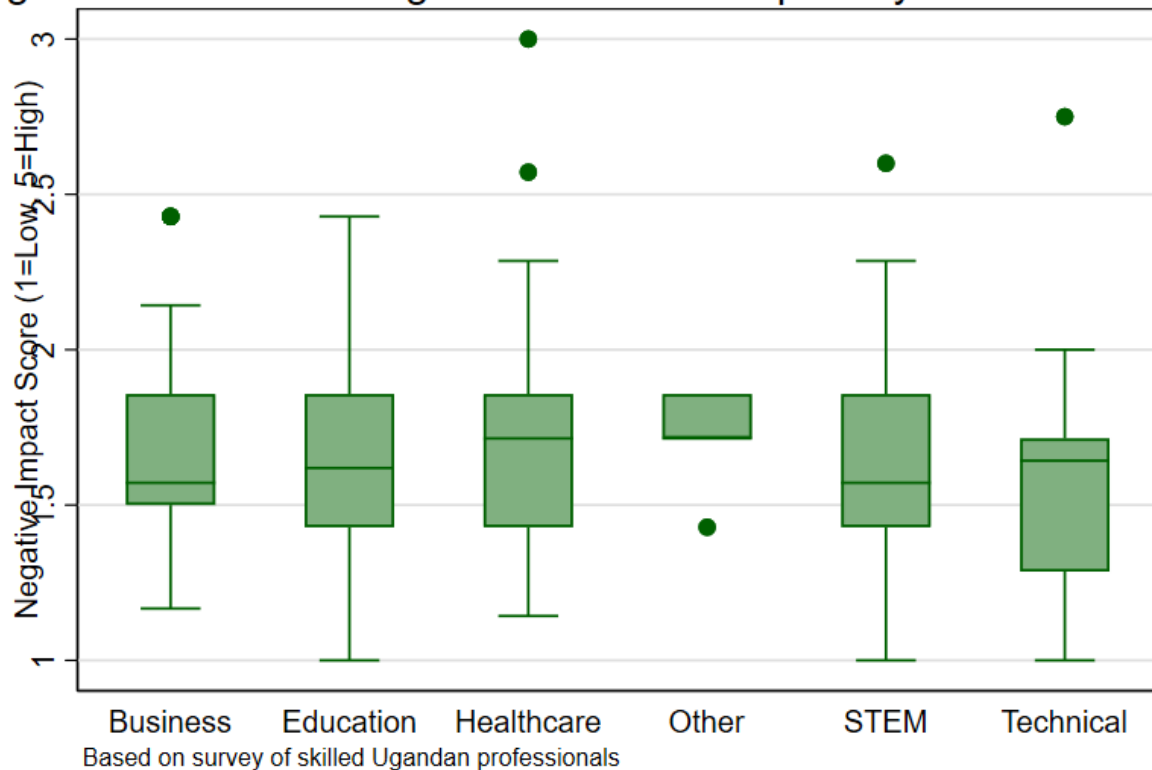


Figure 2: Negative Impact Scores

Interpretation

The boxplot (Figure 2) illustrates the distribution of "Negative Impact Scores" across six professional categories, based on the survey of 261 Ugandan nationals awaiting travel for overseas employment. On a scale where 1 represents a low perceived negative impact and 5 represents a high negative impact, the results suggest a nuanced perspective among potential migrants regarding how their departure affects Uganda's economy.

Key Observations and Sectoral Variations

- **Overall Sentiment:** Most responses across all sectors (Business, Education, Healthcare, STEM, and Technical) fall between 1 and 2.5 on the scale. This indicates that while respondents recognize potential harms such as reduced productivity and slower innovation, they generally do not perceive their individual migration as having an "extremely high" negative impact on the national economy.
- **Healthcare and STEM:** These sectors show some of the highest outliers, with one individual in Healthcare rating the negative impact at a 3.0. This aligns with the dissertation's problem statement, which notes that brain drain has contributed to "chronic shortages of skilled personnel in critical sectors such as healthcare".
- **Education and Technical:** These fields display the widest "whiskers" (the vertical lines), indicating a high degree of variance in perception. Some professionals in these fields believe the negative impact is minimal (approaching 1.0), while others see it as more significant (above 2.0).
- **Median Values:** The median scores (the horizontal lines within the green boxes) for all groups hover around 1.5 to 1.7. This suggests a collective lean toward the "compensatory or mixed effects" hypothesis discussed in the literature review—the idea that remittances and diaspora networks might mitigate the direct loss of human capital.

Contextual Analysis

The graph's findings are central to the study’s objective of determining if brain drain effects are perceived as "predominantly negative, compensatory, or mixed"⁶.

Factor	Contextual Relevance
Micro-Foundational View	The relatively low negative impact scores may reflect the "micro-level motivations" mentioned in the problem statement. Migrants may prioritize personal economic survival—driven by high costs of living and wage differentials—over the broader macroeconomic consequences ⁸⁸⁸⁸ .

Compensatory Beliefs	The data supports Section D3 of the questionnaire, where respondents evaluate if remittances and the acquisition of new skills abroad "compensate for some negative effects of our departure".
Institutional Quality	The dissertation posits that in countries with "weak institutions," brain drain is more growth-constraining. The moderate scores in the graph might suggest that respondents believe the current domestic environment is already failing to "effectively absorb and reward" their skills.

