

[OWWA MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 008, August 23, 2010]

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL REINTEGRATION CENTER FOR OFWS

In the interest of the service and pursuant to DOLE Department Orders No. 101-10 and 101-A-10, series of 2010, placing the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) under the supervision of the Office of the Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, the following guidelines are hereby issued.

1.0 NATURE

The NRCO funds from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) shall finance the reintegration program for the returning OFWs and their families. Said funds shall be treated as grants under the training-cum-production scheme and should be disbursed to finance various livelihood projects of the intended beneficiaries as identified herein.

2.0 COVERAGE

The fund shall cover any of the following OFW groups and/or Individual proponent;

- 2.1 OFW Family Circles (OFCs)
- 2.2. OFC Federations
- 2.3 OFC Cooperatives
- 2.4 OFW Returnees Associations
- 2.5 Repatriated and/or Displaced OFWs

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 OFW group proponents such as the OFCs, federations, cooperatives, and returnees associations must be duly registered with any of the following government entities:

- a. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).
- b. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- c. Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

3.2 Individual OFW (repatriated and/or displaced) must have returned to the country due to any of the following reasons:

- a. Employment-related problems
- b. Health-related concerns.
- c. Contract pre-termination under economic reasons.

4.0 PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Proof of displacement due to economic reasons (for individual OFW)
- 4.2 Proof of repatriation (for individual OFW).
- 4.3 Business/Project proposal.
- 4.4 Proof of OFW group registration (for OFCs, cooperatives, etc.)
- 4.5 Application Form

5.0 MECHANICS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Project Evaluation for Funding

5.1.1 All projects that have been earlier approved by DOLE and subsequently submitted to NRCO for funding, prior to the issuance of this MOI, shall be deemed approved for funding.

5.1.2 Prospective project proposals shall be acted upon the completion of the following preparatory activities by the proponent:

- 5.1.2.1 Entrepreneurship orientation or business counseling;
- 5.1.2.2 Production/skills training, and/or;
- 5.1.2.3 Other social preparations deemed necessary by RWOs.

5.1.3 RWO heads shall be primarily responsible in the evaluation of all projects for funding and their prioritization based on a) feasibility study, b) funding requirement and, c) perceived impact;

5.1.4 All above preparatory activities shall be conducted either by the RWOs or any of its accredited partner government organizations (GOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs).

5.2 Amount of Grant

Based on a) the category of the proponent, b) the feasibility of the project, and c) the capitalization requirement, each proponent shall be entitled to receive the following grant;

5.2.1 OFW Group – from Php50,000.00 and above. The Maximum amount, however, shall not exceed the total amount corresponding to the number of members and the maximum amount per individual (ex. 10 members x Php15,000 =Php 150,000.00).

5.2.2 Individual proponent - from Php 5,000.00 to Php 15,000.00

5.2.3 RWO Heads are authorized to determine the amount of grant for each proponent. RWOs may utilize the services and expertise of partners for this purpose.

5.3 Approving Authority