

TRAFFICKING OF ASIAN CITIZENS INTO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: THE PHILIPPINE PERSPECTIVE



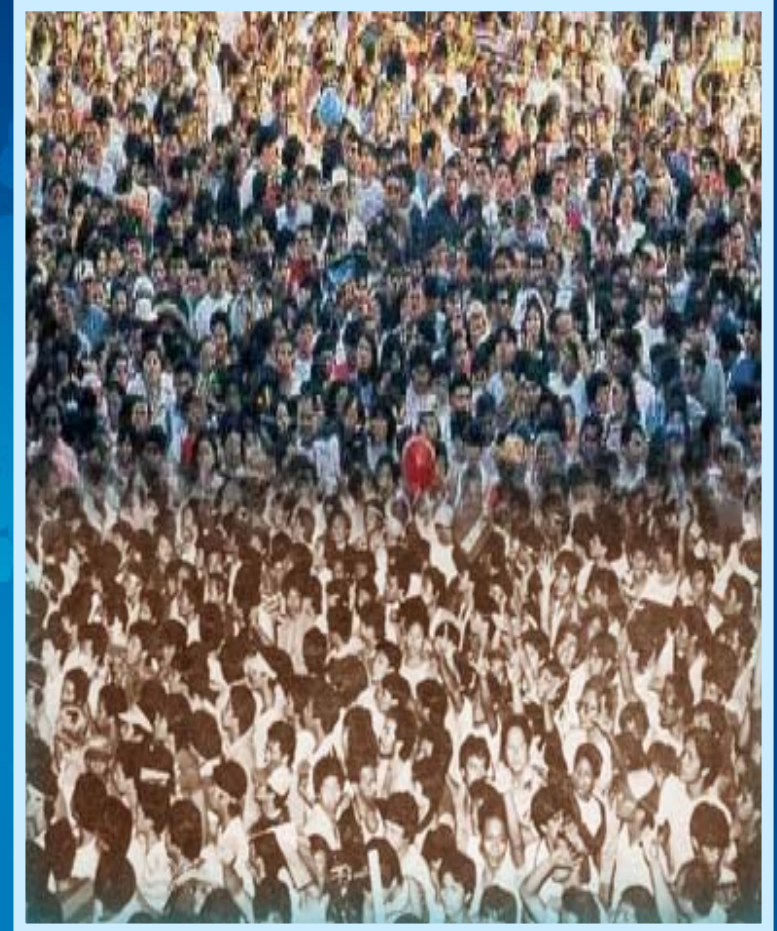
