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The Commission on Filipinos Overseas – CFO (Philippines) is a government agency under the Office of the President, which is mandated to promote the interests of Filipino immigrants and permanent residents overseas. Among others, CFO promotes closer ties between overseas Filipinos and the Philippines.

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Migrants' Associations and Philippine Institutions for Development

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The MAPID Project

The full title of the project is "Capacity Building of Migrants' Associations in Italy and Spain and Government Institutions in the Philippines to Promote Development." The short title of the project is Migrants' Associations and Philippine Institutions for Development (MAPID).

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The Objectives

The overall objectives are:

- to advance the understanding of the migration-development nexus by two important stakeholders, migrants' associations and Philippine institutions; and
- to promote cooperation for development between migrants' associations and national and local institutions in the Philippines.

The specific objective is to build the capacity and partnership between migrants' associations in Italy and Spain, and key national and local Philippine institutions in promoting development in the home country.



Major Activities

The major activities of the project are divided into three phases, which will be implemented over three years, starting from 2008, in three countries: the Philippines, Italy and Spain.

Research

The research phase was undertaken in 2008. In Italy and Spain, the research dealt with migrants' associations and the experience of Filipino migrants in their destinations; in the Philippines, the research focused on policies and good practices that promote the development potentials of migration, mapping of diaspora-supported projects, and partnerships between overseas Filipinos and Philippines-based institutions. Findings from the research are expected to contribute to the design of the training programs and materials, and in the formulation of policies and programs

Capacity Building

Capacity-building will involve development of training materials and the implementation of a training program for leaders and active members of migrants' associations in Italy and Spain; the program aims to strengthen the capacities and potentials of migrants' associations as agents of change vis-à-vis their host and home countries. In the Philippines, the training program is targeted at policymakers and key officers/staff involved in migration and/or development. The goal of the program is to foster better understanding of the migration-development nexus, and in promoting meaningful partnerships with overseas Filipino communities. The training programs will be carried out in 2009.

Dissemination

The dissemination of the research and training outcomes of the project will be conducted in 2010. A final report, feature stories and policy briefs will be produced. In the three sites a dissemination workshop will involve representatives from government, migrants' associations, NGOs and civil society, and international organizations. .

The Project Proponent

The Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC) is a research center devoted to the promotion of the interdisciplinary study of migration in the Asia-Pacific region. Through its research, publications, documentation and training programs, SMC promotes the use of evidence-based information in the formulation of policies and programs to understand the causes and consequences of migration, and to promote the rights and welfare of migrants.

Research

Research has been a regular activity of SMC since 1987. In the last five years, it has completed the following studies: unauthorized migration in South-east Asia, a nationwide study on the impact of international migration on the left behind children and families; migration and work, educational and life aspirations of young Filipinos; and pre-migration experiences of Filipino migrants.

Publications and Information Services

SMC produces the quarterly, *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal* (APMJ). In addition, SMC publishes books and monographs on selected migration issues. Through its website, SMC provides the *Asian Migration News* (AMN), a biweekly Internet posting which summarizes current news and events related to Asian migration.

Documentation

SMC maintains a specialized library of books, periodicals, documents and news clippings on migration and related topics, an important resource for research, advocacy and policymaking.

Training Programs

SMC organizes conferences, workshops and seminars to promote discussion of migration issues and to facilitate and strengthen cooperation. Since 2001, SMC has been conducting a formation program for pastoral workers involved in the Catholic Church's ministry to migrants.