



PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION DATA



Philippine Statistics Authority Commission on Filipinos Overseas

UN Regional Workshop on Strengthening the Collection and Use of International Migration Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

- **Created under the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 (RA10625 - Reorganizing and Strengthening of the Philippine Statistical System)**
- **Merger of four major statistical agencies** - National Statistics Office (NSO), Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB); and Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES)
- **Headed by the National Statistician (Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales)**
- **Key mandates of PSA:**
Primarily be responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts.

Plan, develop, prescribe, disseminate and enforce policies, rules and regulations and coordinate government-wide programs governing the production of official statistics, general-purpose statistics, and civil registration services.

COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas is a government agency mandated to promote and uphold the interests of overseas Filipinos and preserve and strengthen their ties with the Philippine Motherland.

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from the Government Agencies**

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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS in BRIEF 2016

Statistical Figures

Population As of Aug 2015	100.98M
Gross National Income As of Fourth Quarter 2016	6.10%
Gross Domestic Product	4.40%



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"Responding to the Challenges of Migration and Development"

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5,000+ Filipinos Leave the Philippines everyday
(CFO, POEA, 2015)

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**Philippines - among
the top 10 countries
of origin with the
largest diaspora
populations**

**(UN International Migration
Report, 2015)**

TOP 10 DESTINATION COUNTRIES OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS



1. USA (3,176,208)



2. SAUDI ARABIA (1,075,148)



3. CANADA (662,600)



4. MALAYSIA (620,043)



5. UAE (537,393)



6. QATAR (379,432)



7. JAPAN (377,233)



8. CHINA (246,800)

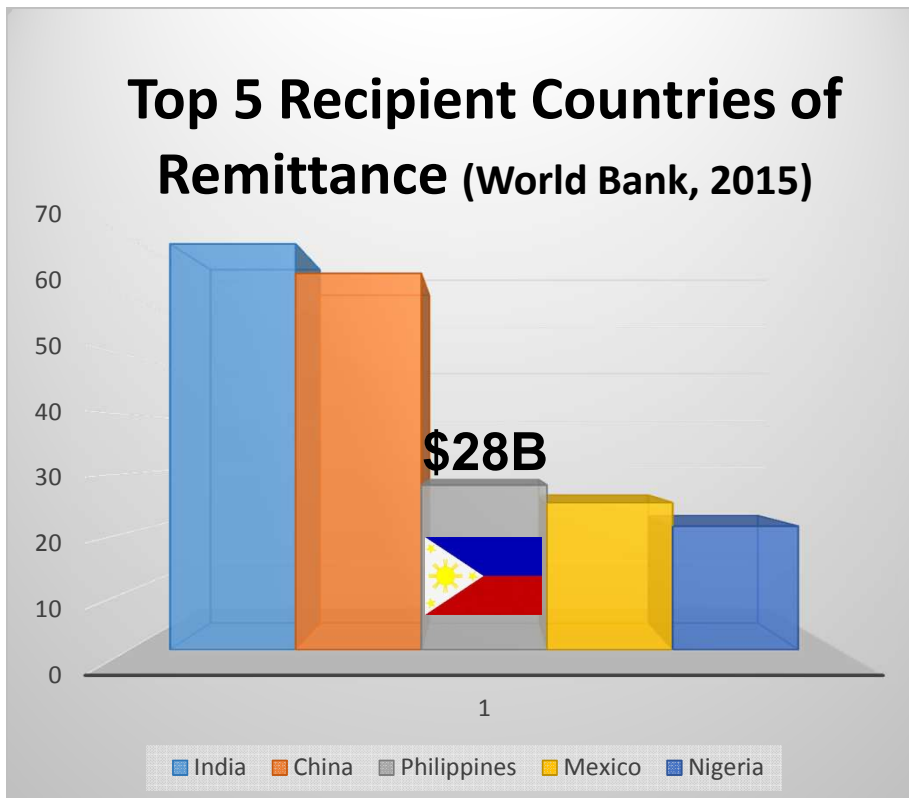


9. ITALY (227,177)



10. AUSTRALIA (210,934)

PHILIPPINE REMITTANCES



Philippines is the 3rd top receiving country of remittances; accounts for 9.8% of GDP