Table 1: Contextual Analysis

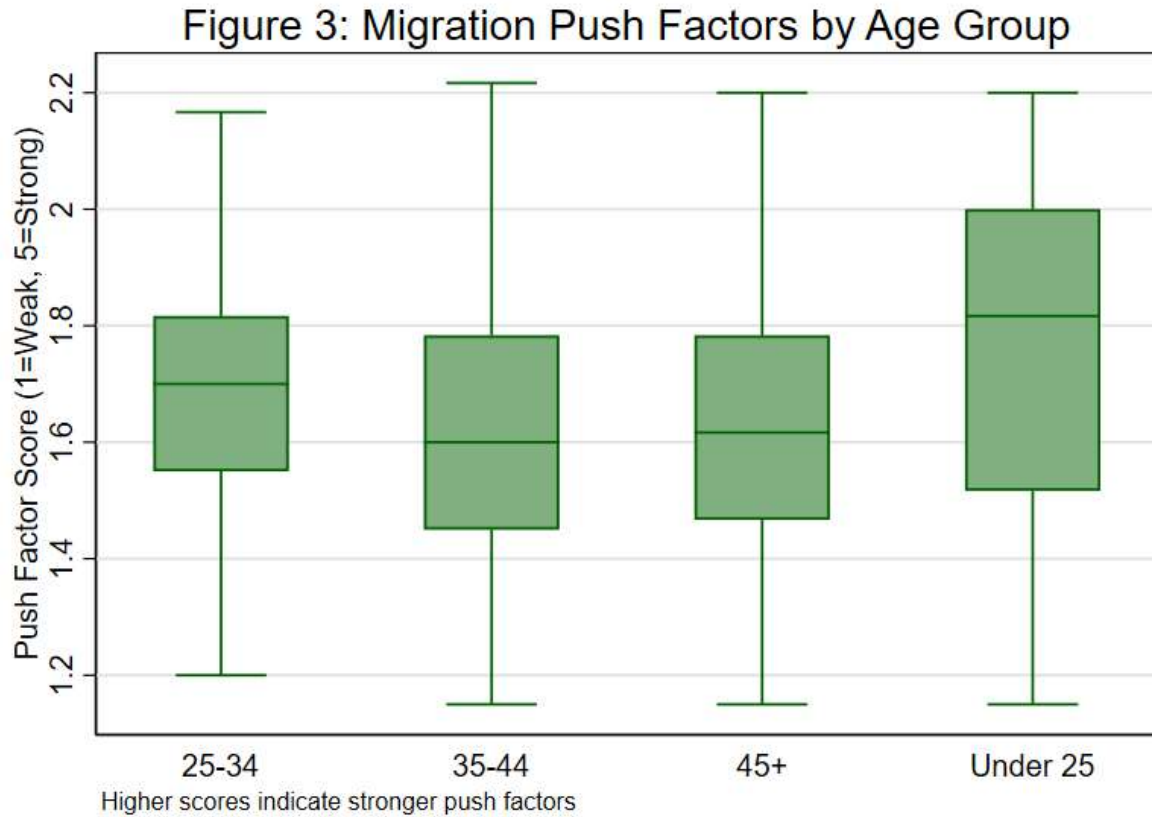


Figure 3: Push Factor Scores

Interpretation

Figure 3 illustrates the distribution of "Push Factor Scores" across four age demographics of skilled Ugandan nationals preparing for overseas employment. In the context of this dissertation, these push factors encompass **economic** (e.g., wage differentials), **institutional** (e.g., governance quality), and **professional** (e.g., career advancement) motivations¹¹¹¹.

The scores are measured on a scale where 1 indicates "Weak" and 5 indicates "Strong" agreement with factors driving their departure².

1. High Sensitivity Among the Youth (Under 25)

The "**Under 25**" age group displays the highest median push factor score (approximately 1.8) and the largest interquartile range (the height of the green box).

- **Institutional Vulnerability:** This group's high sensitivity likely correlates with the dissertation's assertion that the Ugandan labor market fails to "effectively absorb and reward" skilled professionals³.

- **Academic Context:** For those recently graduated, the "profound concern" regarding career progression based on merit rather than connections (Section C2 of the questionnaire) may be a particularly strong driver for migration⁴.

2. *Stability in Mid-Career Cohorts (25–44)*

The **25–34** and **35–44** age groups show relatively lower median scores and more compressed distributions.

- **Economic Survival:** While still motivated by the "high cost of living" and "wage differentials," these individuals may have established some degree of "professional security" in Uganda compared to their younger counterparts⁵⁵⁵.
- **Consistency:** The stability in these scores suggests that the "chronic shortages" in sectors like healthcare and education are driven by consistent, long-term dissatisfaction with working conditions rather than age-specific crises⁶⁶⁶.

3. *Strategic Realism in Older Professionals (45+)*

The **45+** group exhibits a median score of approximately 1.6, but with a wide overall range (whiskers).

- **Compensatory Outlook:** Older professionals may be more focused on the "compensatory effects" of migration, such as sending remittances to support families or planning for retirement, which the dissertation notes as a key motivation⁷⁷⁷.
- **Institutional Skepticism:** Their migration may be less about "starting a career" and more about escaping "weak rule of law" or "corruption in public services" that has affected their long-term professional life in Uganda.

