

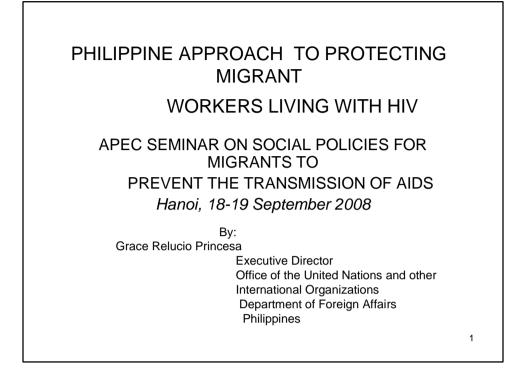
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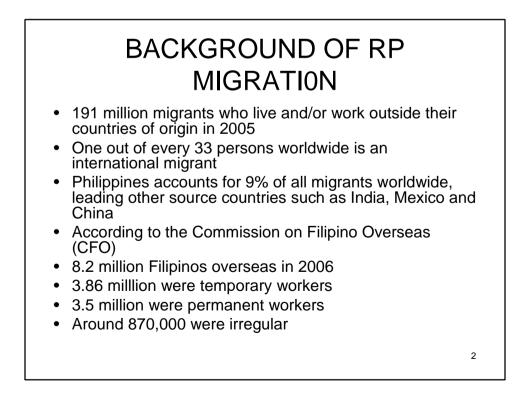
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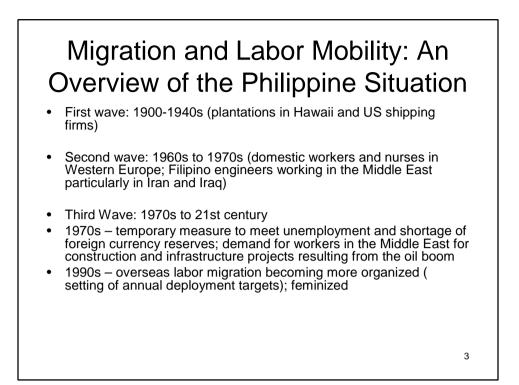
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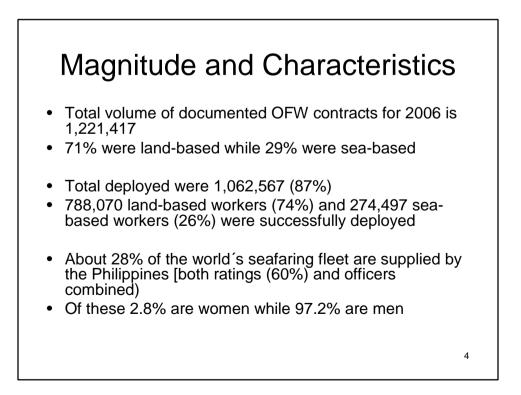
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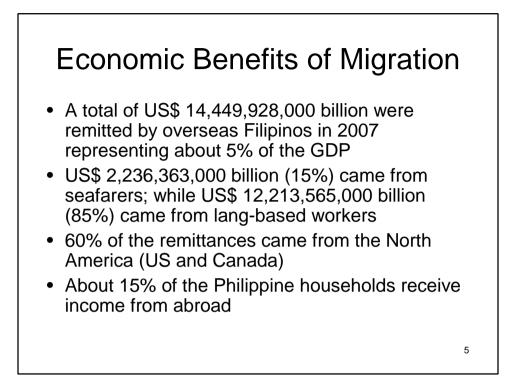
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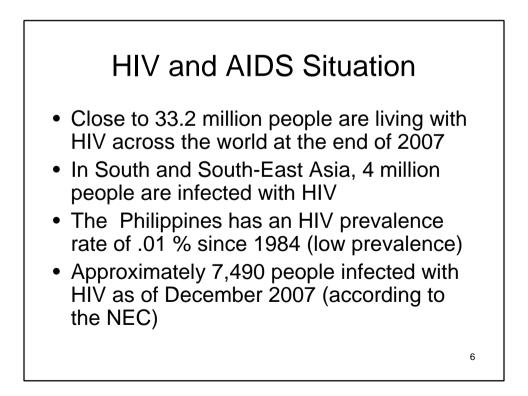


