



July 14, 2014

The Honorable Manuel Ortega
Governor
Province of La Union
Provincial Capitol
City of San Fernando
La Union 2500

Dear Governor Ortega,

Greetings from the Scalabrini Migration Center!

I am pleased to share with you that the Philippines is one of ten countries participating in a research project exploring the interrelations of public policies, migration and development. The project aims to examine the links between international migration policies and programs and public policies not directly concerned with international migration, and to analyze how these links (or lack of links) bear on development policies and outcomes.

The project is spearheaded by the OECD Development Centre, with the National Economic Development Authority and the Commission of Filipinos Overseas as the focal government agencies and the Scalabrini Migration Center as the implementing research partner. Across the ten countries, primary data collection includes a household survey, interviews with community officials in sites where the household survey is carried out, and interviews with key stakeholders. In the Philippines, a survey of 2,000 households was launched in May in four selected provinces, namely, Laguna, Pangasinan, Cebu and Davao del Sur. Interviews with community officials were carried out in the sampled research sites. We expect to complete this phase of data collection by the end of June.

We are now preparing to conduct the stakeholders' interviews. This part of the research aims to understand the policy environment of migration and public policies, the coordination between migration-related agencies and agencies not directly involved with migration, and how the links may be strengthened to achieve development outcomes. In this connection, I am writing to request for an interview with you to share your organization's policies and programs. The interview will take about 1-1.5 hours and will cover the following topics:

- Perceptions of the international migration situation in the Philippines and the place of international migration in the work of your organization;
- Key policies and programs of your organization;
- Policies and programs on international migration undertaken by your organization;
- Coordination between government agencies on public policies and potential links with international migration; and
- Coordination with non-government stakeholders on public policies in general and international migration in particular.

We hope to schedule the interview with you within the next few weeks. If we may suggest, would it be possible to meet with you on July 25, 2014, 10:00AM in your organization's office? Our focal person, Ms. Sheila Marie Dasig of Lyceum Northwestern University, will follow up our request in the coming days.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Truly yours,

Graziano Battistella
Director