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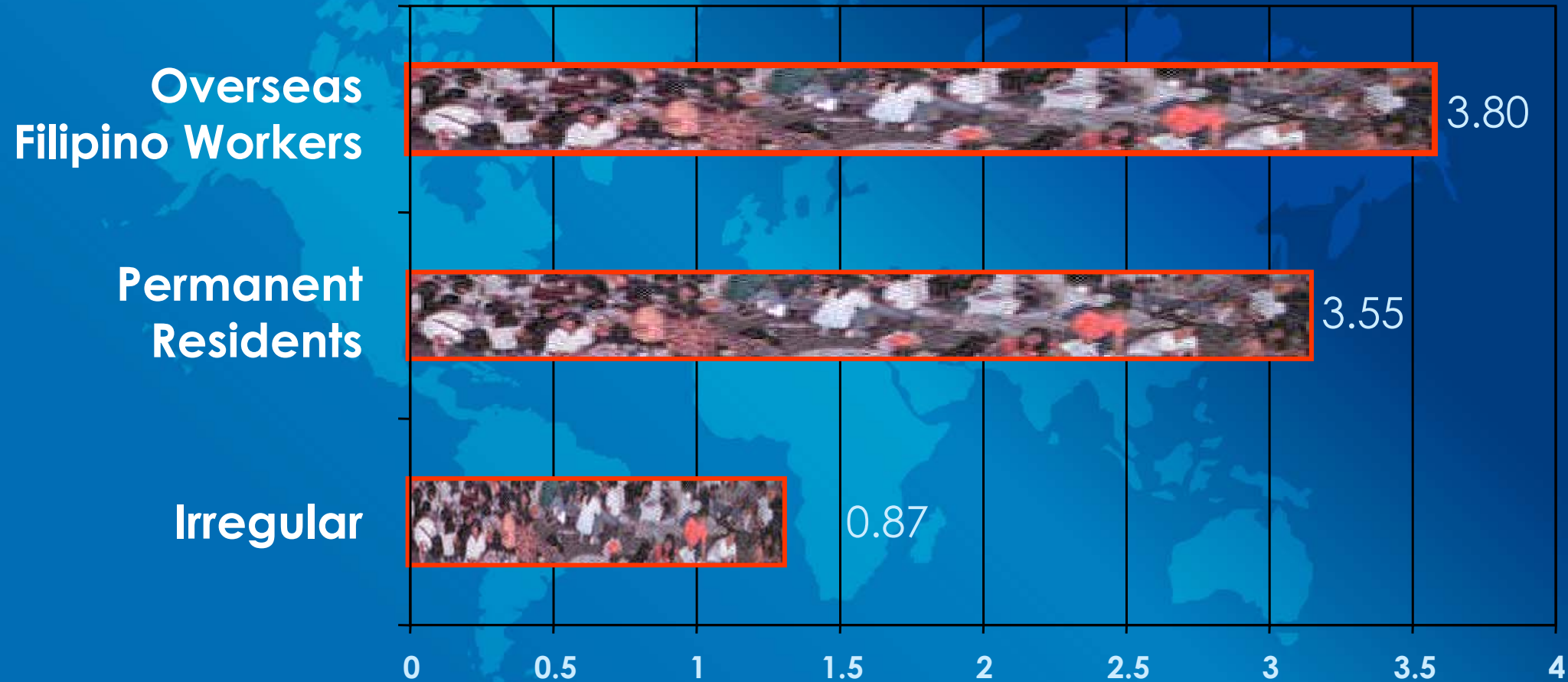
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