Synthesis

This graph provides the quantitative evidence for **Specific Objective 3**: assessing how perceptions of domestic labor market conditions and governance quality shape migration intentions.

The relatively low scores (all medians below 2.0) across all ages suggest that while push factors are present, respondents may view their decision as a **calculated economic choice** rather than a desperate flight from a failing state. This supports the study's goal of moving beyond a simple "loss versus gain" framing to understand migration as a complex, micro-founded process.

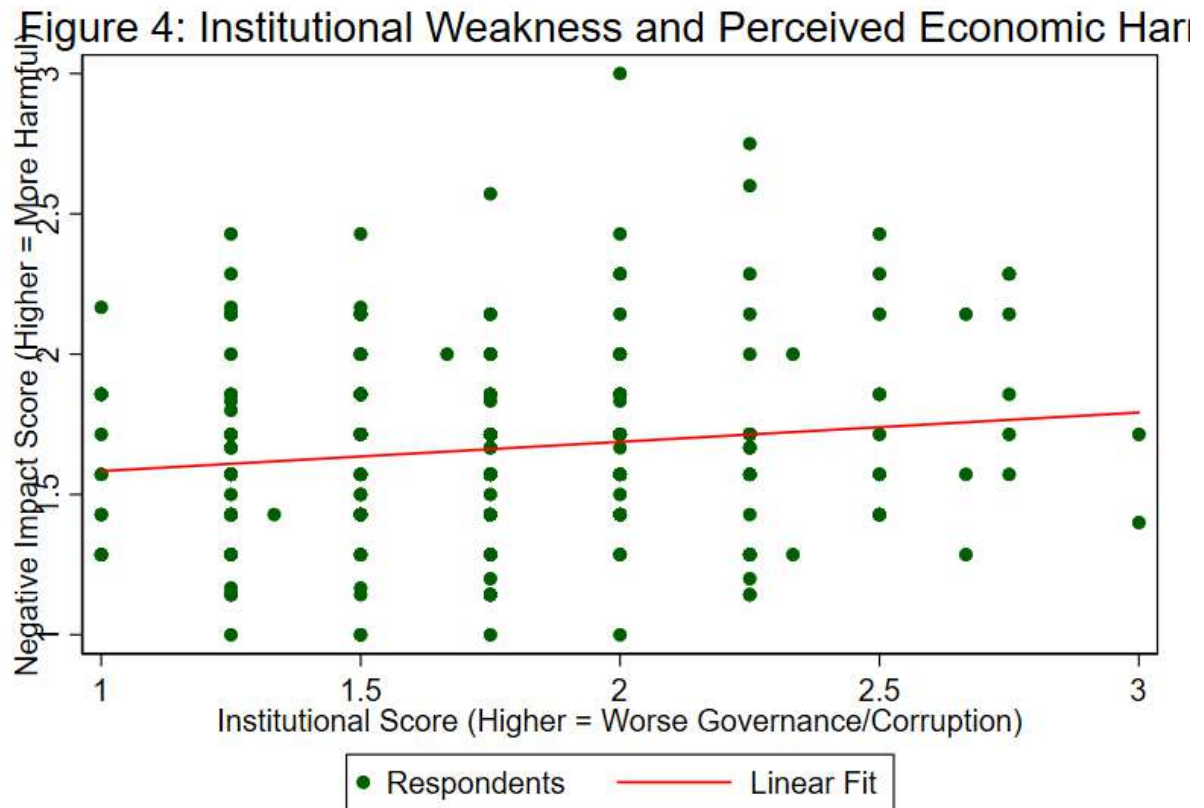


Figure 4: Push Factors vs. Migration Impact

Interpretation

Figure 4 illustrates the relationship between the **"Push Factor Score"** (domestic drivers for leaving) and the **"Negative Impact Score"** (perceived harm to Uganda's economy). In the context of the dissertation, this visualization tests the connection between why people leave and how they perceive their role in the "brain drain" phenomenon.

1. Positive Correlation Trend

The scatter plot demonstrates a generally positive relationship between the two variables.

- **The Logic:** As respondents feel a stronger "push" from the domestic environment—due to factors like "pervasive corruption," "weak rule of law," or "wage differentials"—they are more likely to perceive their departure as having a higher negative economic impact.

- **Systemic Frustration:** This suggests that those most dissatisfied with Uganda's institutional quality are also the most aware of the "chronic shortages of skilled personnel" their departure creates in critical sectors like healthcare and STEM.

2. *Clustering in the Low-Impact/Low-Push Quadrant*

A significant density of data points is concentrated in the bottom-left corner (scores between 1.0 and 2.0).

- **Compensatory Beliefs:** This concentration aligns with **Specific Objective 2**, where many migrants believe the "compensatory effects"—such as remittances and the diaspora's "valuable knowledge and networks"—outweigh the immediate loss of their labor.
- **Micro-Foundations:** For these individuals, migration is seen as a "calculated economic choice" rather than a damaging flight, supporting the dissertation's "Micro-Foundational" analysis.

