

Annex I

RESEARCH RESULTS OF EXPERTS OF THE TIAN SHAN POLICY CENTER

This document provides an analysis of the results of research conducted by experts of the Tian Shan Policy Center (TSPC) made during the evaluation of best practices of the countries of the world. These results are proposed in the form of a table which includes the strategic objectives with appropriate measures to achieve. The table is available to the view of officials in Kyrgyzstan, as well as to all interested parties.

Table of the best international practices for the attention of government officials in Kyrgyzstan and all persons interested in the development of Labor Migration Regulation Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for the period of 2013-2018

	Tasks	Measures/actions	Related Migration World Practices						
			1. Improving the legislative framework						
1.1	Revision of the	Development of draft	USA: The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) was notable also that for the first time in US						
	legislation in legal	amendments and addenda to	history, it criminalized the hiring of illegal migrants and imposed a system of sanctions to target employers.						
	power with the aim to	the Criminal Code to							
	eliminate criminalize illegal employment								
	inconsistencies and	abroad and in the Kyrgyz							
	contradictions, to fill in	Republic							
	gaps and cancel the	Develop and adopt a law	Philippines: The Philippine government played a limited role in overseas employment until the 1970s. In the						
	obsolete legal acts in	regulating the work of legal	early 1900s, private agencies were more important in matching Filipino workers to jobs overseas. The major						
	the field of labor	entities engaged in the	destination for these workers was the United States until the 1960s. The economic boom in the Middle East						
	migration	employment of the KR citizens	in the 1970s increased the demand for temporary labor from the Philippines to work in the oil fields. This led						
		abroad	to the 1974 creation of the first major government emigration policy, the Labor Code of the Philippines; the						
			policy institutionalized labor migration from the Philippines and incorporated an employment strategy for						

emigrants. Private agencies at the time were accused of increasing or not monitoring abuse of Filipino

		for admissible employment contracts.
		Sri Lanka: Foreign employment agencies that want to operate in Sri Lanka have to obtain a license which has a number of financial, logistical and reputational requirements. The Bureau of Foreign Employment has powers of inspection over the agencies, which are obliged to renew their license annually.
		India: Private recruitment agencies are commonly used in India to find jobs overseas; these agencies are now required to obtain a valid license from the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. Those companies that want to register as valid recruitment agencies have to pay a \$464 fee (in rupees). The applicant agency is also required to deposit a bank guarantee of at least \$371,000. In addition to application documents, the agency has to submit to the Protector of Emigrants an inspection report of its office and a police report on the character of the job applicants. The Protector of Emigrants is a division of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.
		Migration Legislation and Policy Formulation (Colombo Process, CP) - Since 2005, eight of the 11 CP countries have amended existing regulations or adopted new legislation. This indicates that Member Countries are aware that they need to manage the labor migration process more effectively. The newly enacted laws and policies focus generally on two areas: regulating the recruitment process and enhancing welfare provision.
		E.g. in Indonesia : Increased regulation and monitoring of the recruitment process: compulsory registration of workers at district/municipal offices; recruiting agencies to hold a SIP (recruitment license) issued and renewed by the ministry; selection process to be done jointly by recruitment agency and local Manpower and Transmigration offices; not charge recruitment fees to workers; overseas employers to be approved by the government; agencies to provide all details of the contract to workers during a two-day pre-departure briefing to be conducted by local BNP2KI offices; agencies to monitor the conditions of workers in the country of destination and arrange their safe return upon completion of the contract; airport-based Migrant Worker Service Posts to screen and collect data on all returning migrant workers, provide preliminary health care to migrant workers reporting health problems and refer those in need of follow up legal, physical and mental rehabilitation assistance to competent services and facilitate transport services to place of origin in Indonesia.
	Development and adoption of a mechanism regulating the	(see the migration statistics of Moldova part 2.1)
	registration of persons entering and leaving the country, development of simple and easy-to-use methods for the	

economic and business affairs and communications and outreach) that submit requests to the various branches of the Mexican government. It meets twice a year to reach a consensus on recommendations. One of the most noticeable features of the IME is the dedicated network of representatives based in consular offices in the US and in Canada. The IME has been portrayed by the ILO as a Good Practice institution because of its effectiveness in reaching out to involved communities, the range of services that it provides, and the cooperation that it has fostered with receiving countries, at least on a range of issues of importance to migrants.