PHILIPPINE DATA PRODUCERS ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION



MATRIX OF MIGRATION DATA

Data	Responsible Agency	Frequency of Data	Availability
Stock: Stock Estimate of Filipinos Overseas	Department of Foreign Affairs, Commission on Filipinos Overseas	Annual/ Semi Annual	Yes. Online for CFO
Outflow: Deployment of OFWs	Philippine Overseas Employment Administration	Annual	Yes. Online
Outflow: Registered Filipino Emigrants	Commission on Filipinos Overseas	Annual	Yes. Online
Inflow: Aliens and Foreign Nationals	Bureau of Immigration	Annual	Yes. Upon Request
Inflow: Alien Employment Permit	Department of Labor and Employment	Annual	Yes. Upon Request
Number of OFWs, Socioeco characteristics, Remittances of OFWs: Survey on Overseas Filipinos	Philippine Statistics Authority	Annual	Yes. Online
Foreign Migrants in the Philippines: Census of	Philippine Statistics Authority	Every 10 years	Yes. Online

PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2022

MAIN STRATEGIES

"Empowering Overseas Filipinos towards Inclusive and Sustainable Development "

Enhancing
PROTECTION & WELFARE
of OFs and their families



Strengthening
ENGAGEMENT of OFs,
families, and other
stakeholders in
governance



Facilitating the
REINTEGRATION of
returning OFs



Source: NEDA, 2017

MIGRATION RELEVANT POLICY ISSUES AND DATA NEEDS



1. Human Trafficking, Illegal Recruitment Cases

Data Needs – Harmonized, comprehensive data on Human Trafficking - no. of victims, nature of cases, country or supposed transit and country of destination of the victims

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By: Tetch Torres-Tupas - Reporter / @T2TupasINQ INQUIRER.net / 03:26 PM October 04, 2016

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Trafficking of 4 would-be surrogate mothers foiled

By: Jeannette I. Andrade - Reporter / @jiandradeINQ Philippine Daily Inquirer / 12:22 AM January 04, 2017



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INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL AGAINST TRAFFICKING
(IACAT)

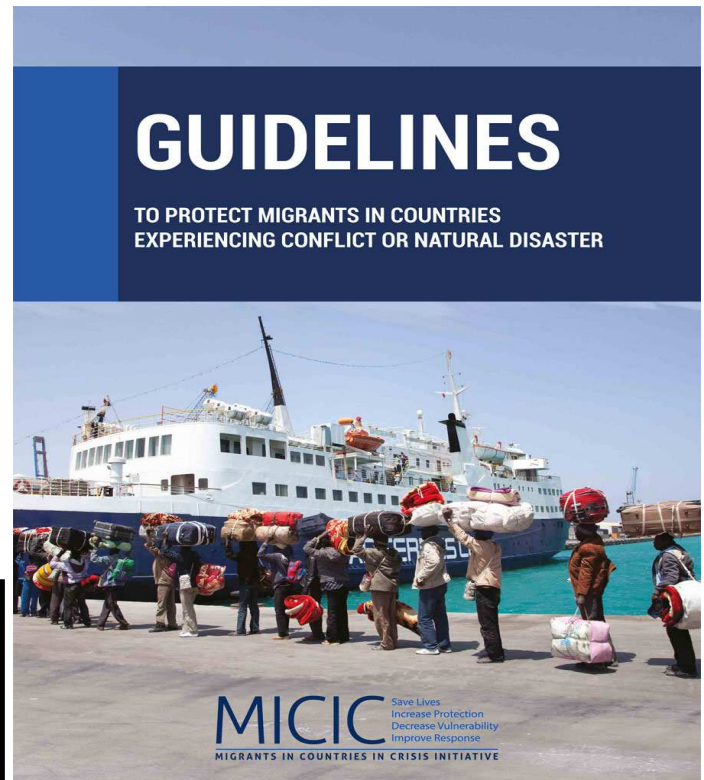


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Year	Number of Convictions	Number of Persons Convicted
2005	7	6
2006	0	0
2007	3	4
2008	5	4
2009	10	11
2010	17	15
2011	24	31
2012	27	32
2013	26	35
2014	59	62
2015	54	52
2016 (30 Sep 2016)	33	36
Total	265	288