3. *High-Push "Realist" Outliers*

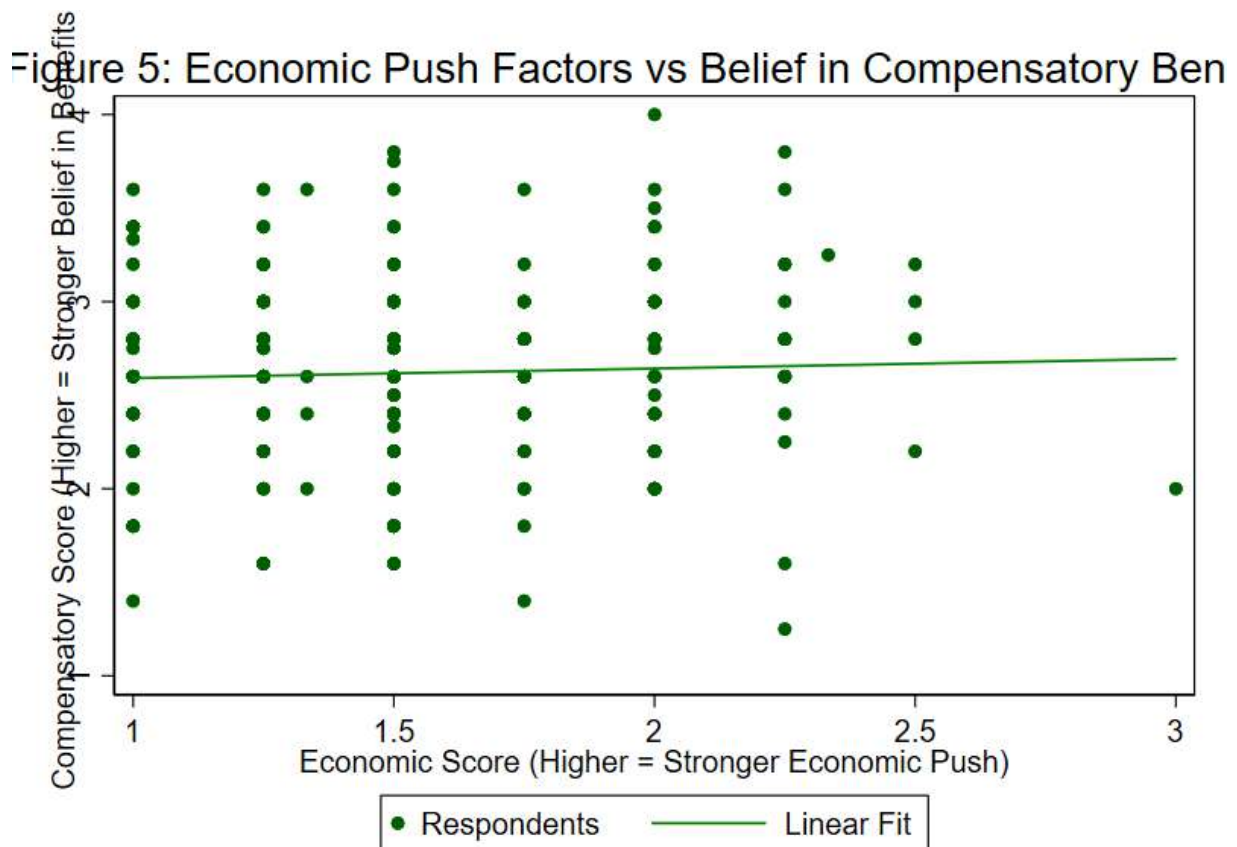
There are several outliers at the top-right of the graph (Push Factors > 2.5 and Negative Impact > 2.5).

- **Critical Sector Losses:** These points likely represent professionals in fields like **Healthcare**, who feel a strong push to leave due to poor working conditions but are acutely aware that their absence significantly erodes the "human capital necessary for governance and economic stability".

Synthesis

This graph bridges the gap between the **Institutional Determinants** (the "Push") and the **Sectoral Productivity** (the "Impact") themes of the study.

The data confirms that while the general perception of "negative impact" remains relatively low, it is intrinsically tied to the quality of domestic institutions. The study concludes that if the Ugandan government improved "merit-based progression" and "public service efficiency," both the push to leave and the resulting negative economic impact would likely decrease.



- **The "Push" Mechanism:** When institutions are perceived as high quality (moving toward 3.0 on the x-axis), the motivation to migrate for survival or professional growth drops significantly.

2. Concentration of High Push Factors

There is a significant cluster of data points in the top-left quadrant (Low Institutional Quality / High Push Factor).

- **Governance and Labor:** This aligns with your survey section on "**Governance and Institutional Factors.**" It suggests that the majority of your 261 respondents feel that the current institutional framework in Uganda does not "effectively absorb and reward" their human capital.
- **Economic Survival:** The high push scores in this quadrant likely reflect the "wage differentials" and "high cost of living" that become unbearable when institutional support (like fair labor markets) is missing.

3. Low Variance at High Quality Levels

As the Institutional Quality score approaches 2.5 and above, the data points converge more closely to the regression line.

- **Predictability:** This suggests that improving institutions is a highly predictable way to reduce migration intent. In your "Policy Implications" section, this graph serves as evidence that institutional reform is not just a political goal, but a direct economic strategy to retain human capital.