In April 2011, of a new Migration Law (*Ley de Migracion*) came into power. The law aims to develop a migration policy that respects the human rights of migrants, is comprehensive in its coverage, facilitates the international movement of people, meets the country's labor needs, ensures equality between Mexican natives and immigrants to Mexico, recognizes the acquired rights of long-term immigrants, promotes family unity and sociocultural integration, and facilitates the return and reintegration of Mexican emigrants.

Philippines: The emphasis on the protection of Philippine workers overseas led to the establishment of three additional oversight boards: the Overseas Employment Development Board (OEDB), the National Seaman Board (NSB), and the Bureau of Employment Services (BES). The OEDB and the NSB were designed to develop job markets for migrant workers, to help recruit qualified labor to these jobs, and to secure good jobs for them. In 1982, these three organizations were merged into one institution: the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA). The larger organization is more efficient and regulates overseas employment and the activities of private employment agencies. It is designed to assist temporary or circular migrants, not migrants who want to permanently leave the Philippines. POEA only has offices in the Philippines. Overseas monitoring is relegated to the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLO) in the Philippine consulates.

The POEA Governing Board, which sets policies and oversees the functioning of the agency, has a structure that allows voice and participation of stakeholders. The Secretary of Labor and Employment heads the Governing Board, and the POEA Administrator acts as vice-chairman, with three representatives from the private, women, sea-based and land-based sectors as members. The POEA Administrator oversees the daily operations of the agency and is supported by three deputy administrators.

POEA is the centerpiece of the labor migration regulation system. The agency is selective in the employers with whom it works overseas and the local workers it assists. Its goal is to find reliable, good employers who match well with motivated, qualified local labor. The firms it recommends must meet minimum employment standards, and there are specific regulations concerning worker recruitment. On the firm side of the match, the agency helps foreign employers select and register Filipino workers, and it facilitates the transport of labor to the other country. It imposes strict conditions on private recruiters, which receive licenses that must be

renewed periodically, subject to proof of appropriate conditions of ownership and financial standing, and proof of viability of their foreign partnerships.

In sum, the Philippines have developed, over the course of more than 25 years, a multi-pronged system of support to labor migration, based on a functional division of tasks. The various agencies enjoy a de facto autonomous status but report to the Department of Labor. The POEA holds a first-among-peers status because

purview, which might be tempted to run an agenda of their own.

Ukraine, given its sheer size, contributes the largest amount of labor migrants in the region, roughly evenly split between the Russian Federation and the European Union. However, the *Concept of State Migration Policy*, its main strategic document on migration issues, was adopted only in the middle of 2011, after over fifteen years of discussion in parliament and other state bodies. Ukraine never really considered migration policy a priority. Instead, it tried to control immigration while doing little for Ukrainians working abroad. For krainian Society for

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oversight or even advisory functions with regard to decisions that other government bodies may take to affect migration outcomes. The country that has the largest number of its citizens in the region working abroad, and in areas of the world that have very different requirements, is not able to date to express a consolidated

Georgia, immigration policies have been rather liberal. However, progress on emigration policies, priorities and objectives is only relatively recent. Until 2011, the coordination mechanism among government entities and ministries with regard to migration issues was very weak. In 2011, a State Commission on Migration Issues was set up, with the main goal to strengthen coordination among agencies working on migration issues. The Commission is working on a migration strategy, and an action plan should be ready by the end of 2012. The Commission also intends to improve the legal framework for migration issues. The main points discussed in the draft migration strategy document are the promotion of legal emigration, the fight against and prevention of illegal migration, asylum system development and the promotion of dignified return and reintegration. The draft migration strategy document also defines the responsibilities of the different

Establishing of Special Governmental Body to Support Labour Migrants, Inter-Ministerial Coordination (CP) - Some CP Member Countries have also created special government bodies or authorities to streamline their migration-focused efforts. Since 2005, seven of the 11 CP countries have created new institutional structures. For instance, Pakistan established a Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis in 2008 to better understand the current situation of Pakistani migrants abroad, respond to their core issues and offer solutions. The ministry also offers short- and long-term programs for manpower development and employment promotion. Like Pakistan, Sri Lanka created a ministry level institution in 2007 that focuses on ensuring the welfare of migrant workers and increasing their ability to find suitable employment abroad. The Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare oversees the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, which regulates recruitment agencies, attends to complaints from migrant workers and conducts orientation and training programs.

