



# Education for Migrants in the Ultimate Storm

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# Global Economic Crisis



- n **Government failure to regulate financial sector**
- n **Bail-out of the private sector by governments**
- n **Massive retrenchment, lay-offs and increase in unemployment**
- n **Protectionist policies and stringent border control.**

# Global Climate Change

- n Loss of lives, property and resources
- n 36 million people displaced in 2008 – “environmental migrants”
- n Unsustainable ecosystems



# Crisis in Values



- n **Personal interest vs common good**
- n **Unsustainable consumption & waste**
- n **Greed – insatiable lust for money and material wealth**

- n **Hubris** – arrogance derived from delusion that the great size of one's holdings alone will insulate one from any economic distress



# Migration landscape

- \* Almost 1 billion people on the move
- \* 214 million (21.4%) international migrants
- \* 70 million move from developing countries to developed countries
- \* 48% international migrants are women
- \* 25% are young migrants
- \* Less than 1% of Africans live in Europe
- \* US\$246 billion remittance flows to developing countries.

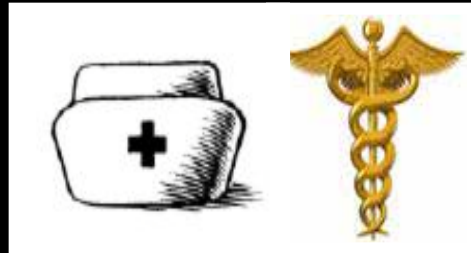
# **International migration is a power problem!**

## **It is a new face of an old problem**

It will persist because of:

- \* Demographic factor – ageing population
- \* Structural labor imbalance
- \* Poverty and underdevelopment in origin countries
- \* Wage differentials and opportunities for advancement in host countries

# Education



## Public Sector:

Education & skills development for the global market

## Private sector:

Business and knowledge-based education & competencies



# *Social Sector*

**Life skills &  
competencies  
for survival &  
well being  
coping with  
poverty,  
hunger,  
unemployment,  
health &  
disasters**



# Education must build a new person for a new day!

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A new education paradigm that:

- > Strengthen the social sector as a driver for human and economic development.
- > Give primacy to social values and promote the common good
- > Rebuild and restore sustainable ecosystems resilient to crisis and disasters

# What education be for migrant youth



**Strengthen the capacity of the social sector  
Restore economic and natural ecosystems**



# Social entrepreneurship



**Create your own job  
and those in your  
community.**

**Develop and release  
the creative and  
innovative talents of  
migrant youth and  
adults.**



# Policy recommendations

1. Strengthen regular migration channels and regularize undocumented migrants and their children that increase their access to continuing education and skills training and upgrading.
2. Provide migrant workers the same education and training opportunities in the workplace as local workers.
3. Private sector establish education funds and engage with social sector for workplace and community-based adult and youth education programs.

## Specific proposals

- \* **Encourage local governments in host and sending countries to provide continuing education at community level.**
- \* **Formally recognize migrants' new competencies as a result of continuing education and experience in the workplace in host countries.**
- \* **Standardize training regimes across countries so that all credentials become uniform and can be recognized.**
- \* **Private business and institutions employing migrant workers provide education funds for continued training to replace loss of human resources and skills in origin countries, e.g. teachers, nurses & other medical workers, etc.**

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**Maraming Salamat!**  
***Thank you!***

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