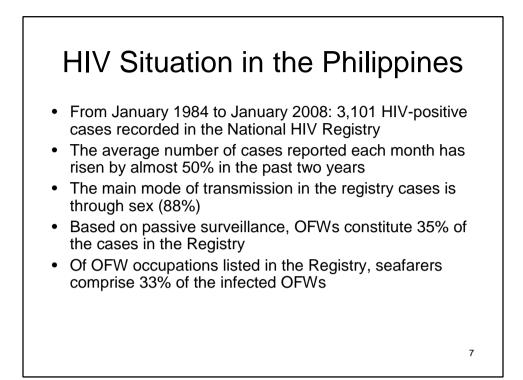


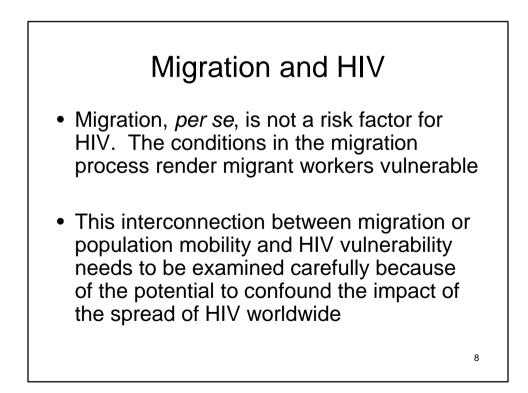


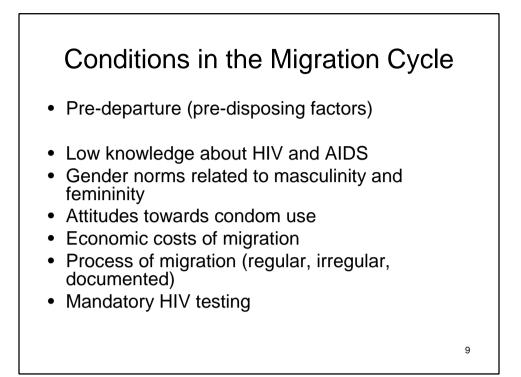


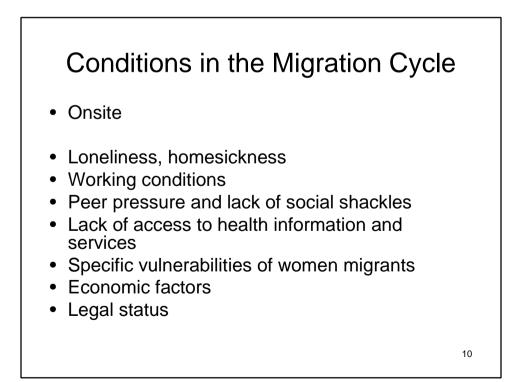


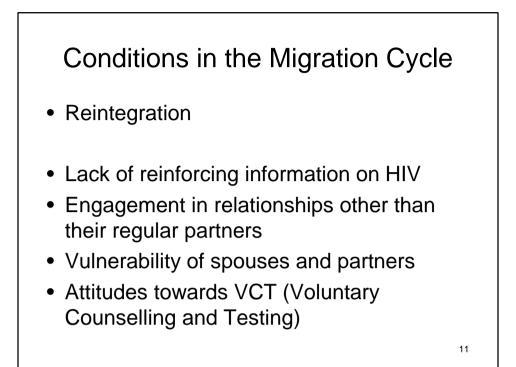














- Understanding micro-individual factors that lead to risky sexual behavior (Unprotected sex, multiple sexual partnerships; sex with commercial sex workers)
- Understanding HIV vulnerability of OFWs resulting from macro-societal factors (social and cultural norms; economic factors; political context)
- Response must address both structural and individual dimensions of HIV risks and vulnerabilities of migrant workers

