

PHILIPPINES

PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



KEY PARTNERS

Department of Foreign Affairs; Department of Labour and Employment; Overseas Workers Welfare Administration-National Reintegration Center for OFWs; Philippine Overseas Employment Administration; Department of Social Welfare and Development; Department of Trade and Industry; Technical Education and Skills Development Authority; Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA); Center for Migrant Advocacy; Women’s Legal and Human Rights Bureau; Development Action for Women Network; Philippine Statistics Authority; National Economic and Development Authority; workers’ and employer’s organizations; Local Government Units (LGUs); Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute; Fair Employment Foundation.

BUDGET (USD)

1,500,000

DURATION (MONTHS)

24

MOST RELEVANT SDG GOALS



STATUS

Joint Programme funded



SUMMARY

The joint programme will support the Government of the Philippines in achieving the country’s priority GCM objectives: objective 8 (Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work) and objective 21 (Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration), with a focus on the needs and protection of overseas Filipino workers throughout the migration cycle - from recruitment, employment, to return and reintegration.

This will be achieved by ensuring that: a) Government initiatives to promote fair and ethical recruitment as well as reintegration services are evidence-based, gender-responsive and coordinated; and b) the Government establishes mechanisms to translate evidence into policy and best practices pertaining to recruitment and reintegration through the migration cycle.

The joint programme will also address the challenges magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic, with large scale job losses leading to mass returns, and the need for effective reintegration frameworks and tailored services.

The whole-of-government approach is evident in this joint programme: numerous government entities (ministries and technical agencies) are directly involved in the design and implementation of the programme which places a very strong emphasis on building coordination and coherence. The partnership dimension of the programme also extends to a much broader range of actors, including trade unions, recruitment agencies, employers and migrant workers themselves through the strengthening of feedback mechanisms.

Thanks to the strong government ownership, the alignment with national priorities and the efforts to build on existing structures and mechanisms, the joint programme appears to be highly sustainable.