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The MDG Achievement Fund (MDG-F) was established in 2006 by the Government of Spain and UNDP to enhance efforts to achieve the MDGs, and to support UN reform efforts at the country level. The Spanish Government has committed €528 million to the MDG Achievement Fund (MDG-F), to be programmed between 2007 and end-2010.

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JOINT PROGRAMME ON ALTERNATIVES TO MIGRATION: DECENT JOBS FOR FILIPINO YOUTH



BACKGROUND

Approximately 20% of the Philippines' population fall between the ages of 15– 24, of this group, five out of every ten persons (49.2%) are unemployed.

Youth comprise about 35% of all OFWs (Overseas Filipino Workers) – this translates to a significant “youth” share in the national financial inflows associated with migration. With USD 16 billion in remittances received in the Philippines during the year 2008, the Government continues to recognize remittances as one of the most visible and tangible contributions of migration to national development.

In this light and in line with the Philippine Government's vision of a productive and competitive youth, this Joint-Programme was developed by UN country team agencies: ILO, IOM, UNFPA, and UNICEF. Specifically, the programme aims to achieve the following outcomes over a period of three years:

- Improved policy coherence and implementation on youth, employment and migration through full stakeholder participation; and
- Increased access to decent work for poor, young women and men.

PARTNERS

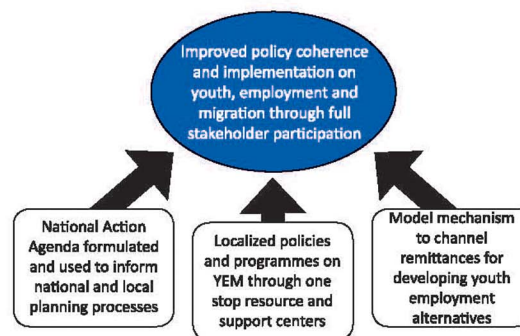
- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Department of Education (DepED)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)
- National Youth Commission (NYC)
- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)
- Provincial Governments of Agusan del Sur, Antique, Masbate, and Maguindanao
- Private Sector/Employer's Organizations/Chambers of Commerce/ Business Associations
- NGOs/Worker's Organizations
- Youth Organizations

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY AREAS

1. Policy Deliberation & Guidance

Coordinated, comprehensive and targeted joint programme interventions in the arena of:

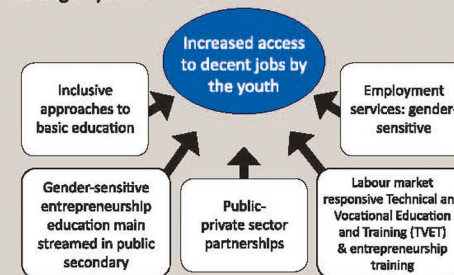
- Multi-stakeholder consultation support towards National Action Agenda policy formulation, specific to Youth, Employment and Migration (YEM);
- Technical and capacity building assistance for the National Reintegration Center for OFWs; and
- Technical assistance towards linking remittance and youth, employment and migration initiatives.



2. Technical Cooperation & Capacity Building

Multi-pronged, community-based joint programme actions, with focus on:

- The establishment and strengthening of public-private partnerships towards the creation of a youth employment and entrepreneurship-friendly environment;
- The provision of access to labour market responsive vocational and entrepreneurship skills training (with safe migration and life skills components) to out-of-school youth;
- The mainstreaming of gender-sensitive entrepreneurship education in public secondary education curricula;
- The institutionalization of gender-sensitive career guidance, referral and tracking services in employment services; and
- The promotion of inclusive approaches to basic education (secondary level) towards the improvement of participation and retention rates of disadvantaged youth.



PROJECT SITES

- Agusan del Sur
- Antique
- Masbate
- Maguindanao