- International migrants were estimated between 185-192 million in 2005
- 1 out of 35 persons in the world is an international migrant
- Philippines' stop gap measure in 1970s
- Brought about by construction boom in the Middle East



Source: IOM World Migration 2005

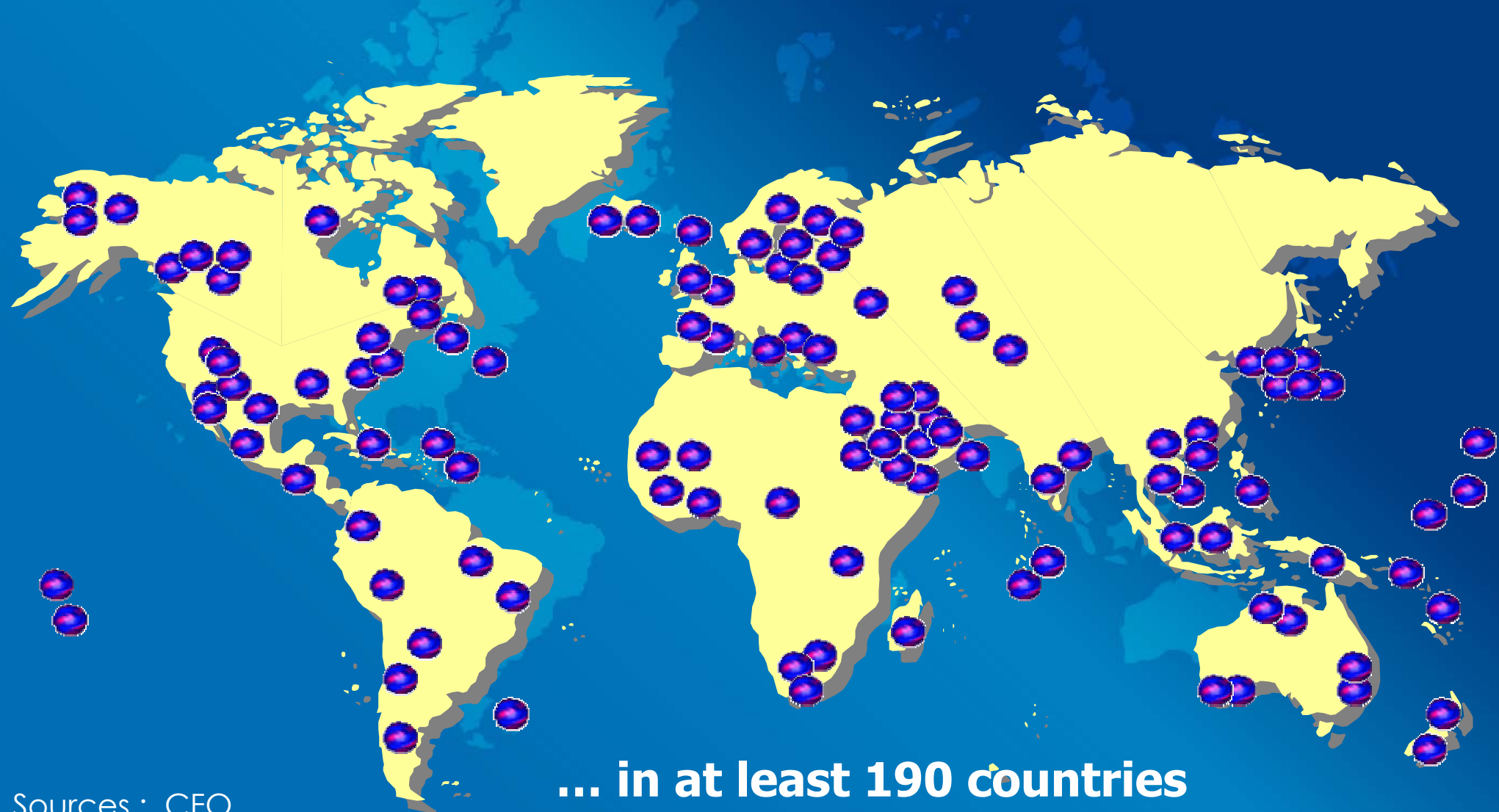
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (As of December 2006)



TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS: 8.233 M

Sources : CFO
POEA, PECs

2006 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS



... in at least 190 countries

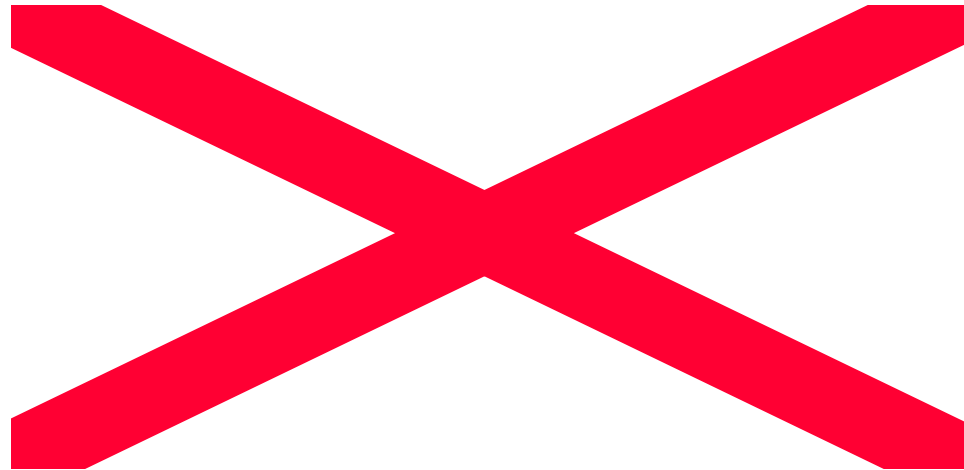
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NUMBER OF DEPLOYMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

