ACTION-ORIENTED ACTIVITY 3.1: Migration Mania

The text discusses theories about migration and your job is to use the Internet to determine if these theories hold true. You may choose any developing country and your role will be that of Senior Advisor to the Government. It will be your responsibility to research and report on the status of migration in your chosen country.

You must locate information that will allow you to address the theories listed in your text and you will want to especially address the questions below when you plan your advisory report:

1. To what degree is the country experiencing emigration? (provide statistics)
2. To what degree is the country experiencing immigration? (provide statistics)
3. What are the most common types of internal migration?
4. Are there both examples of voluntary and forced migration?
5. What examples of push and pull factors are present?
6. What political factors impact migration in this country?

Finally, based on the information you obtained, write a report that advises the government on what you believe should be migration policies for this country, including the following points:

1. In your opinion, are migration issues a problem for this country? Why or why not?
2. What role should the government play in migration issues?
3. What human and/or physical geography factors play a role in migration?

The following Internet addresses should help you with this project:

www.un.org/popin  This site is the United Nations Population Information Network and is a good source for demographic trends.

www.measuredhs.com  A primary information source for population and living conditions in developing countries.

http://www.unfpa.org/  This site provides on-line access to its current "State of World Population" annual report and to other similar homepages.

http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/ipc/www  The International programs Center provides a wealth of comparative migration statistics.

http://popindex.princeton.edu/  This is a bibliographies record to the world's population literature taken from the journal Population Index.

You will also want to do an Internet search of your country using keywords, ex. mali AND migration.

Be sure to keep track of all additional sources used to complete the assignment.