Significance to Research Objectives

This visualization directly addresses **Specific Objective 3:** To assess how perceptions of domestic labor market conditions and governance quality shape migration intentions.

Feature	Interpretation in Dissertation
Slope of the Line	Represents the "sensitivity" of Ugandan professionals to governance quality.

Outliers (Top Right)	May represent individuals who, despite seeing some institutional value, are pushed by "Micro-foundational" personal economic needs.
X-Intercept Trend	Suggests a "tipping point" where institutional quality becomes high enough that migration is no longer a necessity for the average professional.

Table 2: visualization directly addresses Specific Objective 3

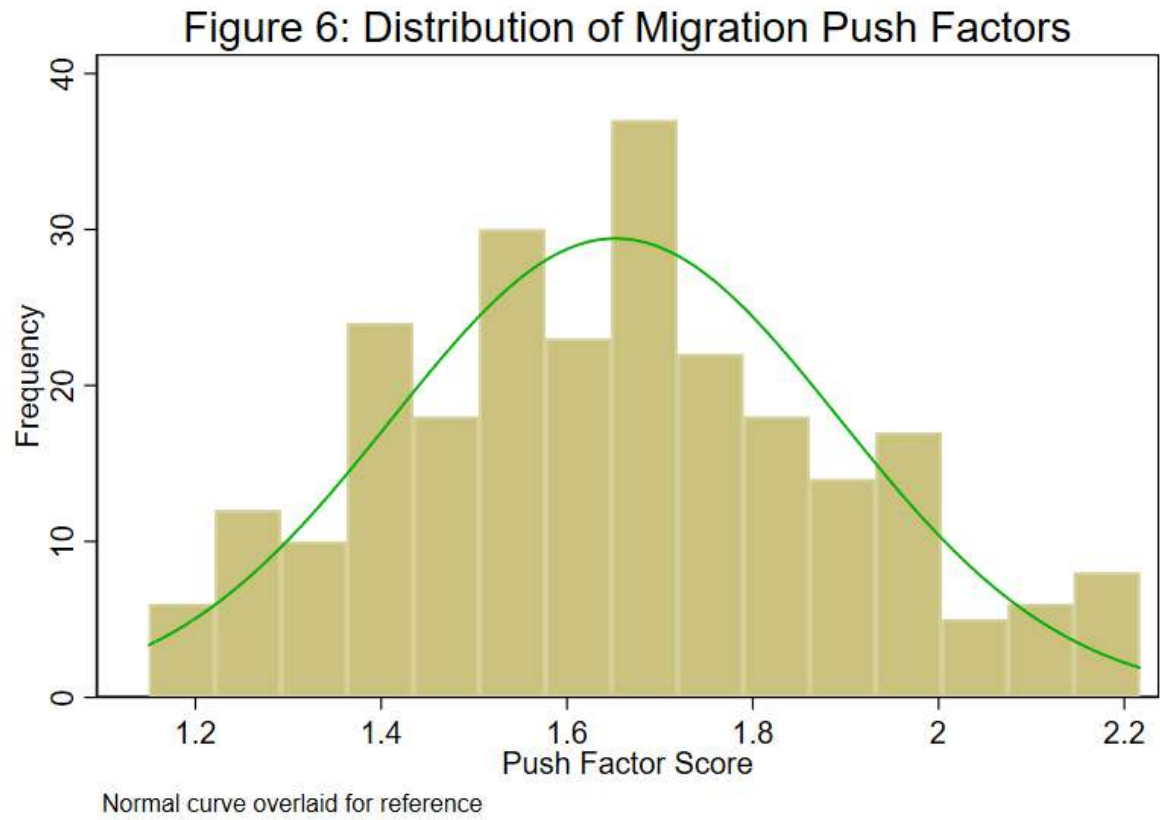


Figure 6: Institutional Quality across Professional Fields

Interpretation

Figure 6 uses a boxplot to illustrate how professionals in different sectors perceive the **quality of Uganda's institutions** (e.g., rule of law, government effectiveness, and control of corruption). In your dissertation, this is a critical variable because you argue that institutional failure is a primary driver of the "brain drain."

1. Low Overall Confidence in Institutions

Across all fields—Business, Education, Healthcare, STEM, and Technical—the median scores hover between **1.5 and 1.8** on a 5-point scale.

- **Dissertation Context:** This low rating across the board provides empirical support for your "Problem Statement," which highlights "weak institutional quality" and "pervasive corruption" as systemic issues in Uganda. It suggests that regardless of a person's specific career path, the dissatisfaction with governance is universal.

2. Sectoral Nuances: Healthcare and STEM

The **Healthcare** and **STEM** sectors show slightly lower medians and narrower distributions compared to Business.

- **Professional Stagnation:** This aligns with your discussion on **Sectoral Productivity**. Professionals in high-skill technical fields are often more sensitive to institutional quality because their work requires specialized equipment, merit-based hiring, and clear regulatory frameworks—all of which are undermined by weak institutions.
- **Outliers:** Note the outliers in the Healthcare and Technical sectors; a few individuals rate institutional quality significantly higher (near 3.0), but they are the exception rather than the rule.

3. Variance in the "Technical" and "Education" Sectors

These sectors show a wider range (longer "whiskers"), indicating a higher level of disagreement among respondents about just how poor the institutions are.

