

Minimizing the Social Costs and Maximizing the Gains of Migration -The Atikha Experience-

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Established in 1996

**Organized as a
community-based NGO**

provides **economic** and **psychosocial** services
for the OFWs, their families and communities
in partnership with **multi-stakeholders**



Overseas Migration in the Philippines

- Overseas labor migration exists for the last four decades
- About 10.5 million overseas Filipinos are scattered in about 220 countries **(CFO, 2012)**
- Alarming feminization of migration especially in the region where Atikha is operating
- More than 9 million children left behind **(UNICEF, 2010)**





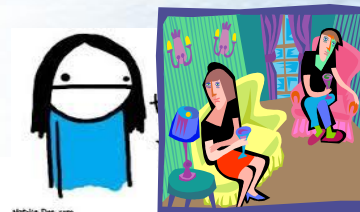
**Family
Break-up**



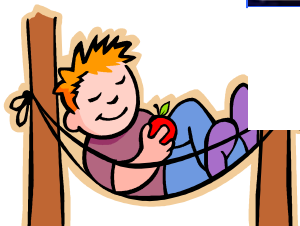
Separation



**Estranged
Relationship**



**Communication
Gap**



Dependency



**Extravagant
Spending**

Effects of Overseas Migration on Families



**Second time
parenting**



**Children
into vices**



**Lack of interest
in School**



**Untimely
Pregnancy**



**Early
Marriage**



SETTING-UP ONE- STOP RESOURCE MIGRATION CENTERS



Provincial and Municipal One- Stop Resource Migration Center



FORGING MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS



**Migration and Development Council at Regional and Provincial- Level
composed of public, private and civil society organizations**



CAPACITATING MIGRATION STAKEHOLDER



Capacitating key people from government, private sector, academe, financial institutions, migrant organizations and other civil society organizations



Reuniting Families, Rebuilding Communities, Recreating Economic Opportunities in the Philippines.

SCHOOL- BASED PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF MIGRANTS

Training of Teachers



Value Formation and Capacity Building Seminar for Children



FINANCIAL EDUCATION COURSE

Training for Filipinos abroad

Training for OF families in the Philippines



ATIKHA

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ORGANIZING OFs and FAMILIES

Organizing of families in communities of origin and overseas Filipinos in countries of destination



Organizing children into youth savers club



SAVINGS
PASSBOOK



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REINTEGRATION PROGRAM



Investment Opportunity in Agri- Business



Social Enterprise



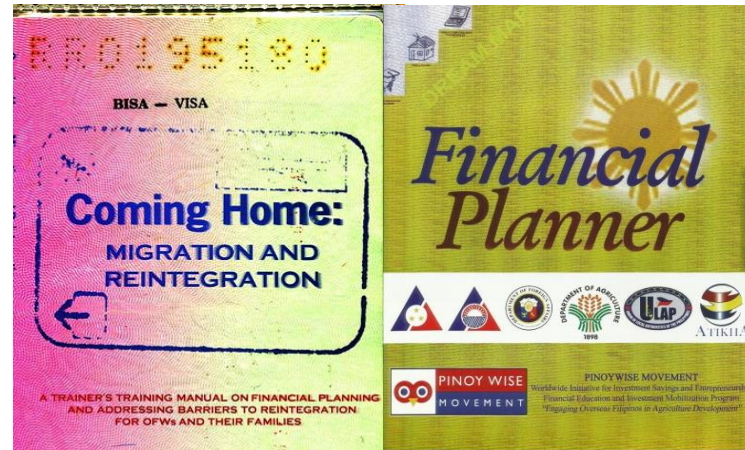
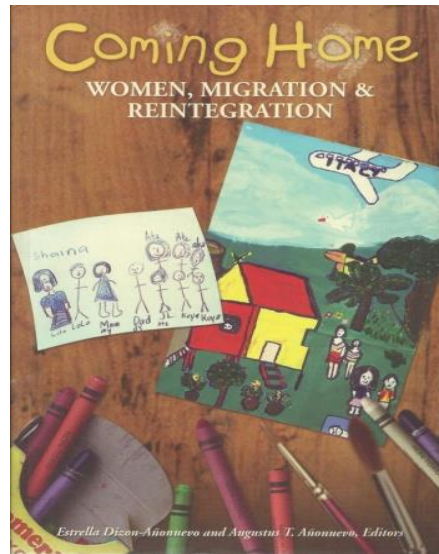
Investment Opportunity in Eco- Tourism



