“Migration remains a defining feature of the 21st century and the way in which we approach it will have a powerful implications for societies around the globe and for generations to come.”

- Ambassador William Lacey-Swing
  IOM Director General
STOCK ESTIMATES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

10,238,614
Overseas Filipinos in 200+ countries as of December 2013

48%
PERMANENT
4,869,766
Immigrants, dual citizens, legal permanent residents abroad, stay does not depend on contract

41%
TEMPORARY
4,207,018
Employment-related, overseas Filipino workers, students, trainees, entrepreneurs, businessmen, and their dependents whose stay abroad is six months or more

11%
IRREGULAR
1,161,830
Not properly documented, without valid residence or work permits or are overstaying in a foreign country
2014 GLOBAL REMITTANCES

Top 3 Remittances Receiving Countries

1. INDIA
   US$ 70 billion

2. CHINA
   US$ 64 billion

3. PHILIPPINES
   US$ 28 billion

Source: Migration and Remittances: Recent Developments and Outlook
Migration and Development Brief 24, World Bank
A Social Contract with the Filipino People

H.E. BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President of the Republic of the Philippines
16-Point Platform of Government

Point No. 10 which is migration-related:

“From a government that treats its people as an export commodity and a means to earn foreign exchange, disregarding the social cost to Filipino families to a government that creates jobs at home, so that working abroad will be a choice rather than a necessity, and when its citizens do choose to become OFWs, their welfare and protection will still be the government’s priority.”
Provision on remittances:

“Policymakers will need to focus on leveraging remittances as a tool for economic development…”
An advisory and policy-recommending body and a venue for regular dialogues and feedback on issues regarding remittances.

Co-chaired by the CFO and the Central Bank of the Philippines with multi-stakeholder representation.
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS DIASPORA REMITTANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (OFS-RED) PROJECT

Piloted in Ilocos Norte Province

Collective Remittance Fund

- Pooled funds from the Provincial Government, locally-based Cooperative Bank, Western Union Foundation. Overseas Filipinos. Those from the province are urged through video and dedicated website to match the pooled fund.

- Financing 24 migrant-owned enterprises with 30 loan releases worth Php 2.82 million since 2013 to date

- Dragon Fruit Planting
- Bagnet Making
- Hog Breeding
- Retail
- Rice Trading
Joint Migration and Development Initiative Phase 2 (JMDI2)

- Including migration and development in the regional and provincial development plans and investment programs
- Establishment of one-stop migrants resources centers
- Introducing the idea of collective remittances at the local level
- Promotion of financial literacy and business enterprise development

Stresses role of migration for development at the local level
A financial education and entrepreneurship program utilizing latest communications & technology

An on-line financial literacy training modules tailored-fit for six (6) profiles of overseas Filipinos and their beneficiaries
BALINKBAYAN: OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ONE-STOP ONLINE PORTAL FOR DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

Main Features

START a BUSINESS

DONATE and VOLUNTEER

GOVERNMENT ONLINE SERVICES

Interactive Maps

- Administrative Regions:
  - Ilocos Region
  - II Cagayan Valley
  - III Central Luzon
  - IV A Southern Tagalog (CALABARZON)
  - IV B Southern Tagalog (MIMAROPA)

DONATE AND VOLUNTEER MAPS

Classroom Shortages Interactive Map
Find out which provinces need classrooms the most.

Health Interactive Map by Department of Health
Find out which areas need health services the most.

Yolanda and Bicol Earthquake Damaged Classrooms Needs Interactive Map
Help rebuild classrooms for the schools affected by these calamities.

NAPC Poverty Maps of 609 focus LGUs using CBMS data
This map contains indicators to monitor poverty incidences in municipalities and barangays.

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- Actual Public Schools Classroom Shortages
  - SY 2011-2012
  - Elementary: 178
  - Secondary: 229

Agricultural Products Interactive Map - Province and Municipality
Find out the different agricultural products that exist in your hometown.

2014 National Competitiveness Index Interactive Map
Know which cities and municipalities are conducive for growing your business.
Overseas Filipinos as partners for Philippine development
Ten (10) Areas of Diaspora Engagement

1. Alay Dunong sa Bayan (Brain Gain)
2. Arts and Culture Exchange
3. Balik Turo (Tech Share)
4. Medical Mission Coordination
5. Return and Reintegration
6. Business Advisory Circle
7. Diaspora Investment
8. Global Legal Assistance and Advocacy
9. Tourism Initiatives
10. Diaspora Philanthropy
Establishment and strengthening of diaspora networks
YOUTH LEADERS IN THE DIASPORA (YOULEAD)

- Study-tours for overseas Filipinos youth to re-discover their Philippine heritage, culture and history
- Institutionalization of YouLeaD in 40 Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO)
1. Partnership with diaspora is critical to more effective foreign policy.

2. Diaspora communities are a “diplomatic bridge” during times of transition in their countries of origin.

3. Remittances are important but only part of the picture.

4. Diaspora engagement is key for exploring new markets.

5. Diaspora mobilization can save lives especially when their respective home countries are in crisis.

Source: 2012 Global Diaspora Forum, Washington D.C.
THANK YOU!

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