



Mapping of Existing Migration Data and Gaps in Asian countries

A work-in-progress

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Presentation Outline

- Context
- Methods
- Preliminary Observations
- Way Forward



Context

- Information gathering from Colombo Process countries started in 2010.
- Migration data mapping checklist, 2011: Sent to all country participants at this workshop.
- Purpose: To verify the context of data collection on Migrant Workers in countries of origin and destination in Asia.



Methods

- Two main parts of template –
 1. Your citizens working abroad
 2. Migrant workers within your country
- Categories – Definitions, Data types, Data sources, Collection, Disaggregation



Methods

- Checklist prepared on the basis of the data collected by IOM.
- Requests for verification by each country sent by the Government of Philippines.
- With thanks, feedback received from some; inputs requested from others.



Preliminary Observations

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Definitions

- Highly skilled foreign workers
- Workers sent abroad on govt-approved contracts
- Temporary migrants who work abroad under labour contracts
- Foreign Labour workforce
- Low-skilled workers from abroad
- Non-residents employed



Data Types

- Outflows
- Stock abroad
- Foreign-born stock



Data Sources

- Work permits/visa
- Stay permits
- Government-approved contracts
- Census
- Demographic surveys
- Labour force surveys
- Work permits
- Registers of foreigners



Data Collection

- Dept of Overseas Labour / Employment
- Ministry of Commerce
- Foreigners Work permit Dept
- Bureau of Manpower
- Statistical Offices
- Ministry of Manpower
- Dept of Labour
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare



Data Disaggregation

- Age
 - Gender
 - Destination country
 - Employment sector
- Age
 - Gender
 - Source country (not uniform)
 - Employment sector



Way Forward

- Complete the assessment of extent and types of migration data
- Remind countries to send verified templates
- Analyze migration data availability and accessibility across Colombo Process and key destination countries



Way Forward

- Identify gaps –
 1. Are internationally standardized definitions applied?
 2. Is data captured on ALL relevant themes, e.g. economic and health impacts?
 3. Are all possible data sources optimally used, e.g. existing administrative data, other national surveys?



Way Forward

- Identify challenges in setting up and maintaining up-to-date migration information systems – Quality Control?
- Address data sharing –
 1. Intra-national, across multiple sectors
 2. International, regional?



Link to Migration Profiles Concept

**Executive
summary**

**Part A:
Migration
Trends**

Immigration

Emigration

Irregular
migration

Internal
migration*

**Part B:
Migration
Impact**

Demographic
development

Economic
development

Employment
and labour
market

Social
development

Health

Environment

**Part C:
Migration
Governance**

Policies

Legislation

Institutions

International
cooperation

**Part D:
Recommendati
ons**

Migration
Policy and
Governance

Mainstreamin
g migration
into other
policies

Data

Annexes

Definitions

Data sources

Enacted
legislation

References

Thank You

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