

# Improving the Measurement of Migration in the Philippines

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# Outline of Presentation

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- Migration data sources
- Issues in measuring migration
- The Philippine Statistical System
- 2017 Milestones in improving the measurement of internal and international migration in the country
- Future Prospects

# General sources of migration data

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- Administrative data collected on the occasion of movement across international borders such as passenger statistics from sea or air transport manifest
- Administrative data from passport and visa processing, work permits, among others
- ● Population registers
- ● Census data conducted regularly
- ● Survey data collected periodically

● International migration    ● Internal migration

# Sources of migration data in the Philippines

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- Survey of Overseas Filipinos
- Philippine Overseas Employment Agency
- Commission on Filipinos Overseas
- Bureau of Immigration
- ● Census of Population and Housing
- ● *National Demographic Survey 1988*
- *Community-Based Monitoring System*

● International migration    ● Internal migration

# Issues in measuring internal migration

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- Only one nationally representative data source on 5-year period migration (i.e., census) that is collected every 10 years

 DATA GAPS

- Different operational definitions used in small scale migration surveys

 NOT COMPARABLE ACROSS LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS

# Issues in measuring international migration

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- Different data collected by agencies processing international movers



HARMONIZATION OF DATA

- Difficulty in classifying international movement and tracking changes in type and status of movement



INTERNATIONAL COMPARABILITY

- Administrative data collected on passenger statistics from sea or air transport manifest BUT neither compiled nor analysed



REPORTING, COMPLETENESS, ACCESSIBILITY

# The Philippine Statistical System

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- After the People Power Revolution in 1986, the Philippine Statistical System was decentralized to make it more responsive to the requirements of national development with a strong coordination feature to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services (E. O. 121).

➡ National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)

- The NSCB was the highest policy-making and coordinating body on statistical matters. It created Technical and Inter-Agency Committees on Statistics (TCs/IACs) and Task Forces (TFs) to assist it in the exercise of its functions.

➡ Technical Committee on Population and Housing Statistics (TCPHS)

# The Philippine Statistical System

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- In 2009, the TCPHS created Technical Working Groups (TWGs) in preparation for the population projections to be done based on the 2010 CPH

 TWG on Migration Statistics (TWGMS)

- Among others, the TWGMS reviewed migration data collected by various agencies, initiated the review of migration terms and concepts for possible standardization of definitions to be used by data collection agencies, reviewed and recommended the methodology for the estimation and projection of migration statistics, and recommended the inclusion of a National Migration Survey in the 2011-2016 Philippine Statistical Development Plan.



# The Philippine Statistical System

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- Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 – created the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) attached to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for purposes of policy coordination
- Inter-agency statistical committees (IACs) were created by the PSA Board to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters. Each IAC serves as a forum for discussion of the issues raised by concerned producers, users and other stakeholders of sectoral and agency-specific statistics

 Inter-agency Committee on Migration Statistics (IACMS)

# 3 Milestones in Improving Migration Statistics in the Philippines, 2017

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**1. Standardization of concepts and definitions for internal and international migration for statistical purposes**



Republic of the Philippines  
**Philippine Statistics Authority Board**

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**PSA Board Resolution No. 07  
Series of 2017**

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
COUNTING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS**

# Short-list of concepts defined

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## GENERAL TERMS

FILIPINOS

Migration

Migrant

Internal migration

International migration

Usual place of residence

Household

Members of the household

## INTERNAL MIGRATION-RELATED TERMS

In-migration

In-migrant

In-migration rate

Out-migration

Out-migrant

Out-migration rate

Gross migration rate

Net migration rate

# Short-list of concepts defined

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## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION-RELATED TERMS

### OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

International migrant

"International Filipino migrant"

Migrant flow

Migration stock

Immigration

Immigrant

Emigration

Migrant worker

"Overseas Filipino in distress"

"Dependents of OFs"

### PERMANENT OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

Emigrants

Filipino Dual Citizens

Descendants

### TEMPORARY OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

"Overseas Filipinos Workers"

"Intra-Company Transferees"

"International Civil Servants

Filipino Citizens departing for non-employment-related reasons

Irregulars

# 3 Milestones in Improving Migration Statistics in the Philippines, 2017

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## 2. Operational framework for counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants



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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

