Harnessing Overseas Filipinos’ Contributions to Philippine Society through the National Reintegration Program

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Migration Facts and Figures

 Filipinos are in more than 200 countries living as permanent migrants or OFWs

 More than one million OFWs leave the country every year (1.42 million in 2009)

 Land-based workers dominate departing OFWs (1.09 million in 2009)
Migration Facts and Figures

- Number of deployed seafarers is largest in the world (0.33 million in 2009)

- Middle East and Asia are top OFW destinations (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Hong Kong, Qatar, Singapore, Kuwait, Taiwan, Italy, Canada and Bahrain)
OFWs came from all walks of occupations and skills

- Production and related workers (35.5% of total new hires for 2009)
- Service workers (41.7% of total new hires)
- Professional, technical and related workers (14.4% of total new hires.)
- Others (8.5% of total new hires)
Migration Facts and Figures

Over US$ 17 billion remittances in 2009

- Bulk of remittances came from United States, Canada, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Japan, Singapore, UAE, Italy, Germany and Norway
Contributions of Overseas Filipino

- Reducing unemployment pressures
- Reducing poverty
- Spurring community growth
- Improving the country’s fiscal position
- Generating savings and investment
Contributions of Overseas Filipino

- Providing occasion for skills and technology transfer
- Stimulating sectoral growth
- Providing occasion for population control
Advocacy towards Linking Remittances to Development

Use remittances towards improvement and provision of educational and health facilities

- CGMA Project
Advocacy towards Linking Remittances to Development

- Use remittances for establishing and managing business.

- Advocacy to utilize migrants’ earnings for enterprise development

- OWWA’s Enterprise Development Trainings

- NRCO’s Business Counseling and Training Cum Production
Use remittances for savings mobilization, investments, other aspects of financial literacy.

- Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar as avenue for advocacy

Management of remittances with the aid of business experts and institutions.
The Philippine Reintegration Program

- Mitigate social cost of migration.
- Maximize gains of overseas migration.
- Cushion impact of forced repatriation due to unexpected events.
FULL – CYCLE REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

PRE-DEPARTURE

ON-SITE

UPON RETURN
The Reintegration Program Framework

PERSONAL Reintegration

COMMUNITY Reintegration

ECONOMIC Reintegration
### CURRENT REINTEGRATION MEASURES

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<td>•Development of Tri-Media Materials, AVP, DVD on success stories of Displaced OFWs with Business/ Micro-Enterprises</td>
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| **Financial Literacy**      | • Conduct of Financial Literacy Orientation/ Briefings  
                              • Referral to partners providing financial/ technical assistance thru identified focal persons                                                                                                                        |
| **Personal Assistance**     | • Conduct of Moral Values Reorientation Seminars                                                                                                                                                                            |
| **Entrepreneurial Investment** | • Referral to Stakeholders/ Service Providers providing Entrepreneurship Packages thru identified focal persons and Regional Implementors                                                                                         |
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| Money Claims and Legal / Welfare Assistance | • Provision of legal advice, and conciliation and mediation service  
• Endorsement of welfare cases to POLO, OWWA RWO, PE/PCG |
| Skills Training               | • Issuance of TESDA Certificate of Commitment for skills upgrading, retooling and retraining (For Displaced OFWs only)  
• Referral to other training institutions |
Challenges to Reintegration

- Limited domestic economic opportunities.
- Lure of higher salaries abroad.
- Overdependence on OFW remittance.
- Limited government resources for OFW reintegration.
- Conversion of migrants’ earnings into productive resources.
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