	Land based workers	Sea based workers	Total
2006	788,070	274,497	1,062,567
2005	733,970	247,707	981,677
2004	704,586	229,002	933,588
2003	651,938	216,031	867,969
2002	682,315	209,593	891,908
2001	662,648	204,951	867,599

NUMBER OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS BY GENDER AND PROFESSION

Percent



 - Male
 - Female

Source: POEA

NUMBER OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS BY GENDER AND PROFESSION

Skills Category	2004	2005
Professional and Technical workers	94,147 (33.4%)	11,953 (21.5%)
Service workers	113,423 (40.2%)	133,907 (47.7%)
Production workers	63,719 (22.6%)	74,802 (27.0%)
Clerical and sales workers	9,273 (3.3%)	9,799 (3.5%)

NUMBER OF DEPLOYMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Top Ten Destination	2005	2006	% Change
1. KSA	193,991	223,459	15.0
2. Hong Kong	94,553	96,929	1.8
3. UAE	81,707	99,212	20.9
4. Taiwan	46,714	39,025	-16.5
5. Japan	42,586	10,615	-75.1
6. Kuwait	40,248	47,917	18.9
7. Qatar	31,418	45,795	45.7
8. Singapore	27,599	28,369	0.8
9. Italy	21,261	25,413	19.5
10. UK	16,799	16,926	0.1

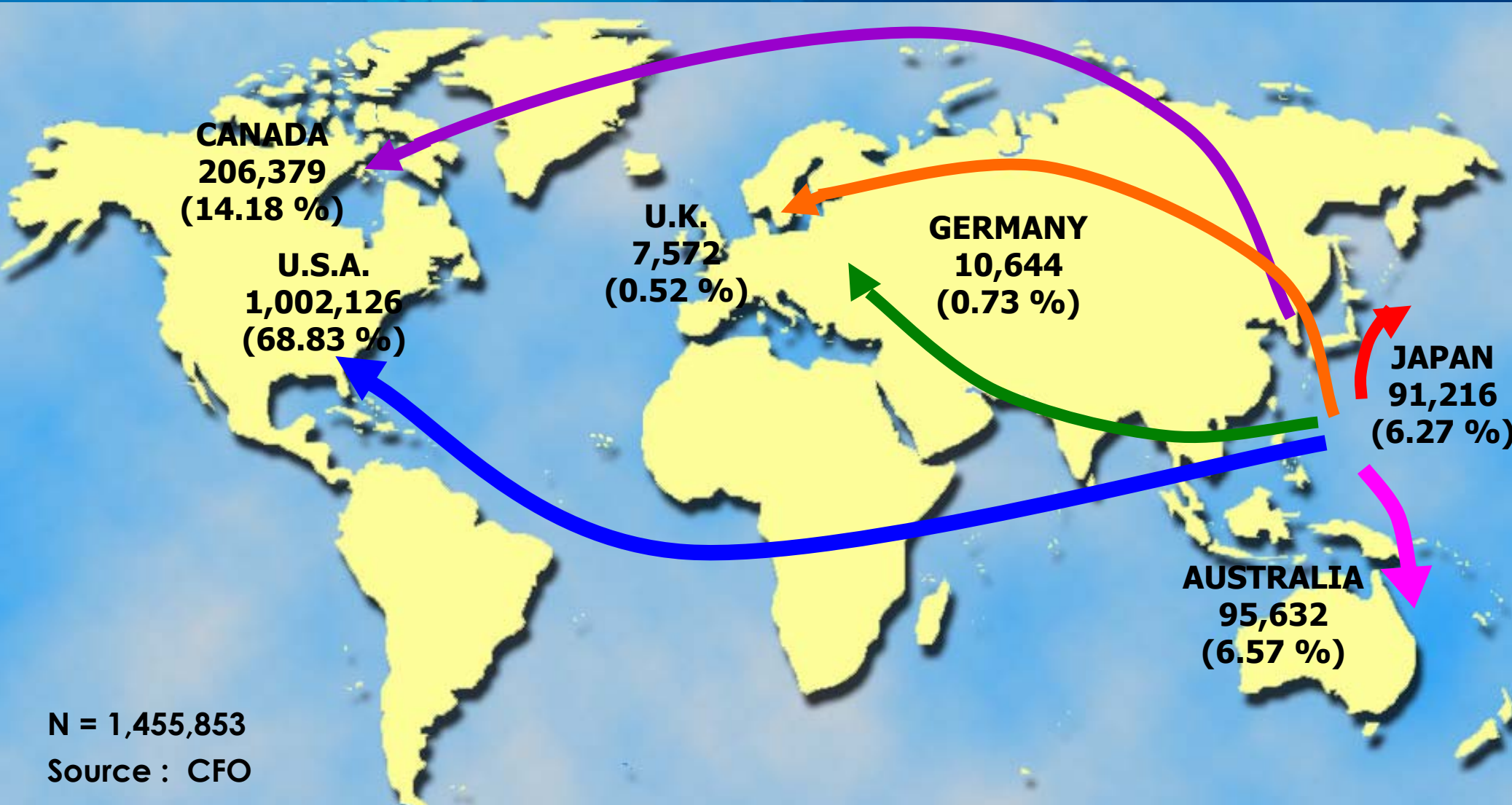
REGISTERED FILIPINO EMIGRANTS (1981-2006)



