



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO ON OCTOBER 07, 2013 AT 1:40 IN THE AFTERNOON

PRESENT:

HON. ROEL T. JARINA,	- Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
HON. JOSE DONEL T. TRASPORTO,	- S.B. Member
HON. RENEE LIBRODO-VALENCIA	- S.B. Member
HON. VIRGILIO T. TERUEL,	- S.B. Member
HON. MARLON R. TERUÑEZ,	- S.B. Member
HON. MA. GERRYLIN SANTUYO-CAMPOSAGRADO,	- S.B. Member
HON. SUZETTE MARIE HILADO-BANNO,	- S.B. Member
HON. RICKY T. NULADA	- S.B. Member
HON. ARIEL I. BERNARDO,	- S.B. Member
HON. NYSSA NICHOLA T. CALLOSA,	- SKMF President
HON. RONNIE T. PAGUNTALAN,	- Liga President

ABSENT: N O N E

Resolution No. 2013-067

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HON. SUZETTE T. ALQUISADA, MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA), THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) WITH REGARD TO THE PROGRAM TO COMBAT ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT AND TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS.

WHEREAS, many Filipinos leave every day for overseas employment in search of job opportunities and consequently alleviate the economic status of their families back home, contributing to the economic stability of the country;

WHEREAS, recruitment malpractices such as illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons affect labor mobility and prey on the vulnerability of migrant workers and have, therefore, become a serious and general concern of government, especially the POEA and OWWA;

WHEREAS, the lack or low level of public awareness on overseas employment, the modus operandi of illegal recruiters and traffickers and the pernicious effects of illegal recruitment and trafficking increases the vulnerability of would-be migrants;

WHEREAS, the POEA has been continuously strengthening its information campaign against illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons: however, it needs to address the problem at the source communities through aggressive and sustained local action and establishment of local mechanisms to support the need for information of overseas employment applicants and to protect them for recruitment malpractices;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8042, as amended by Republic Act No. 10022 mandates local government units, in partnership with the POEA, other concerned government agencies, and non-government organizations advocating the rights and welfare of overseas Filipino workers, to take a proactive stance by being primarily responsible for the dissemination of information to their constituents on all aspects of overseas employment;

WHEREAS, the convergence of programs of different government agencies, especially the DOLE is a strategic component to enhance the capacity of local government to achieve Illegal Recruitment (IR)-Free Local Government Units (LGUs), a program launched by POEA in 2006;

WHEREAS, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties have agreed:

ARTICLE I Scope of Cooperation

In consideration of their respective mandates and in the spirit of cooperation to promote the rights and welfare of migrant workers and their families, the Parties agree to cooperate on –

- a.) Intensifying local information campaign against illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons, especially those undertaken in the guise of, or through recruitment for overseas employment; and
- b.) Establishing local mechanisms for the protection and support of migrant workers – through continued technical assistance by relevant national agencies to LGUs, capacity building, and enhanced coordination and cooperation.

ARTICLE II Areas of Cooperation

The Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

- a.) Information campaign against illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons (AIR-TIP);
- b.) Establishment of OFW desks or kiosks;
- c.) Remedial programs in support of AIR-TIP campaign; and
- d.) Data collection and management on OFWs for local policy formulation and plan development.

ARTICLE III Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

A. Conduct of Information Campaign

1. (a.) The LGU, through its PESO, shall regularly and continuously conduct information campaign in communities about overseas employment and its potentials and risks, the legal channels on applying for overseas employment, the requirements and procedures, and other necessary information to ensure the protection of applicants against recruitment malpractices.

(b.) In related information campaign conducted by the POEA such as Pre-Employment Orientation Seminar (**PEOS**) and AIR/TIP campaign, the LGU shall provide a venue and the services of its employees as may be needed.

(c.) The LGU shall endeavor to integrate in its local programs and services continued information campaign for its constituents.
2. (a) The POEA shall coordinate with the LGU for the conduct of PEOS and other related information campaign such as PEOS on Wheels and AIR-TIP Campaign. It shall provide LGUs with information materials such as brochures, pamphlets, flyers, posters, audio-visual materials, public service announcements and other similar materials for the conduct of information campaign by the LGU.

(b) DOLE, OWWA, POEA offices at the region and/or provinces shall include in their respective information campaigns at the local level anti-illegal recruitment and anti-trafficking in persons.

(c) DOLE Regional Office shall coordinate with the LGU on its regional AIR-TIP campaign and/or assist the LGU on its similar campaign.

(d) OWWA shall distribute relevant materials to its OWWA Family Circles in the LGU.

