

Kanlungan Center Foundation Inc. and its Reason for being



➤ Non-Stock non-profit organization

➤ Founded on 17 July 1989

Started as: Crisis Intervention Center

- Direct services; Free Legal Assistance; psycho-social counseling; rescue and repatriation assistance from host country; welfare and shelter assistance
- research, advocacy work;

➤ 1992 -holistic approach

in addition to crisis intervention it expanded to

- include legislative and policy advocacy to protect migrant workers and prevent human trafficking;

- organizing families and communities of overseas workers;
- education, training, research, information and publication to increase public awareness of migration issues, and recently:
 - 2003
 - local economy development and capability building as a part of addressing reintegration of returnees in the labor force and to engage in economic activities

II. SNAPSHOT OF THE PHILIPPINE LABOR SITUATION

A. Local Front

Characteristic of Phil labor market:

- job mismatch in skills and jobs demanded;
- New form of employment pattern- rapid growth in low paying and short term or project based employment contractualization.

There's an economic growth but job growth is weak

Increase in productivity but anemic wages

Increase in corporate profit but resulted in job insecurity

When the formal labor sector shrink- (due to retrenchment, closure, redundancy, implementation of labor saving devices) the following will serve as the catch basin:

- informal sector, and
- Overseas employment

B. LABOR MIGRATION

Statistics of 2008:

- 8.2M live permanently or work temporarily in 212 countries and territory of this figure
 - 48% (nearly are permanent emigrants)
 - 44% temporary overseas workers
 - 8% irregular migrants
- 3,386 Filipinos left the country daily for overseas employment

Statistics of 2010

- 1,420,826 deployed
- 3,893/day

Top destination: KSA

Top Occupation: Household service worker/DH

REMITTANCE:

- ◆ Cash sent by overseas Filipinos in June 2012 increased by four percent from \$1.7 billion in the same month last year. This also brought total remittances for the first half to \$10.13 billion, up 5.1 percent from \$9.64 billion in the same period a year ago.
- ◆ Money sent home by Filipinos working abroad grew by 7.2 percent to \$20.1b in 2011 compared to \$18.763 b for the whole of 2010. The central bank projected a 7-percent expansion in remittances in 2012.
- ◆ The remittances of land-based workers accounted for about three-fourths or 78.4 percent of total remittances.

KANLUNGAN'S STRUCTURES OF CARE STRATEGY:

- A. Direct Services
- B. Research and Advocacy
- C. Social and policy change

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Kanlungan established an office in the northern Philippine province of La Union in the mid-90s to replicate the Centre's operation in the National Capital Region. Kanlungan organized what it calls "structures of care" within the province.

KANLUNGAN CENTRE'S REINTEGRATION STRATEGY

◉ A. LOCAL ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT

A) Organizing OFWs/ families/ and Communities

=internalize and operationalize the concept of savings and investment;

= specific plan vis-à-vis duration of overseas employment;

= Lifestyle upon return

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- “The [value] shift should lead to the development of local economy in a way that it could eventually successfully reintegrate returning overseas workers, and offer viable economic opportunities that could be an alternative to overseas jobs.”

Engage the LOCAL Government

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- To further sharpen the Local Economy Development program, Kanlungan and its partner organization [\[1\]](#) engaged the Provincial Government of La Union that led to the formulation of a 5-year Migration and Development Strategic Plan (2012-2016).
- The two major points of the plan are:
- 1. That majority of returned migrants will be fully integrated into the local economy; and,
- 2. The incidence of illegal recruitment and exploitation will be reduced significantly.
- While this is quite a feat since the MDSP is the first in the Philippines, we are hoping the plan might be replicated in other provinces.

ORGANIZING MUHON AND BALABAL





◎ PROLOGUE

- ◎ Despite the danger and threats, a substantial number of Filipinos opted to stay in war-torn countries like Syria, hoping against hope they would stay alive, become productive, and send money home to sustain their family's lifeline.
- ◎ In the coming days, we hope that our people will not forever gamble their lives in search for a life they still can't find in their motherland.

THANK YOU!!!