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BAGONG PILIPINAS

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 05
Series of 2024

**INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS
FILIPINO WORKERS IN DISTRESSED SITUATIONS UNDER THE AGARANG
KALINGA AT SAKLOLO PARA SA MGA OFWs NA NANGANGAILANGAN
(AKSYON) FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Republic Act No. 11641, otherwise known as the Department of Migrant Workers Act, established the *Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangangailangan* (AKSYON) Fund to provide legal, medical, financial and other forms of assistance to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), including repatriation, shipment of human remains, evacuation, rescue and any other analogous form of assistance to protect the rights of Filipino nationals;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Migrant Workers issued Department Orders No. 04 and 05, Series of 2023 to provide guidelines on the implementation and granting assistance through the AKSYON Fund;

WHEREAS, Department Order No. 05, Series of 2023 prescribed the coverage of immediate financial assistance to be granted to OFWs and/or their families severely affected and/or displaced or unable to leave or report to work due to economic downturn, policy-shift, political unrest in the host countries, natural calamities or human-induced emergencies, disasters, epidemics, pandemics, abuses, or exploitations, human trafficking, severe illness, those with pending claims or complaints against their employers, and families of OFWs in death row, and other meritorious cases.

WHEREFORE, in the interest of the service and to ensure that OFWs and/or their next of kin are supported with financial resources to cope and recover from their distressful situation and help in their ability to return to normalcy, the amount of immediate financial assistance is hereby increased as follows:

- I. **Financial Assistance** – the qualified beneficiary shall receive a one-time immediate cash financial grant in the amount indicated as follows:

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a. Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00)

- OFWs severely affected and/or displaced due to economic downturn / recession in the host country, bankruptcy of the company/employer, involuntary separation from employment due to retrenchment or downsizing, closure or cessation of operation, redundancy
- OFWs who are victims of abuses, exploitation, maltreatment, or contract violations
- OFWs who are victims of illegal recruitment or human trafficking
- OFWs who are victims of natural calamities in the host countries
- Next of kin of incarcerated OFWs serving their sentence

b. Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00)

- OFWs with severe/serious illness, injury or mental health condition
- OFWs who experience abuse/exploitation resulting to physical disability, injuries, or mental health condition
- OFWs displaced due to war, political unrest and/or other extraordinary circumstances
- Next of kin of OFWs in death row

c. One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00)

- Next of kin of OFWs who passed away in the host country due to natural or accidental causes
- Next of kin of OFWs who passed away within one (1) year from arrival in the Philippines

The request for financial assistance along with the required documents stated under Department Order No. 05, Series of 2023 shall be submitted onsite through the Migrant Workers Office (MWO), or to the DMW if the worker is already in the Philippines, within one (1) year after the arrival in the country.

The mode of payment of the financial assistance shall be in various forms, such as onsite through the MWO, at the airport upon arrival of the OFWs, at the DMW Central Office and its Regional Offices, through bank transfer, cash, money remittance or any other cost-effective mode that can be utilized, subject to existing banking rules and regulations. Bank charges / remittance costs and other related administrative expenses shall be charged against the AKSYON Fund.



II. **Budgetary Requirements**

Funds for the implementation of this financial assistance shall be sourced from the AKSYON Fund, subject to the existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

III. **Effectivity**

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes pertinent provisions of Department Orders No. 04 and 05, Series of 2023.


HANS LEO J. CACDAC
ad interim Secretary

_____ August 2024