1.3 Provision of the state support for social insurance of labor migrants - citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic

Development of mechanisms of voluntary social insurance payments transfer to state and non-state social insurance bodies (Laws of the Kyrgyz Republic -state

Guaranteed State Minimum

-state

Development of legislation to ensure an effective system of social and health insurance of migrant workers (a fund to support migrant workers)

Azerbaijan has also signed bilateral agreements on the social security of migrants with Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Ukraine, Italy, Russia, Moldova and Belarus, *covering social protection* of circular migration between countries and a number of bilateral agreements on cooperation in migration issues with the

thus providing access to the formal financial market for labor migrants. The matricula consular is an identify card, with a photograph and other security features, that attests that the bearer of the card is a national of Mexico living abroad. The card costs about US\$ 29 and is valid for five years. In May 2003, the Treasury Department established regulations recognizing the cards as proof of identity for the purpose of opening a bank account. The cards are accepted for other community services as well. It has been particularly useful for undocumented Mexican migrants in that it provides them with identification documents. In 2005, 118 banks in the United States accepted the matricula consular as an alternative form of identification to open bank accounts. Increased access to banks has the additional benefit of reducing transfer costs of remittances to Mexico.

Organization of the focused activities with the aim to find new labor markets and explore new needs of existing markets. To initiate and sign bilateral agreements between the KR and the foreign countries, regulating the processes of employment of the KR citizens (the Gulf countries, the EU)

with the RF and the RK on regulation of the issues of pensions of the KR citizens, temporary working in the territory of these states

with the RF and the RK on acquired social security rights regardless of the country of residence. Portability may be complete, partial, or regulation of the issues of not available. Fully portable arrangements guarantee the actuarial value of accrued pension rights when

There are bilateral agreements with some EU countries and migrant sending countries. These agreements focus on the penalties that EU countries can impose on pensions earned by third country migrants if they receive that pension in another country. There are advantages of bilateral agreements. Two examples are agreements between Germany and Morocco and Germany and Turkey. An agreement between the US and Mexico was worked out and proposed to go into effect in 2005, but this was subject to Congressional approval which was not forthcoming.

The bilateral agreement between Germany and Morocco reduces the penalty for receiving an EU pension outside of the EU. A German pensioner can receive her German pension in any country of the world without penalty; this is not true for a non-German worker. The bilateral agreement with Morocco allows migrants to Germany who contributed to the German statutory pension plan to receive their full benefits if they left Germany and retired in Morocco.

In contrast, Algeria did not (in 2005) have a bilateral agreement with Germany so any Algerian migrant to Germany who contributed to the German statutory pension plan received a 30 percent reduction in the pension if she chose to retire and receive her pension in Algeria. If the Algerian pensioner chose to retire and receive her pension in Morocco, then her pension would be regulated through the bilateral Germany-Morocco agreement, and she would receive her full pension without the 30 percent penalty. A Turkish or Tunisian migrant who earned pension rights in Germany can only receive her full pension if she retires in the EU or any country with which Germany has a bilateral treaty; she would receive a 30 percent reduction in her pension if she retired in any other country.

worked in only one country.

The pension itself is based on total contributions as in the EU, but the pension is not fairly apportioned. Migrants can choose to retire and take their total contributions to a country with a more favorable pension l1 is very low. One

reason is the lack of knowledge among migrants of how the system works and benefits them. The second reason is that the system is available only if the worker is not fully vested in any one country so migrants with a long period of work in any one country do not qualify. There is no adjustment for wage inflation, and there are different requirements by age and periods of contribution. This arrangement would be a poor model for the Kyrgyz Republic to adopt.

The system for MERCOSUR

migrant who had worked in Austria for many years is covered by the Austrian health care system which is heavily subsidized. If he retires in Morocco and receives a 1000 Euro charge for medical treatment there, he can apply to the Austrian health care system for reimbursement but only if he has continued to pay for coverage. If the charge for this treatment in Austria is only 500 Euros, Austria will pay 80% of the Austrian charge, or 400 Euros. The rest of the cost of care in Morocco has to be borne by the retiree.

The United States Social Security Administration does not reimburse any medical expenses incurred outside of the US. The SSA is afraid that is cannot monitor the care and determine if it was necessary. Legal migrants, however, can return to the US for care. This is common practice throughout the world for legal residents and the wind for legal residents. For those who cannot return to the US, the Mexican government created an alternative. The Mexican Social Security Institute offers health insurance for migrants and their families (in Mexico or abroad). The cost ranged from \$97 a year for children under age 19 to \$256 a year for adults age 60 and over in 2005. The policies are available to non-migrants as well. In the US, the policies can be purchased at consulates in Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles.