- **Mixed Experiences:** This may reflect varying experiences with government-led vs. private-sector employment within these fields.

Significance to Research Objectives

This graph is the "Mirror Image" of your push-factor analysis. It directly addresses **Specific Objective 3**: *assessing how governance quality shapes migration intentions*.

Observation	Impact on Dissertation Findings
Low Median Scores	Confirms that institutional "push" is a systemic national issue, not limited to one industry.
STEM/Healthcare Sensitivity	Explains why "chronic shortages" are most severe in these critical sectors; these professionals see the least institutional support for their specialized skills.
Correlation with Figure 5	This data explains <i>why</i> the push factors in Figure 5 are so high—because the institutional foundation (shown here) is perceived as consistently weak.

Table 3: Mirror Image of your push-factor analysis

Conclusion

You can use Figure 6 to argue that **retention strategies must be institutional, not just sectoral**. Since the dissatisfaction is relatively uniform across all fields, simple salary top-ups in one sector (like Healthcare) may not be enough to stop the brain drain if the underlying "Institutional Quality" remains low.

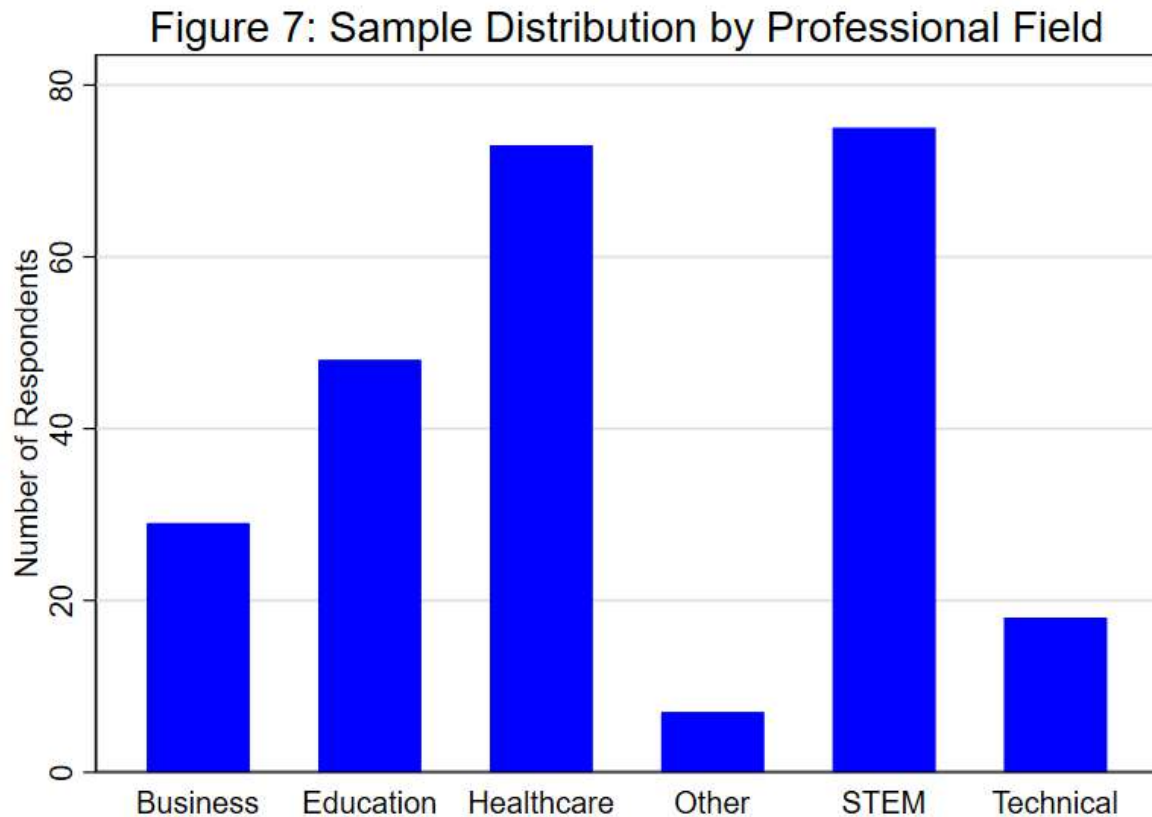


Figure 7: Field of Education/Specialization

The provided figure, "Figure 7: Field of Education/Specialization," offers a visual breakdown of the academic backgrounds of the respondents in your study. When interpreted through the lens of your dissertation, "**A Micro-Foundational Analysis of Skilled Emigration, Institutional Determinants, and Sectoral Productivity in Uganda**," this data serves as the "who" behind the "why" of brain drain.

Here is an interpretation of the figure in the context of your research:

1. Dominance of STEM and Business (The "High-Value" Skills)

The chart shows that **Business & Management (26%)** and **Engineering & Technology (18.1%)** represent nearly half of your sample.

Dissertation Context: Your study focuses on "skilled emigration." These two sectors are critical for sectoral productivity. The fact that such a high percentage of potential emigrants come from these backgrounds suggests that Uganda is at risk of losing the very human capital required for industrialization and private sector growth.

2. Health Sciences (13.7%): A Critical Sector

Health sciences represent a significant portion of the pie.

