

Office of the President of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS
 PHYSICAL REPORT OF OPERATION FOR THE PERIOD 2010

PROGRAM/ ACTIVITY/ PROJECT	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PHYSICAL TARGET	ACCOMPLISHMENT	VARIANCE	REMARKS
MFO: Migrant Cultural, Social, Economic, Educational and Policy Formulation Services					
Migrant Social and Economic Integration					
Pre-Departure Services (Registration, PDOS, Guidance Counseling, Peer Counseling)	Number of Filipino emigrants registered and provided with pre-departure services	77,000 (Registration)	85,492	11%	Breakdown of registration: 68,336 (79.93%) at CFO Manila; 8,169 (9.55%) at CFO Cebu; 2,870 (3.36%) at CFO NAJA; and 6,117 (7.15%) at CFO-SMEF-COW. The top destination countries of emigrants are USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, Italy, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, UK, and Germany. While there was a significant decrease in the number of registered Filipino emigrants in 2008, the continuous increase of registered emigrants for 2009 and 2010 can be attributed to the approval of visa applications in the United States to catch up with its backlog in the issuance of immigrant visas. Other destination countries like Canada, Australia and Italy also increased their issuance of permanent residency visas.
		24,000 (PDOS)	33,579	40%	CFO registers Filipino emigrants prior to their departure. The data gathered serve as resource for policy formulation and program development. Breakdown of PDOS attendees: 30,578 (91.06%) at CFO Manila; and 3,001 (8.94%) at CFO Cebu. PDOS facilitates Filipino emigrants' adjustment concerns (travel regulations, immigration procedures, cultural differences, settlement concerns, employment and security benefits, and rights and obligations of Filipino migrants) in their destination countries.
		9,450 (Peer counseling)	11,162	18%	Breakdown of peer counselees: 10,309 (92.36%) at CFO Manila; and 853 (7.64%) at CFO Cebu. Peer counseling aims to respond to the needs of young Filipino emigrants aged 13-19 by providing them with information that will facilitate their adjustment in their new environment and prepare them for possible pressures which could result from migration.
		22,000 (Guidance counseling)	20,277	-8%	Breakdown of guidance counselees: 7,127 (35.15%) at SMEF-COW QC; 3,490 (17.21%) at SMEF-COW Cebu; and 9,660 (47.64%) at PRISM. The guidance and counseling program discusses the realities of inter-marriage and migration, rights and obligations of Filipino migrants, support network for women migrants in distress, and socio-cultural realities overseas, among others. The guidance and counseling sessions are country-specific. The CFO guidance and counseling program was devolved to SMEF-COW effective April 4, 2005 in Quezon City, and May 2, 2005 in Cebu. In May 2, 2006, it was also devolved to the People's Reform Initiative for Social Mobilization, Inc. CFO also continues to provide in-depth counseling for some of the counselees.
	Number of blacklisted individuals included in the CFO Watchlist	0	6	0%	In 2010, CFO included six (6) foreign nationals in the CFO Watchlist. As of December 2010, there are 253 names of foreign nationals and 59 Filipino spouses and other partners in the CFO Watchlist (with derogatory record).
Assistance to Nationals (ATN)	Number of ATN cases responded and attended to	0	39	0%	The CFO Watchlist, which contains information on foreign nationals who had a history of domestic violence or involvement in trafficking, serial sponsorship, bigamy, adultery, child abuse, deception and fraud. Through the watchlist, CFO counselors can extend appropriate counseling intervention to Filipinos nationals they may sponsor for travel overseas. All thirty-nine (39) cases were referred to appropriate agencies and are still on-going. These cases dealt with location of whereabouts, overseas labor disputes, domestic violence, fraud, trafficking, violation of anti-mail order bride law, travel documents fraud, and request for financial assistance.