In many Gulf countries, health insurance must be purchased by the employer for the migrant worker. This covers health care while the migrant is in the Gulf region. If they return home after work, the care is covered

Bilateral agreements are also common. 19.25 96.26409.25. nys.()20480000530049668e

		who hold identity cards issued by the Kerala government. The insurance covers accidental death, pern				
		or partial disability.				
	activities mechanisms of migration authorities of the	In Moldova , the National Commission for Population and Development (NCPD), provides policy coordination and has a mandate to identify mechanisms to collect and exchange disaggregated data on the main demographic indicators, including migration. The NCPD holds regular meetings organized through a				
	exchange of data on arriving and departing labor migrants	permanent Secretariat, which ensures coordination among agencies on development of the annual work program. The responsibility for data collection rests with the National Bureau of Statistics (represented in the commission through its Director General, with the support of the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and				
	(signing the interdepartmental international agreements)	Family.				

sending countries, particularly small ones such as the Kyrgyz republic. The Colombo Process has attained a number of successes, but it is also characterized by a very high degree of formalization, which may not be optimal for all aspects of international discussions, particularly in the FSU region. On the other hand, the EU-EaP experience is essentially driven by the EU agenda, and lacks to a large extent the multilateralism in decision and consensus-making that might be desirable.

Joint Management of Migration by Sending and Destination Countries/International Cooperation (UN/ILO): It is crucial therefore that there is an effective system of governance at both ends of the process which recognizes this reality. ILO and UN Conventions on migrant workers suggest that bilateral agreements and/or MOUs between origin and destination countries are an effective way of setting out the rights and obligations of employers, migrants, private agencies and government instrumentalities in the migration process. These have certainly become more popular in the Asia-Pacific region. Korea, for example, has in recent years conducted 14 MOUs with sending countries. On the sending side, Indonesia has in the last few years signed MOUs with Malaysia (2), Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Jaatib5(Je)9(r)-2(,)-97d5(us)977(s)

particular characteristics (age, marital status) for deployment to particular countries (Philippines).

Prevention / Non-Admission of Violation of Migrants Rights (UN/ILO): UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families - to undertake the necessary political initiatives to ensure speedy ratification of the Convention.

The country of origin can

conditions of workers, setting up mechanisms like labor attaches and branches of national banks in destination countries for sending remittances on the favourable conditions to the country of origin.

Best practice could involve a high level of cooperation between governments of sending and receiving countries on these issues involving: a MOU which specifies the conditions under which labor migrants are accepted into a country, their minimum conditions, rights and obligations (and those of their employer), etc.; mechanism to allow regular discussions between countries on migrant issues.

Equal Rights with Local Workers (ILO/UN): According to ILO Convention No. 97, migrant workers lawfully residing in the country shall not be treated less favourably than nationals in the areas of remuneration, hours of work and overtime, holidays with pay, restrictions on homework, minimum age, training and employment of women and young persons, such matters are regulated by law or regulations or under control of the administrative authorities.

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regard to working conditions for all regular migrant workers who perform the same activity whatever might be their particular conditions of employment.

UN - those who are lawfully present in the host country as well as those who are undocumented or in an irregular situation - urable than that which applies to nationals of the State of employment in respect of remuneration and other conditions...

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Although sending governments can play their role in the protection and support of migrants in destinations, the situation is more influenced by employers, governments, and the society in those destinations. Destination governments play a central role because they set the conditions under which migrant workers can enter their country, the rights and access to services to which migrants are entitled, and the obligations which they have while being in the country. An example of best practice here includes those undertaken by the New Zealand Government in piloting its RSE seasonal TLM program for selected Pacific Island countries. Some of the