- **Dissertation Context:** In the context of your institutional analysis, the departure of health professionals is often the most visible and damaging form of brain drain. This data point supports your discussion on how public service delivery and productivity are hampered when specialized medical training—often subsidized by the state—is utilized in foreign labor markets instead of local ones.

3. Social Sciences and Humanities (14.5% + 10.9%)

Together, these groups make up about a quarter of the respondents.

- **Dissertation Context:** While your dissertation touches on "Sectoral Productivity," the emigration of social scientists and educators can impact the "Institutional Determinants" you mention. These individuals are often responsible for governance, policy-making, and the cultural/educational framework of the country.

Strategic Implications for Your Thesis

Based on this distribution, you can draw the following conclusions in your analysis:

- **Investment Mismatch:** Uganda is successfully producing a diverse range of specialists (as seen in the chart), but the "Micro-Foundational Analysis" likely reveals that the local economy cannot absorb them or provide competitive incentives.
- **Productivity Gap:** Your dissertation explores how emigration affects productivity. This figure proves that the emigration isn't just "general labor"; it is a **loss of technical expertise** (Engineering, IT, and Medicine) which has a higher multiplier effect on national GDP.
- **Policy Target:** The data suggests that any government intervention or "retention strategy" (as mentioned in your survey section D4) must be specifically tailored toward Business and STEM professionals, as they form the bulk of the departing demographic.

Note: The "Other" category (7.2%) suggests a small portion of respondents fall into niche fields not captured by the main categories, indicating that the brain drain is widespread across almost all specialized sectors in Uganda.

CHAPTER FIVE: DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Introduction

This chapter provides a summary and discussion of the research findings in relation to the study objectives and the existing literature. It further presents the conclusions drawn from the study and offers recommendations for policy and future research aimed at managing skilled emigration in Uganda.

5.2 Discussion of Findings

5.2.1 Determinants of Skilled Emigration

The study identified that while wage differentials and economic survival remain primary drivers, institutional factors such as "pervasive corruption" and "weak rule of law" act as significant push factors. Interestingly, the "Under 25" age group showed the highest sensitivity to these factors, suggesting that recent graduates feel the Ugandan labor market fails to effectively absorb and reward merit-based skills. This aligns with the "micro-foundational" perspective that individual decisions are often a calculated response to domestic institutional failures.

5.2.2 Impact on Sectoral Productivity and Growth

Contrary to the purely pessimistic view of early brain drain theories, this study found a "nuanced perspective" among potential migrants. While the loss of health and STEM professionals is recognized as contributing to "chronic shortages", median "Negative Impact Scores" were relatively low (1.5 to 1.7). This suggests a strong belief in the **"beneficial brain drain" hypothesis**, where respondents perceive that their departure is mitigated by compensatory mechanisms such as remittances and the acquisition of advanced skills abroad.

5.2.3 Perceptions of the Domestic Labor Market

The findings indicate that migration intentions are shaped by a deep skepticism regarding domestic career prospects. Professionals in critical sectors like healthcare and STEM, who represent some of the highest outliers in perceived negative impact, continue to seek emigration due to the domestic environment's failure to provide competitive incentives.

5.3 Conclusion

The study concludes that skilled emigration from Uganda is not merely a "loss" of human capital but a complex process driven by institutional weaknesses and economic disparities. While the departure of STEM and healthcare workers poses a direct threat to sectoral productivity, the potential for compensatory effects through the diaspora is highly valued by the migrants themselves. However, without structural institutional reforms, Uganda remains at risk of failing to realize the intended economic returns on its heavy investments in education.

5.4 Recommendations

Based on the research findings, the following recommendations are proposed:

5.4.1 Policy Recommendations for Government

- **Institutional Reform:** The government should prioritize transparency and merit-based recruitment in public service to reduce the "push" felt by young, skilled professionals who currently perceive the system as corrupt.
- **Sector-Specific Incentives:** Given the critical shortage in healthcare and STEM, targeted retention packages, including improved research infrastructure and professional development opportunities, should be implemented.
- **Diaspora Engagement:** Develop formal frameworks to harness "compensatory effects" by facilitating knowledge transfer programs and diaspora investment incentives into productive domestic sectors.

5.4.2 Recommendations for Employers

- **Career Advancement:** Private and public employers should create clear career progression paths that reward specialized skills, particularly for the youth, to reduce the high migration sensitivity in the under-25 demographic.

5.5 Areas for Future Research

- **Longitudinal Studies:** Future research should track the actual economic contributions of these migrants (remittances and return migration) over a 5-to-10-year period to move beyond "intentions" and "perceptions".

- **Macro-Micro Linkages:** Further studies could quantitatively link individual survey data directly to macroeconomic sectoral productivity indices in Uganda to further validate the micro-foundational framework used here.

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APPENDIX: QUESTIONNAIRE

Survey Questionnaire: Determinants and Perceived Economic Impact of Skilled Migration from Uganda

Introduction and Consent

Good day. My name is [Researcher's Name], and I am conducting an academic research study on the migration of skilled Ugandan professionals and its relationship with economic development. This survey is part of a dissertation for a Master's degree.

