



Office of the President of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

Overseas Filipinos: Partners for Nation Building



“We now talk about our overseas Filipinos. They are our heroes. They and their families have sacrificed much for the country. We all know how a large part of our economy comes from their remittances. That is why, to ensure that their rights are protected, I ordered the increase of our assistance to OFWs from 400 million pesos to more than 1 billion.”

PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Speech during State of the Nation Address, 24 July 2017



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), an agency under the Office of the President tasked to promote and uphold the interests, rights and welfare of overseas Filipinos and strengthen their ties with the Motherland, provides pre-departure services to permanent Filipino migrants and other temporary migrants.

The CFO conducts a Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) for 20 to 59 years old Filipino emigrants - individuals who leave the country to settle permanently abroad. They are required to register with the CFO and attend the PDOS which helps prepare them for settlement overseas and integrate with their host country.

79,419

registered emigrants in 2017



major destination countries of emigrants in 2017

12,317

peer counselees in 2017

PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM (13-19 years old) aims to provide a venue for young migrants to discuss their concerns about leaving the Philippines.



20,773

spouses and partners of foreign nationals in 2017

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM (GCP) provides information about the country of destination to the spouses and partners of foreign nationals and discuss issues and challenges of cross-cultural marriages.

2,024

au pairs in 2017

Filipinos leaving the Philippines for Europe as au pairs are required to register with the CFO and attend the COUNTRY FAMILIARIZATION SEMINAR (CFS).



8,814

EVP participants in 2017

Filipinos participating in the EXCHANGE VISITORS PROGRAM (EVP) are required to register with the CFO and attend the PDOS to inform them about the conditions in the US and their responsibilities as J1-visa holders.

59

actual cases reported through 1343 Actionline in 2017

1343 ACTIONLINE is a 24/7 hotline facility that responds to emergency or crisis calls from victims of human trafficking and their families



6,070

CEP participants in 2017

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) is an annual information campaign on migration and anti-human trafficking conducted nationwide by the CFO.

Php 99.85 million

worth of donations were channeled through Linkapil in 2017

LINGKOD SA KAPWA PILIPINO (LINKAPIL) Program of the CFO helped 91,914 beneficiaries from 31 provinces in the Philippines, including Metro Manila.

- Php 91,887,841.88 worth of surgical, medical and dental missions implemented
- Php 1,713,584.95 worth of educational scholarships given
- Php 3,096,383.35 worth of assistance for classroom, water supply systems, and other infrastructure projects
- Php 3,152,498.14 worth of skills transfer activities facilitated



The CFO also implements the following programs, projects and services:

PESO SENSE - THE PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL FREEDOM CAMPAIGN

aims to improve financial literacy among overseas Filipinos and the beneficiaries of their remittances. Its Facebook page has more than 2.9 million followers with a weekly engagement reaching more than 10 million "Ka-PESOs" from all over the world.



BALINKBAYAN: OVERSEAS FILIPINOS' ONE STOP ONLINE PORTAL FOR DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

a portal that seeks to bring together the Filipino diaspora in a comprehensive platform to tap into their knowledge, expertise and skills and contribute to the development of the Philippines.



PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

a biennial awards intended to give recognition to Filipinos and organizations overseas who have contributed to Philippine development and progress, and those who have distinguished themselves in their profession or have brought honor to the Filipino people.



PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OVERSEAS

duly-registered educational institutions operating abroad implementing the basic education curriculum of the Department of Education (DepEd). PSOs are established to address the educational needs of children of Filipinos overseas, and eventually facilitate their reintegration into the Philippine educational system upon their return to the Philippines.



UGNAYAN SERIES

presents an opportunity for CFO and the Philippine Embassies around the world to enhance their relationship with and strengthen their services for migrants. Through this project, networking among the growing number of Filipino community organizations can also be instrumental in encouraging diaspora philanthropic activities in support of Philippine development.



YOUTH LEADERS IN THE DIASPORA

a program that seeks to provide youth overseas with opportunities to trace their roots and rediscover their identities as Filipinos. This study-tour hopes to help the second and third generations of the Philippine diaspora gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their rich cultural heritage through immersion trips to the Philippines.



CFO OPENED ITS SATELLITE OFFICE IN DAVAO CITY

The establishment of CFO Davao is the first in Mindanao and aims to provide top notch frontline services in a comfortable environment and convenient location for CFO clients from all over Southern Philippines.



“ This new CFO office in Davao and Mindanao is in line with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's directive to streamline government processes in a bid to bring its services closer to Filipinos across the country, especially to the people of Mindanao. ”

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CFO Executive Director

CFO Davao Satellite Office Launch
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