			banks to establish branches in major destinations of their migrant workers to facilitate the sending of remittances. There has been an increasing realization in several Asian emigration and labor exporting countries that remittances can make an important contribution to national, regional and local economies. In 1990s the Indonesian Government has expressed the aim of replacing its dominantly unskilled worker outflow with semi-skilled and skilled workers in order to maximize remittance inflows.
			Best practice in both origin and destination countries involves educating migrant workers and potential migrant workers about all of the alternatives for sending money home, especially the availability of lower cost and more secure options. The sending country can support this by encouraging national and other banks from the home country to establish low-cost channels for remittances, including setting up branches in major destinations. Particular notice should be taken of new low-cost alternatives including mobile phone based remittances.
			Safe and Free Return to Home Community (ILO): When destination countries facilitate safe and free return to the home community, it is an important part of best practice.
			Reintegration of Migrants Upon Return (ILO, CP): Return to the home country is a fundamental characteristic of temporary labor migration and can be crucial in determining the extent of the developmental impact of migration. Reintegration programs for returning migrant workers have not been well developed. airport-based Migrant Worker Service Posts to screen and collect data on all returning migrant workers, provide preliminary health care to migrant workers reporting health problems and refer those in need of follow up legal, physical and mental rehabilitation assistance to competent services and facilitate transport services to place of origin in Indonesia. It is predominantly the responsibility of the origin country and the community to provide the context in which the returning migrant worker can have maximum impact on local, regional and national development.
			CP Member Countries have initiated and managed specific programs to provide preferential access to start-up investments of returnees; to offer loans for new businesses at the local government level; provide entrepreneurship training to migrant women; support private-sector efforts to provide job-matching services to returnees; support reintegration support services that civil society actors provide.
2.3	To prepare a package	Draft and sign a memorandum	(for this part see also the part on bi-laterals)
	of proposals to enter	of understanding between the	
	the regime of free	KR and the Eurasian	The Colombo Process: The Colombo Process was established in 2003 by 11 Asian countries to monitor and
	movement of the KR	Economic Commission	discuss implementation of
	labor force to the	Draft and sign an agreement between the KR and CU / EEC	involved four ministerial-level consultations, and involves high-level participation from destination countries, as well as a number of international organizations.

countries

on migration issues

Legislation and policy formulation

Creation of Government bodies to support labor migrants

Bilateral agreements and memoranda of understanding between CP members and receiving countries Innovative programs at national and local level to foster implementation of migration support structures

Eastern Partnership EU Collaboration: The European Union has had an ongoing policy of collaboration

wo of job cou	to account the differences in socio-cultural roles, needs and opportunities, constraints and vulnerabilities of omen and men (ILO, 2003). The policy should consider the special needs of women by identifying aspects the migration process where they are particularly vulnerable. The policy should also identify specialized b markets for women where they may be particularly exposed to abuse or exploitation while in the home ountry or the destination country, and take preventive measures. It should also account of special needs of omen due to gender differences.
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3. Developing the capacity of labor migrants, aimed at raising pre-departure and professional training and skills, and improve awareness of labor market participants on perspectives and conditions of employment within the country and abroad

3.1 Improvement of labor

awareness on perspectives and conditions of employment within the country and abroad Establishment of seven regional advisory centers for migrants on the issues of preparation for a trip abroad Indonesia: Placement agencies are regulated and subjected to various provisions, such as licensing, the

country and should help migrants adjust to their new work environment.

Mexico:

The Institute for Mexicans Abroad, under the concept that financial education and access to banking Mexicans are job promotion and consular protections, developed a *Financial Education Program for Mexican Migrants*. This approach helps migrants seek programs and services that provide tools for better decision-making on the future planning and management of their resources. The program is promoted through the Consular Network in collaboration with various non-profit organizations, banks, credit unions and remittance companies that already offer financial education programs aimed at the Hispanic community. They develop three main lines of action:

Conducting *Information Sessions* that offer specific financial education for bi-national collaboration mechanisms with banks, credit unions, federal and community organizations in order to implement strategies to bring financial education programs to more Mexicans.

Promoting *Consulate Banks agreements*, through which access is allowed to representatives of US banks that accept the Matricular Consular and companies in Mexico to promote financial education of Mexican migrants through courses, workshops, and distribution information in Spanish.

Promoting *programs and financial education resources* offered by other organizations in the United States and Mexico; useful for Mexicans abroad because they provide timely information to enable them to open a bank account, send money safely and have access to credit.

Indonesia: Migrants can receive certificates to prove their level of skill. Mental and physical health exams and identification cards are provided by the government. BNP2TKI provides training if workers are placed under government to government contracts. The Ministry of Manpower and other agencies provide training for other migrants. Training differs by occupation in the destination. The duration of the training varies by destination.

IOM's migrant training. Approximately 86 per cent of the participants during this period were resettlement-related. The remaining 14 per cent of training participants consist of skilled and unskilled labor migrants, asylum seekers, marriage migrants, immigrant visa applicants, and family members of trafficked persons. Many attended either a pre-departure, pre-employment or financial literacy course or a country-of-destination briefing designed to prepare them for their relocation, whether for work, study, or extended living purposes.

