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

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The Philippines
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)
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Effects of Overseas Migration on Families

- Dependency
- Extravagant Spending
- Family Break-up
- Separation
- Estranged Relationship
- Communication Gap
- Second time parenting
- Children into vices
- Lack of interest in School
- Untimely Pregnancy
- Early Marriage
- Effects of Overseas Migration on Families

- I Hate School
- Teen Pregnancy
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
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**CAPACITATING MIGRATION STAKEHOLDER**

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

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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
- Investment Opportunity in Eco-Tourism
- Social Enterprise
- Business and Skills Training
PUBLISHED MATERIALS AND TRAINING MANUALS

Reference Materials for Financial Education Course

Reference on Establishing Migration Center

Story Book for Children

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.