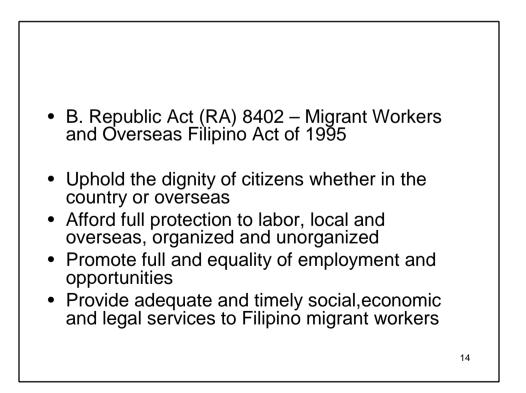
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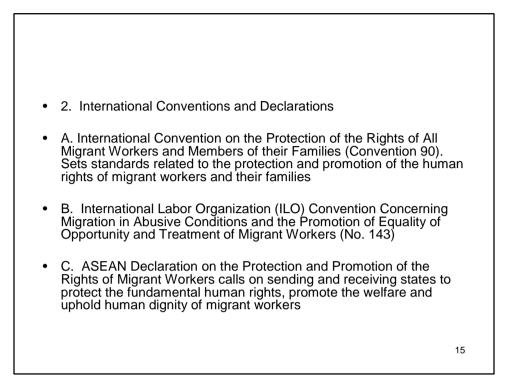
THE COUNTRY RESPONSE: Government Initiatives

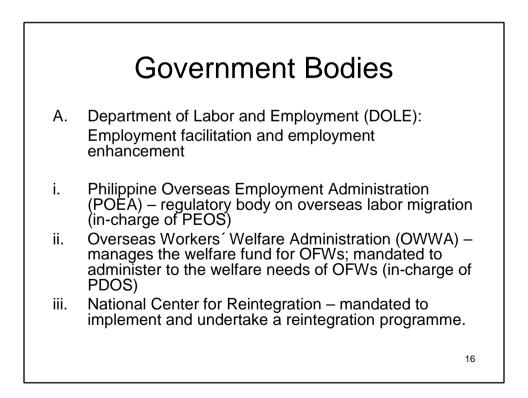
• 1. Policy and Legislation on Migration and HIV and AIDS

- A. Republic Act (RA) 8504 The Philippines AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998
- Article 1, Section 7 reads, ``All Overseas Filipino Workers, diplomatic, military, trade, and labor officials and personnel to be assigned overseas shall undergo or attend a seminar on the cause, prevention, and consequences of HIV/AIDS before certification for overseas assignment.''







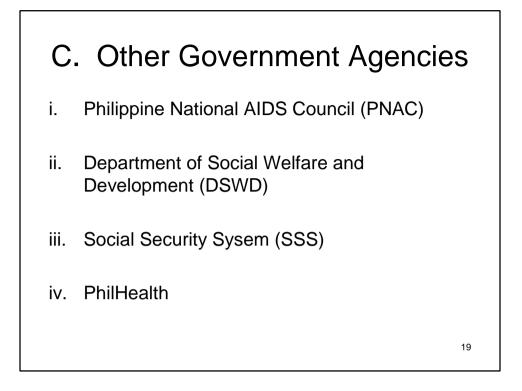


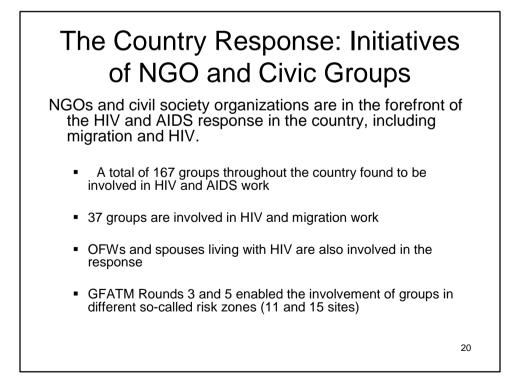
Other Units/Attached agencies to the DOLE

- iv. Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) – administration and enforcement of duly adopted policies and programs of the Department on international labor affairs
- v. Maritime Training Council
- vi. National Maritime Polytechnic
- vii. MARINA
- viii. International Labor Studies

Β. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) - Protect the rights and promote the welfare of Filipinos overseas and to mobilize them as partners in national development Foreign Service Institute (FSI) - Integrated HIV and AIDS in the i. curriculum of its Pre-departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) for all departing Foreign Service personnel Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs ii. (OUMWA) - mandated to respond to needs of Overseas Filipinos especially thosed undocumented through its ATN programme. United Nations and International Relations (UNIO) - represents iii. the Philippines in the UN and other international bodies and conferences (International Task Team on HIV-related travel restrictions) 18

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The Country Response: Iniatives of NGO and Civic Groups

Types of responses

- Policy advocacy
- Action Research
- Capacity Building of stakeholders
- > Empowerment of OFWs/spouses living with HIV
- Education on migration and HIV (Community-based; institution-based, e.g. PDOS)

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- Care and Support for OFWs living with HIV
- Regional involvement