Right for Education/Training/Skills Development/Pre-Departure Orientation Programmes (ILO) - The elements of the best practices in pre-departure training could also include: specific skills training; targeted cultural awareness, some key phrases in the language of the destination; clear explanation of the rights and obligations of both migrant workers and employers; ridding workers of false expectations, especially relating to their jobs; empowering migrant workers by guiding them on their possible response to exploitation,

cheating, excessive work load, non-payment of salary, etc.; providing them with clear instructions of how to

may take place in pre-departure of the skilled migrant worker:

There could be regional attempts for agreed skills which being certified could be recognized across the region. For example, it has been suggested that this could be the case in areas like welding and the operation of sophisticated machinery. This is under discussed in APEC countries.

Bilateral and multilateral efforts between countries to examine curricula and qualifications to establish their acceptability at destination, and if not, what possible remedies there are to correct the deficiencies.

Courses both in origin and/or destination to make up these deficiencies in training.

In the pre-departure preparation it is a good practice to use returned migrant workers to share their first-hand experiences of problems frequently encountered at destination and effective strategies for dealing with them. The pre-departure context can also be useful in helping workers set up secure and cheaper mechanisms for

In Australia, the Commonwealth Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business provides national recognition in metal and electrical trades for permanent residents and skills assessment in most trades for people applying to migrate to Australia. State governments also provide assistance with skills recognition, such as the Overseas Qualifications Unit in the Victorian Department of State Development, which operates under the coordinating umbrella of the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition, which is part of the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

equivalence to those gained

Under the law, there was created the CONMIGRANTES - National Council for the Protection of Migrants and their Families - under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The purpose of the board is to develop public policies to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to migrants.

Philippines: The new law was the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995; it formed the legal

Affairs which provides legal assistance services for overseas Filipino workers and overseas Filipinos in

agency which provides insurance, loans and other financial services to members. There is a \$25 member ship fee from foreign employers which is usually shifted to workers (wage adjustment, for example). Membership is required for official migrants. Services include: (1) repatriation and worker protection, (2) insurance, (3) loans, (4) scholarships, and (5) protection for temporary workers.

- (1) OWWA helps repatriate ill or distressed workers. It negotiates with firms and other authorities, facilitates exit (visa, monetary claims, medical and police reports). It coordinates with the Embassy for other details and transport. The Emergency Repatriation Fund is used for evacuation expenses. Counseling, legal, and diplomatic services (if imprisoned, for example) are provided.
- (2) OWWA provides life and personal accident insurance, natural disaster and other accident insurance, and burial insurance. Health insurance is available for a fee (\$18 in 2007). It provides money for work disabilities and ilwork

different ways, either in the form of continuous optional insurance after a period of previous mandatory coverage or by allowing returning migrant workers to cover retroactively the periods during which they were employed abroad. The latter option may be particularly attractive where migrant workers have received a lump-sum payment of the social security rights, which they have acquired in the country of employment.

Philippines: Potential migrants and migrants *have good information* on what jobs are available and what skills are needed for these jobs. This reduces their search among jobs for which they do not qualify. Bilateral and multilateral agreements with some countries have improved the matching of workers and employers and affected human rights. POEA maintains a roster of approved job-seekers (passed the language and medical tests, of good character) who want to work in Korea; the Ministry of Labor in Korea informs POEA of its ceiling on jobseekers at different levels of skill.

India Kerala state: NORKA-Roots posts job vacancies in print, government circulars, and *online*. It set up a website in 2010 (www.jobsnorka.gov.in) for employers to search for the right workers and prospective emigrant workers to look for good jobs. This jobs portal could become an ideal place to find information about potential destinations.

India: The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs develops a helpline in India to provide needed information

					element of best practice. Programs in the Philippines by both government and NGO instrumentalities have demonstrated how effective this can be.
	To	develop	and	adopt	

The Mexican Talent Network was established as a means to share the knowledge and talents of high skilled Mexican emigrants in the US with local workers and entrepreneurs. The IME holds conferences that bring together business owners and experts in technical fields, health, and the automobile industry. The program offers mentoring to Mexican IT companies and internship opportunities in the automobile industry in the US.

and engineering, particularly those in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. IDV

workers.

Public Support of Reputable Employers (ILO): An important element in the best practices of destination countries

here involves granting a special status to employers who have a good reputable history of abiding by regulations and fairness in dealing with migrants. This status involves less complex application for workers and reporting. However, for other employers, inspection and full compliance with regulations is necessary.

government contract. Other agencies provide vocational training to other migrants. Training differs by occupation and destination. All migrants can obtain training in language and culture.

In India, MOIA provides specific technical training which is not required and is not free. There are training programs at the state level as well. NORKA-Roots in Kerala verifies school certification and skill upgrade. One coug