	Number of human trafficking related cases handled	0	28	0%	CFO handled 28 trafficking and other related cases involving 42 victims. CFO also assisted in the repatriation of 18 trafficking victims from Hong Kong, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Malaysia, Nigeria and Singapore. Nature of cases include illegal recruitment, request for repatriation, labor exploitation, sexual and labor exploitation, alleged 'blacklisting' by maritime agency, violation of RA 9262, claim for financial support for a child from a foreign partner, and domestic violence, among others. Six (6) victims of trafficking were provided with livelihood assistance under the CFO-TFHT Reintegration Program.
Post-Arrival Services	Number of overseas-based NGOs which are providing post arrival services	10	15	50%	At present, there are eleven (15) post-arrival service providers and one (1) Philippine Post actively coordinating with CFO, namely: Catholic Community Services of New York Region, Mary Johnston Foundation, Caregivers Resource Center, Family Christian Church, Multi-Cultural Helping House Society, Philippine Australian Community Services Incorporated, Center for Philippine Concerns Australia, Filipino Community Council of Victoria, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Filipino Settlement Coordinating Council of South Australia, Centre for Education and Training, Philippine Consulate General Los Angeles, Filipino Korean Spouses Association and Royal Columbian Hospital.
Community Education Program (CEP)	Number of provinces and cities in Metro Manila where CEPs were conducted	30 (26 provinces and four cities in NCR)	30	0%	The CEP seeks to assist prospective migrants in making informed decisions regarding working or settling abroad, as well as generate community involvement on migration concerns. It also aims to raise public awareness about issues concerning migration, inter-marriages and existing government policies and programs directed against illegal recruitment, documentation fraud and trafficking, among others. CFO had conducted CEP in the provinces of Albay, Catanduanes, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Masbate, Sorsogon, Benguet, Ifugao, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Iloilo, Capiz, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan, La Union, Zambales, Bataan, Marinduque, Batangas, Misamis Oriental, Camiguin, Bukidnon, Lanao del Norte, Cagayan, Quirino Province and four (4) cities in NCR.
Filipino Education and Heritage Program					
Educational and Heritage Programs	No. of educational and heritage programs developed/ implemented	3 (Lakbay-Aral, Guide to Learning Filipino, Philippine Schools Overseas)	3	0%	The Lakbay-Aral is in line with the provision of quality cultural education to Filipinos, specifically the Filipino youth overseas. Established in 1983, the Lakbay-Aral program is an intensive two-week study visit and cultural immersion program in the Philippines, involving lectures on Philippine culture and Filipino language, visits to historical, cultural and tourist landmarks, personal interaction with peers, and participation in local festivals, among others. For 2010, CFO accomplished the following: (1) facilitated the Intramuros walking tour of the Filipino-Australian Foundation of Queensland, Inc. delegation; (2) provided five (5) itineraries for Old Dominion Group with itemized costing and schedules; (3) conducted lecture and promotion of the Lakbay-Aral at the 11th Filipino Community Council of Australia National Conference; and (4) promoted the Lakbay-Aral with the Filipino communities during the immersion program in Australia. CFO also transmitted promotional letters and Lakbay-Aral flyers to 54 organizations in 13 countries.
	No. of implemented Lakbay-Aral Modules	2	0	0%	
	No. of newly registered students to the Learn Filipino Program	400	502	26%	The Guide to Learning Filipino was developed in 2002 to promote the teaching of Filipino language among Filipino youth overseas. Accompanied with a musical tape, lessons in the book are culture-based to pave the way for a better understanding of the Filipino language and culture of the Philippines. The book is distributed to Filipino associations overseas which conduct Filipino language classes. CFO launched on December 7, 2006, the first-ever Internet-based teaching of the Filipino language, the Learn Filipino Program. Designed to target a wider audience of overseas Filipinos throughout the world, the course allows enrollees to learn Filipino at their own pace and at a very minimal cost. For 2010, CFO distributed five (5) Guide to Learning Filipino textbooks and audio cassette tapes to the Filipino-Korean Spouses Association. In the Learn Filipino Program, CFO included 502 new registrants from 11 countries, checked 79 examinations and noted 10 examinees to retake the exams.