MIGRATION RELEVANT POLICY ISSUES AND DATA NEEDS



2. Protection of migrants in countries in crisis

Data Needs – Reliable, harmonized data from relevant agencies on Filipinos Overseas (including irregulars)

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**3. Overseas voting -
increase registration and
voter turnout; use of a
more advanced voting
technology**

**Data Needs – Reliable
Estimates of Filipino
Overseas Potential Voters (in
setting registration targets
and voters turnout)**



MIGRATION RELEVANT POLICY ISSUES AND DATA NEEDS

**4. Ensure successful
socioeconomic
reintegration of Overseas
Filipinos**

**Data Needs – Comprehensive
data on permanently returning
Filipino migrants**



MIGRATION RELEVANT POLICY ISSUES AND DATA NEEDS

5. Irregular migration (including stateless children in Sabah)

**Data Needs – Reliable
Estimates of irregulars for the
implementation of programs
and services for them**



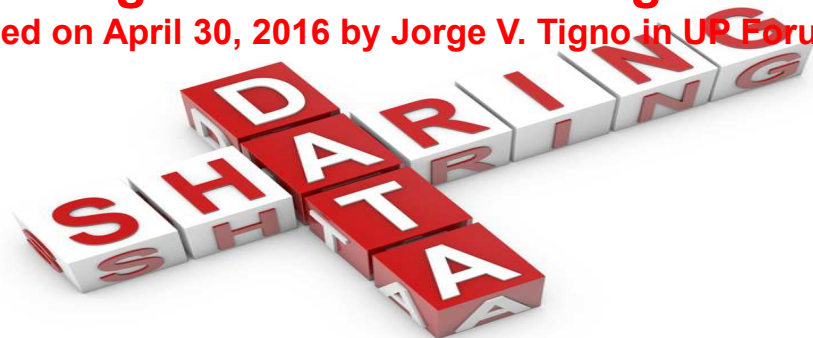
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6. Philippines Shared Government Information System on Migration – not yet operationalized

Data Needs – Migration-related data of all government agencies harmonized; database with the same information system or platform

