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# Africans in Malaysia

Since the 2000s, increasing numbers of Africans have travelled to Malaysia as students. For many, however, the attainment of higher education diplomas is not all they wish to achieve. During their stay, most of them also need to make a living, support their families at home and find ways to save some money for their return. Despite complicated work policies, Africans have managed to build up an infrastructure in Malaysia, sell products and offer services for fellow Africans. How have they accomplished this, what are their strategies, which products do they import, and which services do they offer to fellow Africans? This paper addresses these questions exploiting information from field research in Malaysia in 2014 and 2017.

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