

Concept Paper of Project on ACMW Work Plan 2016-2020

**REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME
FOR RETURNED MIGRANT WORKERS**

(Country coordinator: Indonesia)

Background

In the past few years, labour mobilisation has been rapidly increased, especially when the economic opportunity is wide open under ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) since 2015. In fact, the total stock of migrant workers that have been moved between countries within the region is nearly 6.9 million in the ASEAN.¹ In purpose to assure the protection of the rights of migrants workers, the ASEAN governments shall provide decent programme not only within the “pre-departure”, “during employment” and “post-departure” stages, but also they need to develop a protection programme in “return or reintegration” stage. Reintegration programme can be also considered as part of protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers in the said stage.

In many cases, migrant workers are found to face both social and economic challenges after returning to their home country. Under this circumstance, they often ended up deciding to be reemployed as migrant workers. This situation commonly happened because they don't have entrepreneurship skills and could not manage their financial they earned overseas, even some of returned migrant workers not posses any venture capital to start business.

Therefore, the implementation of reintegration programme for returned migrant workers aims to ensure that those migrant workers are able to secure their social and economic condition in their home country not only for themselves but also their families. This programme is designed to encourage and support migrant workers to well-sustain their living independently upon their returning.

Problematic cases also arise from returning migrant workers which were sent abroad by irregular procedures. Most of these workers return to their home countries with problem, even though workers that is sent abroad by regular procedure can also bring problems upon returning. So that reintegration programme should also cover not only for sustainability of the economy of the returning migrant workers but also intended to provide social assistance and health counseling for unlucky workers who need those kind of services.

In addition, the programme will serve the commitments of ASEAN as enshrined in the articles 13, 16 and 26 of the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers where the Sending State will develop a comprehensive reintegration programme for returned migrant workers and their families as well as an employment program for returned migrant workers taking into account their skills obtained overseas.

Through The ASEAN Compendium on Migrant Workers' Education and Safe Migration Programme, AMS have share the existing safe migration programme for migrant workers. In relevant to this project, the programme of “Return and Reintegration” will be

¹ UN Women, 2017, Women Migrant Workers in the ASEAN Economic Community, p.17.

further elaborated to get the insight from those programme. The

Through the Workshop on Reintegration Program for Returning Migrant Workers, it is expected that ASEAN Member States can exchange experiences and knowledge in order to develop and improve their reintegration programme.

Objectives

- Share best practices on existing reintegration programme in ASEAN Member States and other regional or international initiatives dedicated on reintegration of returning migrants workers.
- Identifying an effective and sustainable reintegration programme.
- Formulating recommendation of reintegration programme for sending and receiving countries.
- Setting up the ASEAN Guideline on Reintegration programme for Returned Migrant Workers.

Methodology

- 2 Days Workshop
- Presentation themes:
 - o Theme 1 (Day 1): “Sharing Best Practices of Reintegration Programme in ASEAN Member States”
 - Sharing best practices on reintegration programmes from sending countries:
 - Migrant Workers’ Village (Desmigratif) Programme (Indonesia)
 - Balik-Pinay, Balik-Hanapbuhay for Returning OFWs (Philippines)
 - Assist-Welfare, Employment, Legal and Livelihood (WELL) Programme (Philippines)
 - Share best practices of the process of reintegration starting from the country of employment and mechanism of receiving countries in handling irregular migrant workers residing in their territory (i.e. role of labour *attaché*, employer, government of host country, etc.).
 - Philippines
 - Indonesia
 - Singapore
 - Malaysia
 - Brunei Darussalam
 - Speaker from ILO (International Labour Organization) to share knowledge on Economic Empowerment Modules, and also similar regional workshop which had been conducted by ILO (e.g. result of Regional workshop on effective social and economic reintegration of women migrant workers, on 19th- 21st August 2014 in Kathmandu Nepal).

- Speaker from IOM (International Organization for Migration) to share information on good practices on reintegration programme e.g. the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) of the Bali Process.
- Testimonial Session; Testimony from returned migrant workers (Indonesia and the Philippines). He / She will recite their perspective and experience on successful reintegration programme.
- Theme 2 (Day 2): Training on Economic Empowerment Modules from ILO.
 - Training on ILO Economic Empowerment Modules
 - Engagement with returned migrant workers.
- There will be handmade products exhibition from the village who successfully implemented the Indonesian reintegration programme.

Venue & Date

- Venue (optional): Yogyakarta
- August 2019

Output

- Recommendation for sending countries and receiving countries.

Participants

Target Participants	Total
Focal point ACMW	10
CSO on Migrant Workers / Labour Union	10
Entrepreneur Association	10
Returned migrant workers (testimony): Indonesia & Phillipines	2
ILO (Speaker, intepreter – Indonesia to English)	5
ASEC	4
Ministry of Manpower Indonesia/Secretariat	15
Total	56

Timeline (Implementation in 2019)

January:

- **W4: MoM drafting the project budget**

February

- W1: Finalized project budget by MoM and ILO.
- W2: Concept note and project proposal will be circulated by ASEC
- W3: Concept note and project proposal will be circulated by ASEC

- W4: Revision on concept note and project proposal

March

- W1: Revision on concept note and project proposal
- W2: Concept note revision and project proposal submission
- W3: Concept note revision and project proposal submission
- W4: Meeting with ILO TRIANGLE and ASEC

April

- W1: Meeting with ILO TRIANGLE and ASEC
- W2: Drafting the Invitation, admin. note, concept note, & registration
- W3: Guideline framework preparation
- W4: Guideline framework preparation

May

- W1: Guideline framework preparation
- W2: Drafting the Invitation, admin. note, concept note, & registration
- W3: Invitation, admin. note, concept note, & registration form will be circulated by ASEC
- W4: Invitation, admin. note, concept note, & registration form will be circulated by ASEC

June

- W1: Iled Mubarak
- W2: Participant registration
- W3: Participant registration
- W4: Participant registration

August

- **W4:** Workshop on Reintegration Program