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NUMBER OF FILIPINO EMIGRANTS BY GENDER AND PROFESSION (1981-2006)

Year	Male	Female	Total	Sex Ratio
2004	26,141	38,783	64,924	67/100
2005	27,333	41,695	69,028	65/100
2006	32,259	50,708	82,967	64/100
1980-2006	582,429	873,424	1,455,853	67/100
Annual Average	22,401	33,593	55,994	67/100

NUMBER OF FILIPINO EMIGRANTS BY GENDER AND PROFESSION (1981-2006)

Major occupational group	Total	Percentage
Professional, technical and related work	165,214	10.94%
Managerial and executive work	16,911	1.13%
Sales and service workers	98,287	6.77%
Clerical work	55,835	4.04%
Production process, operators and laborers	55,924	3.97%

GLOBAL FIGURES ON HUMAN SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING

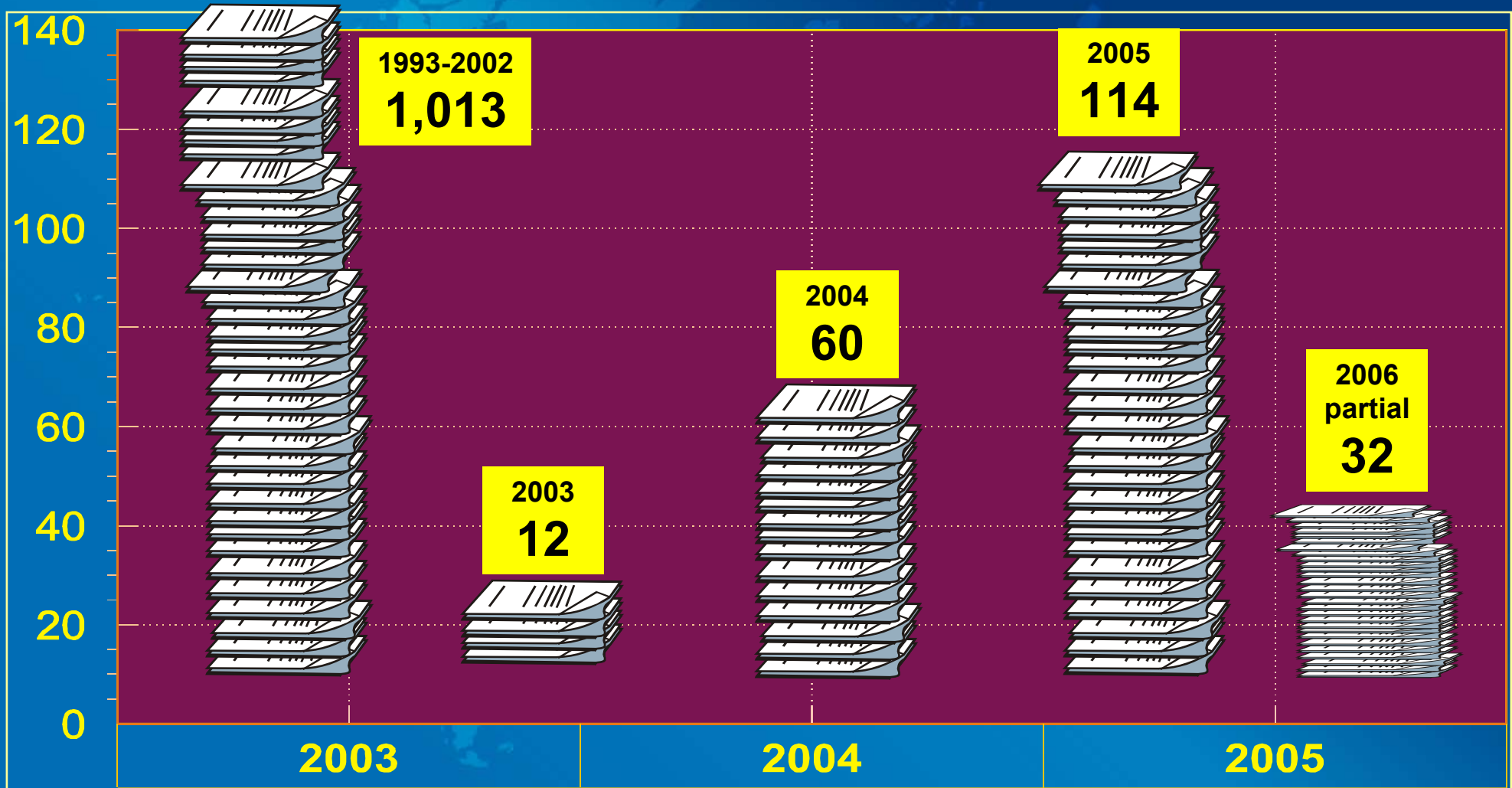
- **Global Profit of US\$8-12 Billion/year**
- **50% of victims are assisted by smugglers or traffickers**
- **600,000-800,000 women and children are trafficked each year**

GLOBAL FIGURES ON HUMAN SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING

- 80% of cross-border trafficked persons are women
- 70% are absorbed by the sex industry
- 50% of victims are from South and Southeast Asia
- 8,000 women and girls trafficked from the Philippines

PROSECUTION

No. of cases received / reported (1993-2006)



Victim Protection & Assistance

DSWD

**Total No. of Victims
Served 2003-2006**

1,449

Year	Sex		Total # of Victims
	Male	Female	
2003	6	116	122
2004	23	141	164
2005	154	320	474
2006	69	120	189
NCR 2003-2006	22	478	500
Grand Total	274	1,175	1,449

Source : IACAT

Victim Protection & Assistance

Year	Age Group						Grand Total
	Below 12	13-17	18-22	23-28	29-33	34-42	
2003	10	37	39	32	1	3	122
2004	42	7	69	38	4	4	164
2005	208	104	105	41	12	4	474
2006	24	109	30	20	4	2	189
NCR 03-06	27	392	22	25	24	10	500
Total	311	649	265	156	45	23	1,449