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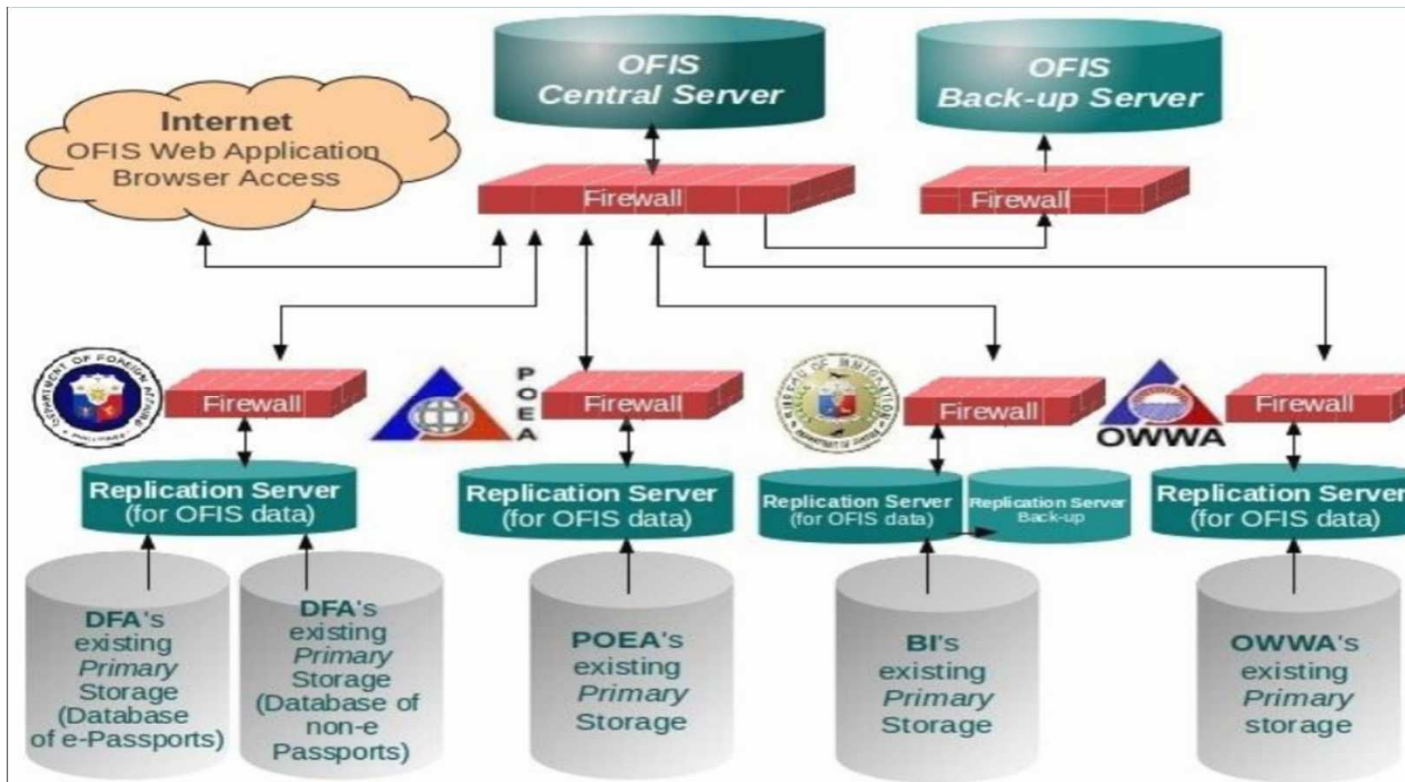
The Challenge of Informed Decision-Making on International Migration
Posted on April 30, 2016 by Jorge V. Tigno in [UP Forum](#)



The OFIS Project

- **EO 34 of April 6, 2011 created the Overseas Preparedness and Response Team (OPRT)**
- **OPRT-Technical Working Group was created to plan, design, develop, pilot test, and commission an operational system to consolidate and reconcile databases on OFWs. DFA as lead**
- **This database system called “Overseas Filipinos Information System Project” will provide accurate information on the number, profiles, whereabouts and movements of OFWs**
- **The project scheduled to be completed until March 2012.**

OFIS – Architectural Plan



OFIS - Current Status

- . **OFIS v1 is up but has not been used**
- . **The system is hosted at the DOST-ASTI with the domain name:**
<https://ofis.gov.ph/>
- . **The interface servers were set up but connection to the OFIS central server was not established**
- . **The OFIS V2 is being developed:**
 - **Implement a better solution to interface with databases of agencies concerned with migrant information**
 - **Use tools to determine that a person record in a database refers to the same person in another database.**

OTHER DATA GAPS AND CHALLENGES

- 1. Not Systematic reporting/ estimation of Stock of OFs made by Posts**
- 2. No Data disaggregation of the Stock of OFs**
- 3. No Comprehensive data on permanently returning migrants (for the Philippine reintegration program of OFs)**
- 4. Openness of data by other government agencies that produce migration data (despite FOI and Open Data Policy)**
- 5. Lack of migration data at the local level**
- 6. Lack of annual estimate of migrants/ foreign nationals in the Philippines**
- 7. Interconnection of migration data by all migration-related government agencies – not yet realized**



THANK YOU

