Improving the Measurement of Migration in the Philippines

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Outline of Presentation

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- In 2009, the TCPHS created Technical 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

- 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

1. Standardization of concepts and definitions for internal and international migration for statistical purposes
Short-list of concepts defined

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# Short-list of concepts defined

## 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

2. Operational framework for counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants

PSA Board Resolution No. 07
Series of 2017

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS
Amended Operational Framework for Counting Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants

OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

PERMANENT
- Emigrants
  - Descendants
- Dual Citizen
  - Descendants

TEMPORARY
- Employment
  - OFWs
    - Intra-Company Transferees
    - International Civil Servants
    - Irregulars**
- Non-Employment
  - Education-Related/Trainings**
  - Health-Related**
  - Religion-related** (e.g., pilgrims)
  - Tourism/Recreation/Excursion
  - Visits to Friends/Relatives**
  - Others** (e.g., asylum seekers)
  - Irregulars**
  - Dependent of OFs**
  - Marketing/Investment-Related**
  - Official Missions (e.g., bilateral negotiations)
  - Diplomatic/Consular/Military and their Accompanying Households**

Legend:
- International Migrants
- **Included as International Migrant when OF is in the country of destination continuously for at least one year

Note: Categories used in the above framework are based on Annex 2 (Definitions of categories included in the taxonomy) of the document “Strategies for Developing Statistics on the International Migration of Workers.”
3 Milestones in Improving Migration Statistics in the Philippines, 2017

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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2018 NATIONAL MIGRATION SURVEY

JUNE 2018
HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

NMS FORM 1
PSA Approval No.: Expires:
as of Jan. 04, 2018

NMS FORM 2
PSA Approval No.: Expires:
as of Jan. 4, 2018

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2018 NATIONAL MIGRATION SURVEY

JUNE 2018
INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE
Household Schedule

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

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

- 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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