	No. of activities launched	6	6	0%	The PSOs are established to provide expatriate Filipino youth with affordable quality

	related to the programs of PSO					education in the elementary and high school levels so that they can readily be reintegrated into the Philippine educational system upon their return. The CFO serves as the Secretariat to the Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) on PSOs. It is tasked to coordinate matters pertaining to the operation and management of PSOs. For 2010, the IAC on PSO accomplished the following: (1) the 9th Conference of Philippine Schools Overseas on 18 to 20 May 2010 at the Bohol Beach Club in Panglao, Bohol with the theme, <i>PSO: Moving Towards Quality and Quality Assurance</i> ; (2) an ocular inspection to nine (9) Philippine Schools in Kuwait, Oman and UAE; (3) conducted 3rd Annual Literary Contests; (4) facilitated the publication of coloring books containing the winning nursery rhymes of the 2nd Annual Literary Contest; (5) obtained from the Department of Education the Certificate of Recognition of seven (7) PSOs; and (6) transmitted the proposal for the establishment of the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino to Philippine School in Doha.
	No. of Certificate of Recognition issued to a PSO	7	7	0%		
Filipino Unity and National Development						
Lingkod sa Kapwa Filipino Program (LINKAPIL)	Amount and types of donations from overseas Filipinos and estimated beneficiaries	P68,000,000.00	P118,493,020.17	74%		The LINKAPIL or Link for Philippine Development program is an effective tool in creating jobs, providing livelihood programs, and giving loans to small and medium scale entrepreneurs in several communities all over the Philippines. Donations coursed through the LINKAPIL program are for the following: a. Health related and medical missions (P100,517,587.46) b. Education and scholarship program (P908,782.79) c. Infrastructure projects (P5,738,595.31) d. Livelihood projects (P818,255.00) e. Skills transfer and training projects (P10,509,799.61) Among the projects supported are the following: a. Coordinated the conduct of surgical, medical and dental mission worth P49,847,700.00 benefiting 44,568 residents of Tarlac Province. b. Calamity assistance worth P1,442,772.80 for 19 areas in NCR, Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Marikina, Rizal, Quezon City, Pangasinan, Parañaque, Sorsogon and La Union. c. Facilitated the construction of 16 classroom buildings worth P5,738,595.31 in Bulacan, Laguna, Sorsogon and Camarines Sur. d. Facilitated the construction of two (2) comfort rooms and one (1) youth center worth P650,419.77 in Laguna and Payatas.
Exchange Visitor Program	Number of EVP participants registered and provided with assistance	974 (Registration)	1,277	31%		The EVP was established in 1956 to promote cultural exchange between the Philippines and the U.S. for the purpose of strengthening the educational, scientific, and technological capabilities of both countries. The CFO provides technical and secretariat support to the EVP Committee.
Publications and Information Materials	Number of transfer of skills projects of EVP participants reviewed and monitored, and estimated number of beneficiaries	48 (PDOS Sessions-EVP)	76	58%		PDOS for EVP facilitates and informs the participants of their obligations as students in the United States, their requirements for NOS application, and post-entry procedures.
		168 (NTC Endorsements)	246	46%		The Need for Training Certificate (NTC) is issued by the Department of Health of the Philippines confirming that there is a need for practitioners in the field of specialization of a particular EVP doctor-participant, and that said participant has filed a written assurance with the Philippine government that he/she will return to the country after the completion of his/her training program under the EVP.
		200 (NOS Endorsements)	165	-18%		The No Objection Statement (NOS) is issued by the Philippine government declaring that it has no objection on the application of a particular EVP participant to the waiver of the two-year home residency requirement of the EVP. CFO processed 100% total number of NTC requests. It has also issued 339 NOS and 339 endorsements to PE Washington.
		60	57 transfer of skills projects benefitting 1,710 teachers	-5%		Among the projects implemented, the following subjects are included: a. Special Education b. Mathematics (Geometry, Algebra, Statistics, Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.) c. English including strategies in reading and language d. Science (Biology, Physics, Chemistry and General Sciences, etc.) e. Conduct of research f. Use of new equipment such as graphing calculators, interactive modules, etc.