B. Establishment of OFW Desk or Kiosk

1. (a) The LGU shall endeavor to establish OFW help desk or kiosk in their localities with the objective of providing current information to their constituents on all the processes and aspects of overseas employment. Such desk or kiosk shall, as far as practicable, be fully computerized and shall be linked to the database of all concerned government agencies, particularly the POEA for its updated lists of overseas job orders and licensed agencies in good standing.

- (b.) Such desk or kiosk may either be staffed by the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) or any other person as may be designated by the LGU who has been trained on public employment services including overseas employment program.
- 2. (a) The DOLE Regional Office and the other Parties shall assist the LGU in establishing the desk or kiosk by sharing their information materials and including the LGU staff responsible for the operations of the desk or kiosk in training programs.
- (b) The POEA shall furnish the LGU through its PESO with regularly updated lists of licensed agencies and entities, including those whose licenses have been cancelled.

C. Remedial Measures Against Illegal Recruitment And Trafficking In Persons

- 1. (a) The LGU shall report to the law enforcement authorities, or investigate illegal recruitment activity occurring within its jurisdiction, or coordinate with the DOLE Regional Office on law enforcement action against illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons;
- (b) Recommend to the POEA or the DOLE Regional Office the closure of any licensed or unlicensed recruitment establishment/entity engaged in illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons;
- 2. (a) DOLE Regional Office shall coordinate with relevant law enforcement agencies for the conduct of surveillance, entrapment, and arrest operations; assist relevant law enforcement agencies in the rescue and/or repatriation operations; provide assistance in the determination of the nature of the case to be filed and in filing the same; in case of overseas employment, assist in the preparation of sworn statement;
- (b) All other Parties shall report to POEA and other law enforcement authorities suspected illegal recruitment activities and those brought to their attention in the course of implementation of their programs and services, such as PDOS, community organizing, community meeting/orientation, family counseling, etc.

D. Data-banking on OFWs

- 1. (a) The LGU, pursuant to the provisions of RA No. 8042, as amended by RA 10022, shall establish and maintain a database pertaining to a master list of OFWs residing in their respective localities, classified according to occupation, job category, civil status, gender, by country or state of destination including visa classification, name, address, and contact number of the employer.
- (b) The LGU shall use for its policy formulation and program development to alleviate the conditions of OFWs and arrest illegal recruitment in their locality the data and information that could be generated from the database.
- 2. The other Parties shall extend the necessary technical assistance to the LGU in establishing and sustaining the database.

ARTICLE IV
Implementation Mechanism

To facilitate the implementation of and follow-up to this agreement, the Parties have agreed to:

- 1. Establish a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives from the LGU and the Parties hereof to develop finalize and implement a program of action to realize the objectives of this MOU. The TWG shall periodically meet in the place and on the data agreed upon by the Parties.
- 2. The LGU report to the DOLE Regional Office its activities and accomplishment on an annual basis or as may be requested. The TWG shall agree on format and frequency of reporting.
- 3. The other Parties shall include in their training programs the responsible officials and staff of the LGU to increase the capacity of the latter to address illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons in their locality, such as but be not limited to PEOS, AIR/TIP, and other capacity enhancement trainings

ARTICLE V
Entry Into Force And Amendment

- 1. This Memorandum of Agreement shall enter into force upon the signing of the Parties.
- 2. Any amendment to or revision of the text of this Memorandum of Agreement shall be in writing and shall be done only upon the mutual consent of the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of HON. MARLON TERUÑEZ, Chairman, Committee on Labor & Employment and Seconded by: Hon. Jose Donel Trasporto, Hon. Renee Librodo-Valencia, Hon. Virgilio Teruel, Hon. Ma. Gerrylin Santuyo-Camposagrado, Hon. Suzette Marie Hilado-Banno and Hon. Ricky Nulada,

RESOLVED, to authorize Hon. Suzette T. Alquisada, Municipal Mayor Of The Municipality Of Tigbauan, Province Of Iloilo To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) With The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) And The Department Of Labor And Employment (DOLE) With Regard To The Program To Combat Illegal Recruitment And Trafficking Of Persons,

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution to Mayor Suzette Tenefrancia-Alquisada, this municipality, to Hon. Hans Leo J. Cacdac, Administrator, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Hon. Carmelita S. Dimzon, Administrator, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Hon. Ponciano M. Ligutom. Regional Director, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and other concerned for their information and/or appropriate action.

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing approved Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan.

MARLENE TAYO-NAVA
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED:

ROEL T. JARINA
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

HON. ROEL T. JARINA, M.D.
Municipal Vice Mayor

Sangguniang Bayan Members:

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