



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Reintegration Services for Overseas Filipino Workers

The DOLE's Reintegration Services is a package of interventions and mechanisms developed and implemented social partners to facilitate the productive return of the OFWs to their families and communities upon their completion of overseas employment. It provides the OFWs and their families with opportunities for accessing projects and services that would help them mitigate the social cost of migration and cushion the impact of forced repatriation due to unexpected events. It also aims to maximize the gains of overseas employment through local employment/re-employment or business/enterprise development facilitation.

Services include programs such as:

1. Psycho-social component which consists of capacity-building through assistance in community organizing and maintaining OFW Family Circles (OFCs), and services like psycho-social counseling, stress debriefing, values formation and financial literacy;
2. Livelihood component through:
 - *Balik-Pinas, Balik-Hanapbuhay Program*, a non-cash livelihood support/assistance intended to provide immediate relief to returning member OFWs, active or non-active, who are displaced from their jobs due to war/political conflicts in host countries or policy reforms controls and changes by the host government or are victims of illegal recruitment and/or human trafficking or other distressful situations.
 - *Balik-Pinay, Balik-Hanapbuhay Program*, provision of livelihood skills training and distribution of starter kitsto enable women OFW returnees to start and to operate livelihood undertaking for self-employment. Priority is given to women OFWs who are displaced by the hostilities and conflicts in their host country, or victims of illegal recruitment and trafficking and other distressed and displaced women household service workers.
 - *Financial Awareness Seminar (FAS) and Small Business Management Training (SBMT)*,training intended to assist OFWs and their families with financial literacy relative to their overseas employment and to encourage them in putting up a small business enterprise for self-employment;

- *Livelihood Development Assistance Program (LDAP)*, provide grants for livelihood assistance to undocumented returning OFWs thru livelihood starter kits; and

Education and Livelihood Assistance Program (ELAP), scholarship for the dependents of OFWs who were active OWWA members at the time of death. Only one child, usually the eldest child of member-OFW, is given scholarship grant (P5,000 for elementary, P8,000 for high school and P10,000 for college). The surviving spouse, if the OFW member was married or the mother/father if the OFW was single, will also receive a livelihood assistance of P15,000.00.

Link: <https://www.dole.gov.ph/reintegration-services-for-overseas-filipino-workers/>