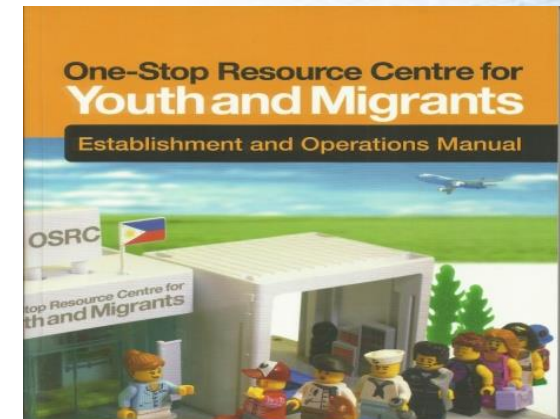
Business and Skills Training



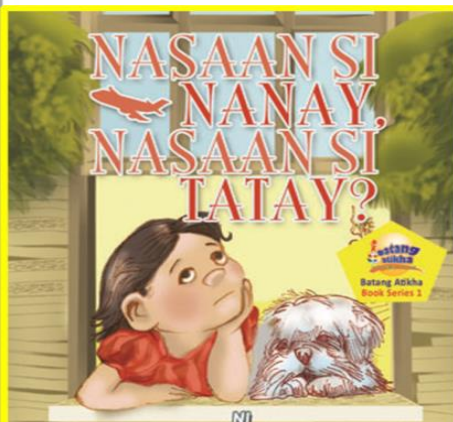
PUBLISHED MATERIALS AND TRAINING MANUALS



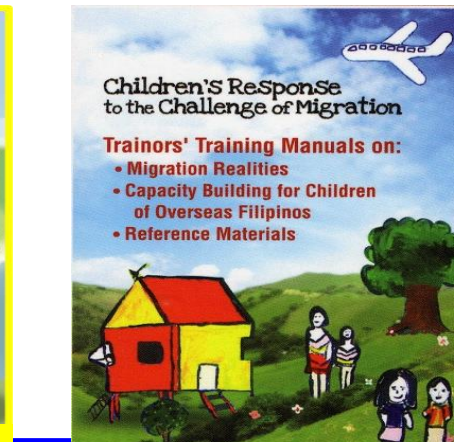
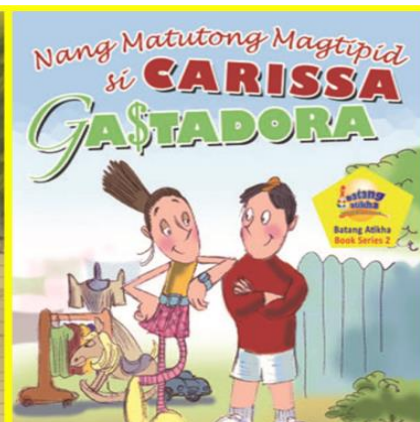
Reference Materials for
Financial Education Course



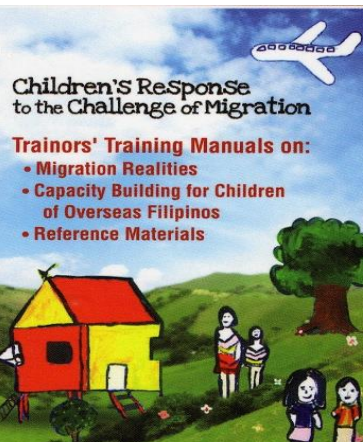
Reference on Establishing
Migration Center



Story Book for Children



Initiative



Reference Materials for School-Based Program

CHALLENGES

- Comprehensive data base, monitoring and evaluation system
- Innovative and responsive reintegration programs and services
- Sustained multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Changing political dynamics and government priorities



RECOMMENDATIONS

- identify champions in national and local government agencies; NGOs and migrant organizations
- build capacities of partners for the sustainability of programs and services
- strengthen NGOs, migrant and family associations; provide them with much needed capacity and resources to become effective partners of local and national governments
- long-term funding assistance for strategic engagement and capacity building of migration actors



Multi-stakeholder partnerships
are never easy but it is the
most effective strategy
in minimizing the social costs
and maximizing the gains
of international migration.