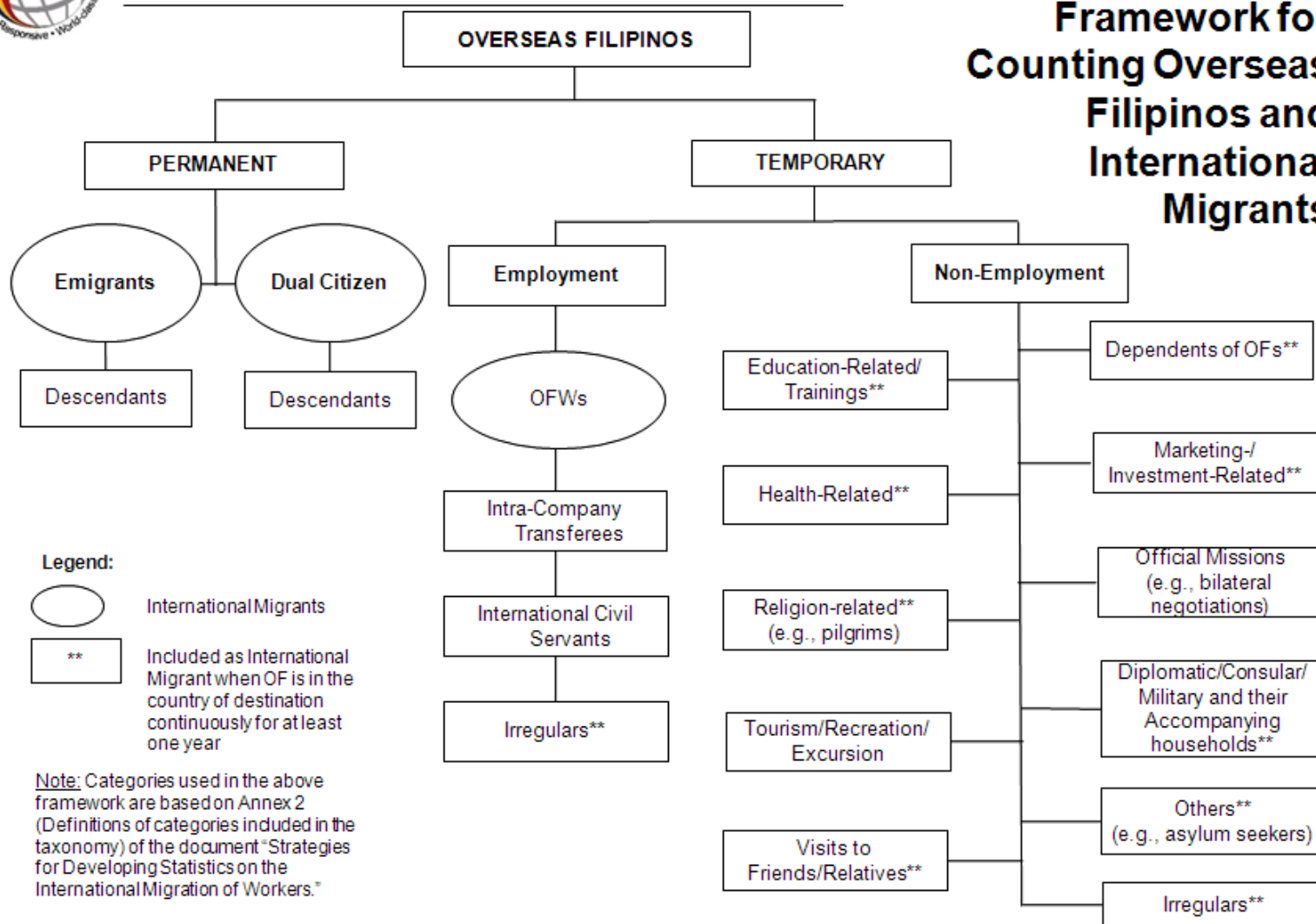
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## Amended Operational Framework for Counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants



# 3 Milestones in Improving Migration Statistics in the Philippines, 2017

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## **3. National Migration Survey (NMS)**

- The first to be conducted in the Philippines
- Data to be collected includes both internal and international migration
- Will use Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) Operations

# NMS questionnaires

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# Household Schedule

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1. Geographic identification and other information
2. Demographic characteristics
3. Education
4. Economic activity
5. Migration experience
6. Internally displaced persons
7. All former household members who permanently moved and now residing abroad (demographics, education, destination, reason for moving and date of departure)
8. Housing characteristics

# Individual Questionnaire

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1. Geographic identification and other information
2. Respondent's background
3. Migration history
4. International migration
5. Engagement in migration association and training/education abroad
6. Return migration
7. Internal migration
8. Current job/business and remittances
9. Migration intentions
10. Involuntary labor/work arrangement

# Future Prospects

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- Adoption of the official definition for migration concepts in various data sources in the Philippines
  - Surveys, e.g., NMS, NDHS, CBMIS
  - Administrative data at all political levels
- Better access and use of internal and international migration data at the national and local levels for
  - Policy, program and planning purposes
  - Basic and applied migration research

# Thank you!

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