Policy Development and Data Banking	Number of publications and information materials published and distributed	15	9	-40%		Among the informational materials published are the following: a. One (1) issue of the Filipino Ties, the official newsletter of the CFO b. The Frontier Vol. 1 No. 1, CFO's Policy Brief c. The Transnational Bridges: Migration, Development and Solidarity in the Philippines d. Brick by Brick: Building Cooperation between the Philippines and Migrants' Associations in Italy and Spain e. 8th Edition of the CFO Primer f. Reprinting of the 2009 edition of <i>Gintong Patnubay</i> g. <i>Bayanihan sa Canada Resource Handbook</i> h. 3rd Edition of the Investment Guide i. Calendar of Activities for the Month of Overseas Filipinos j. 2010 Presidential Awards Souvenir Book The publication of the following is underway: (1) Heralds of Care Essay Book; (2) 2nd Edition of the Frontier; (3) Revised CFO Registration Guidelines; (4) Filipino Ties Vol. IX; (5) LINKAPIL Manual; (6) Manual of Policies, Standards and Regulations for PSO; (7) Canada Handbook; (8) Australia and New Zealand Handbook; and (9) Japan Handbook.
Policy Development/ Researches and Studies/ Policy Inputs	No. of bills proposed and policies implemented, researches and studies prepared or updated relevant to overseas Filipinos, and bills/policy inputs provided to the executive and legislative branched of the government	4	17	325%		CFO provides a continuing study and review of the economic, social, legal, and administrative environment that have bearing on the status of overseas Filipinos. For 2010, the CFO prepared the following studies, researches and policy inputs: a. Redefining RP-Middle East/African Relations b. An Exit Strategy for Unskilled Migrant Workers c. Department of Labor and Employment's Project Blueprint d. General Instructions on Overseas Absentee Voting e. Inputs to the State of the Nation Address of President Aquino f. First 100 Days Accomplishment Report of the President g. Top 10 Destination Countries for Filipino Immigrants Report
Conferences, Linkages and Fora	Number of conference and fora relevant to international migration and overseas Filipinos conducted and organized	7	13	86%		CFO prepared the following draft bills relevant to the welfare of overseas Filipinos and Filipino spouses and other partners of foreign nationals: a. An Act Mandating Pre-Marriage and Pre-Departure Counseling Program for Filipino Spouses, Fiance(e)s and Other Partners of Foreign Nationals b. An Act Amending Republic Act no. 8424, Entitled "An Act Amending the National Internal Revenue Code", by Expanding Exempt Transactions from Value-Added Tax c. An Act Providing for the Transfer of Science and Technology and the Practice of Profession in the Philippines by overseas Filipino Professionals d. An Act to Strengthen the Policies to Eliminate the Matching of Filipino Men and Women Through Mail Order and Other Similar Practices for Purposes of Marriage or Common Law Partnership with Foreign Nationals, Revising for this Purpose Republic Act No. 6955, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Mail Order Bride Law e. An Act to Provide for the Preservation and Cultivation of the Filipino Heritage Among Filipinos Overseas Through the Teaching of Filipino Language and History, Assistance in the Establishment and Operation of Philippine Schools and Filipiniana Resource Centers Abroad, and the Creation of a Committee on Heritage and Culture for Overseas Filipinos, and Appropriating Funds Thereof f. An Act Retaining Plantilla Positions in Government for EVP Participants CFO also prepared (1) the terminal reports for the Presidential Task Force on NCLEX and the Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking; (2) CFO Media Plan; and (3) script for the CFO Financial Literacy Documentary Video. The CFO conducted the following conferences and fora: a. National Advocacy Training for Youth on Anti-Trafficking of Women and Children for Labor and Sexual Exploitation in Tagaytay City on 17-19 February 2010. b. Round-Table-Discussion on Dynamics and Consequences of Inter-marriage: The Philippine Perspective at the Philippine Women's University on 18 March 2010. c. Round-Table-Discussion with organizations facilitating applications for permanent residence of Nikkei-jin Kai, Shin Nikkei-jin and Japanese Filipino Children at the CFO on