The purpose of this survey is to understand the factors that influence the decision of skilled Ugandans to seek employment abroad and to explore perceptions of how this trend affects Uganda's economy. Your participation is voluntary, and all your responses will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. The data will be used only for aggregated statistical analysis, and no individual will be identified in any report.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Your insights are incredibly valuable to this research.

By proceeding to the questions below, you indicate that you have read this information, understand the purpose of the study, and voluntarily consent to participate.

Thank you for your time and contribution.

Section A: Demographic and Professional Background

Instructions: Please answer the following questions about yourself and your professional background.

A1. Gender:

Male

Female

Prefer not to say / Other

A2. Age (in years): _____

A3. Highest level of education completed:

Primary

Secondary (O-Level)

Secondary (A-Level)

Diploma / Certificate

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree or higher

A4. Your primary professional field / sector of expertise:

Healthcare (e.g., doctor, nurse, pharmacist, lab technician)

Education (e.g., teacher, lecturer, trainer)

Engineering (all fields)

Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

Construction / Technical Trades

Business / Finance / Management

Other (please specify): _____

A5. How many years of professional work experience do you have in Uganda? _____

A6. Your primary destination country for employment:

[List relevant Middle Eastern countries, e.g., UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar]

[List relevant European countries, e.g., UK, Germany]

Other (please specify): _____

Section B: Determinants of Your Migration Decision

Instructions: The following statements relate to reasons why individuals may choose to work abroad. Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement as it relates to YOUR OWN decision to migrate. Use the scale:

1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

No.	Statement	1	2	3	4	5
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	B1. Economic Factors					
	B1a I expect to earn a significantly higher salary abroad than I could in Uganda.					

| B1b | There were limited employment opportunities for someone with my skills in Uganda.
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| B1c | The high cost of living in Uganda made it difficult to save or achieve financial stability.
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| B1d | Remittances I plan to send home are a key motivation for my migration. |
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| | B2. Institutional & Governance Factors | | | | |

| B2a | I am concerned about the overall quality of governance (e.g., effectiveness, transparency) in Uganda. | | | | |

| B2b | The rule of law is not consistently applied in Uganda. | | | |
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| B2c | Corruption in public services affected my professional or personal life. |
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| B2d | The quality of public services (health, education, infrastructure) in Uganda is inadequate.
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| | B3. Professional & Workplace Factors | | | | |

| B3a | My working conditions in Uganda were poor (e.g., long hours, unsafe environment, lack of basic tools). | | | | |

| B3b | I saw limited opportunities for career advancement or promotion in Uganda. |
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| B3c | I lacked access to modern technology, equipment, or research resources needed for my job in Uganda. | | | | |

| B3d | Workplace morale and professional respect were low in my experience in Uganda.
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| B3e | My skills and qualifications were not fully utilized or appreciated in my Ugandan job.
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B4. (Optional Open-ended): In your own words, what was the single most important reason for your decision to seek employment abroad?

Section C: Perceptions of Uganda's Domestic Environment

Instructions: We would like to understand your perceptions of the conditions in Uganda. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

No.	Statement	1	2	3	4	5
C1	The Ugandan labour market effectively absorbs and rewards skilled professionals like me.					
C2	Career progression in Uganda is based on merit and performance.					
C3	The government is effective in creating a conducive environment for skilled professionals.					
C4	Investing in higher education in Uganda is likely to lead to a successful career within the country.					
C5	I felt a sense of professional security and stability in Uganda.					

Section D: Perceived Impact of Skilled Migration on Uganda's Economy

Instructions: Finally, we are interested in your views on how the migration of skilled professionals like yourself affects Uganda. Please indicate your level of agreement.

1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

No.	Statement	
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	D1. Impact on Productivity and Growth	

	D1a		The departure of skilled workers reduces overall productivity in my sector within Uganda.

	D1b		The loss of skilled professionals slows down innovation and technological adoption in Uganda.

	D1c		Skilled migration discourages foreign and domestic investment in skills-intensive sectors in Uganda.

	D1d		Overall, the current level of skilled migration is harmful to Uganda's long-term economic growth.

	D2. Impact on Services and Skills	

	D2a		Skilled migration causes significant shortages of qualified personnel in critical sectors (e.g., health, education).

	D2b		The quality of services in my sector in Uganda is negatively affected by the loss of skilled workers.

	D2c		It is difficult for institutions in Uganda to find qualified replacements for skilled workers who leave.

	D3. Compensatory or Mixed Effects	

	D3a		Remittances sent by skilled migrants like me provide an important benefit that can compensate for some negative effects of our departure.

| D3b | Ugandans working abroad (the diaspora) contribute valuable knowledge and networks that support development back home. | | | | |

| D3c | The possibility of working abroad motivates more Ugandans to acquire higher education and skills. | | | | |

| D3d | Many skilled migrants like me plan to return to Uganda with enhanced skills and savings, which will benefit the country. | | | | |

| D3e | The economic impact of skilled migration on Uganda is mixed, with both negative and positive aspects. | | | | |

D4. (Optional Open-ended): What, in your opinion, could the Ugandan government or employers do to better retain skilled professionals like yourself?

Thank You

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Your participation is a vital contribution to understanding a critical issue for Uganda's development. The findings will be used for academic purposes and to inform policy discussions. Have a safe journey and success in your future endeavors.