Mapping of Existing Migration Data and Gaps in Asian countries

A work-in-progress

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Presentation Outline

- Context
- Methods
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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
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

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- Source country (not uniform)
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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?
Thank You