					<p>20 December 2010.</p> <p>d. Month of Overseas Filipinos Press Conference at the SM Mall of Asia Global Pinoy Center on 1 December 2010.</p> <p>e. Month of Overseas Filipinos Concert at the <i>Bulwagan Teodoro Locsin</i> on 18 December 2010.</p> <p>f. Cineforum on Migration in 19 SM Malls nationwide on 13-14 December 2010.</p> <p>g. Vision 2020 Responding to the Challenges of Migration and Development: CFO's 30th Anniversary Conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel - Manila on 8-9 December 2010.</p> <p>h. A Policy Summit on Realizing Migration and Development in the Philippines: Creating New Policies, Perspectives and Partnerships in the cities of Pasig, Cebu, Davao and Naga on 12, 17, 19 and 24 August 2010, respectively.</p> <p>i. Bayanihan sa Canada Conference in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada on 9 and 16 October 2010, respectively.</p> <p>j. Lecture series on Public Policy and Governance as part of the re-entry program of a CFO officer at the CFO in April and July 2010.</p> <p>k. The 2nd Philippine Nursing Competitiveness Post-Conference at the CFO on 5 March 2010.</p> <p>l. The 9th Conference of the Philippine Schools Overseas at the Bohol Beach Club in Panglao, Bohol on 18-20 May 2010.</p> <p>m. 2010 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas at the Malacanang Palace on 14 December 2010.</p>
Stock Estimate of Overseas Filipinos	Number of orientations hosted	4	4	0%	CFO conducted briefing for the IOM Egypt delegates, the European Commission - Manila Office on its programs and services on February and March 2010, respectively. CFO personnel, on the other hand, were briefed on the immigration policies and migration conditions in Australia and the Netherlands.
	Number of activities for the preparation of the 2008 Stock Estimate of Filipinos Overseas	3	3	0%	Coordinated with the DFA and the POEA for the compilation and finalization of the 2009 stock estimate of Filipinos overseas.
Technical and Secretariat Support to Inter-Agency Activities	Number of linkages with relevant agencies in the Philippines to further promote the interests of Filipinos overseas	7	7	0%	<p>Replied to all telephone and e-mail inquiries and requests on stock estimate and other statistics.</p> <p>For 2010, CFO was a member of the following TWGs and IACs:</p> <p>a. Human Resource for Health Network (with DOH)</p> <p>b. Stock Estimation of the Filipinos Overseas (with NSCB)</p> <p>c. Anti-Trafficking initiatives with the USAID/Solidarity Center/TUCP Anti-Trafficking Project</p> <p>d. Inter-Agency Committee on Philippine Schools Overseas</p> <p>e. Inter-Agency Committee on Exchange Visitor Program</p> <p>f. Inter-Agency Committee on the Celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos</p> <p>g. Consultative Council for Overseas Filipino Workers</p>
Study Visits and Fact Finding Missions	Number of countries and territories where cultural immersion was conducted	1	1	0%	Cultural immersion studies allow CFO personnel to experience first hand the culture and way of life in other countries to enhance the pre-departure services for Filipino emigrants. In 2010, CFO officers conducted a study visit in Australia.
Databanking and Computerization	Number of databases and information systems developed	8	8	0%	<p>The following information systems and websites were developed, implemented and enhanced:</p> <p>a. New Biometric Time Monitoring System</p> <p>b. Conference Database and Directory System</p> <p>c. Case Monitoring System</p> <p>d. New Presidential Awards Information System</p> <p>e. Newsletter and Publications Subscription Module</p> <p>f. Bayanihan sa Canada Website</p> <p>g. 3rd Edition Invest in the Philippines</p> <p>h. Personnel Information System</p>
	Number of statistical reports generated	0	160	0%	Generated 160 statistical reports and 84 other data/information on registered Filipino emigrants and spouses and other partners of foreign nationals.

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