

Guide on developing an international labour migration statistics database in ASEAN:

Towards more effective data
collection and sharing

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Background

Recommendation #12 from the Second Meeting of Focal Specialists on International Labour Migration Statistics in ASEAN

“ILO will develop an ILMS Database Manual to guide future ILMS database processes. This Manual will include, where appropriate (i) review of procedures of Phase I and II of the ILMS; (ii) guide to sources for labour migration data for each table of the ILMS; (iii) compilation of internationally accepted definitions used in the ILMS; among others.”

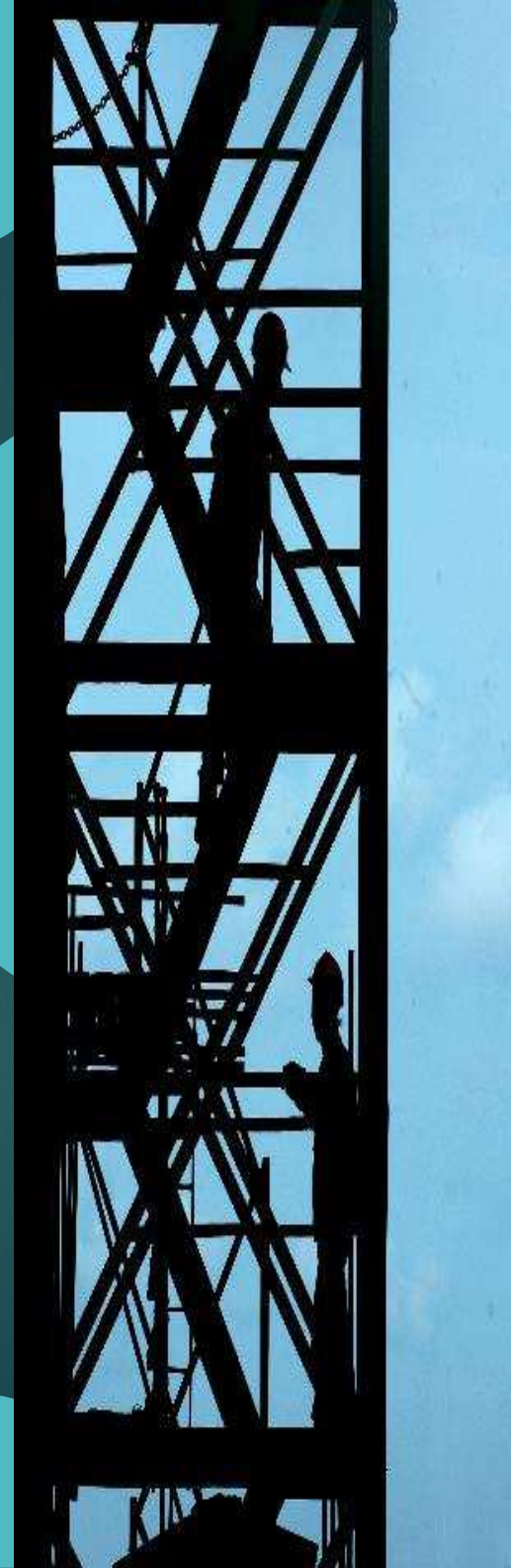


Background

- ▶ The guide provides an overview of the **process** undertaken in developing the current International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database in ASEAN.
- ▶ It seeks to serve as a reference for future data collection efforts in ASEAN and beyond – in building and sustaining unilateral as well as regional ILMS Databases.
- ▶ Identifies outstanding gaps in the coverage of existing work in this area, and presents a number of recommendations for improving data collection and collaboration on international labour migration in ASEAN.

Structure of the report

- ▶ Chapter 1. The process of data collection for the ILMS Database in ASEAN
- ▶ Chapter 2. Statistical definitions and tables
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- ▶ Annex I. Comparison of the current ILMS Database with the ILO's former data collection
- ▶ Annex II. International Labour Migration Questionnaire
- ▶ Annex III. Catalogue of primary data sources on international migration in ASEAN



Summary of recommendations

- ▶ Publish statistics through a regular online publication on a relevant Ministry website so that they can be made more broadly available and minimize the burden of data collection on all parties.
- ▶ International classifications and standards should be followed more closely in all data collected, especially in the administrative records data.
- ▶ The collection of administrative records on migrants, employed migrants, and nationals abroad could be expanded in most cases to include information on
 - ▶ sex;
 - ▶ age;
 - ▶ country of origin (or destination);
 - ▶ educational attainment;
 - ▶ economic activity;
 - ▶ occupation;
 - ▶ status in employment;

Summary of recommendations

- ▶ Administrative records on migrants, employed migrants, and nationals abroad could strive to develop systems that avoid double-counting
- ▶ Survey data should contain at least one relevant question on nationality, place of birth, or residence status by which to identify migrants and migrant workers.
- ▶ Statistical systems could develop clear strategies for collecting information to better enumerate and classify irregular migration flows



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