Areas where TIP cases are pending

- 45% Metro Manila
- 25% Luzon
- 16% Mindanao
- 11% Visayas

MAP OF THE PHILIPPINES



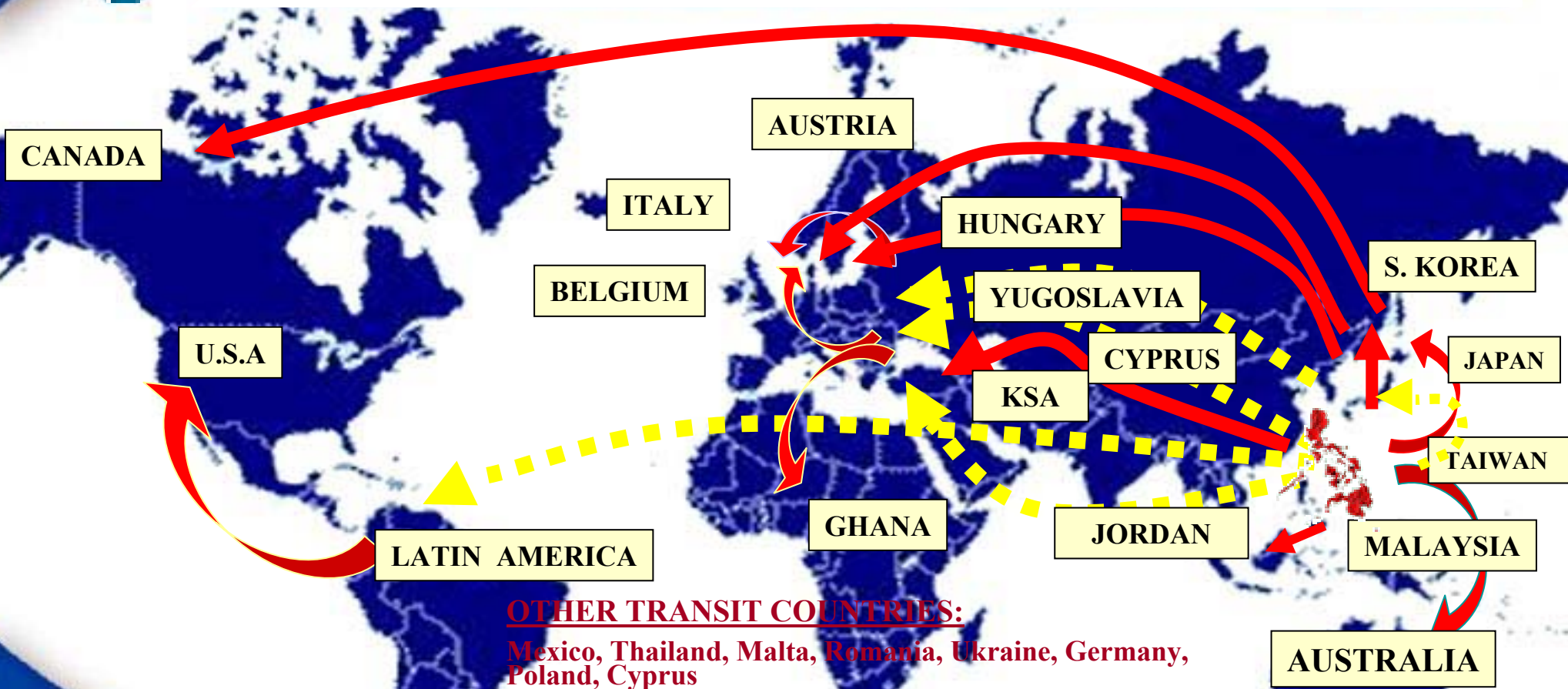
RECOVERY AND REPATRIATION

Trafficking Cases Handled by DFA for 2002-2006

Regions	Cases
Asia Pacific	536
Middle East	111
Africas	35
US and Americas	9
Europe	1
Total	692



TRAFFICKING/SMUGGLING ROUTES AND DESTINATIONS



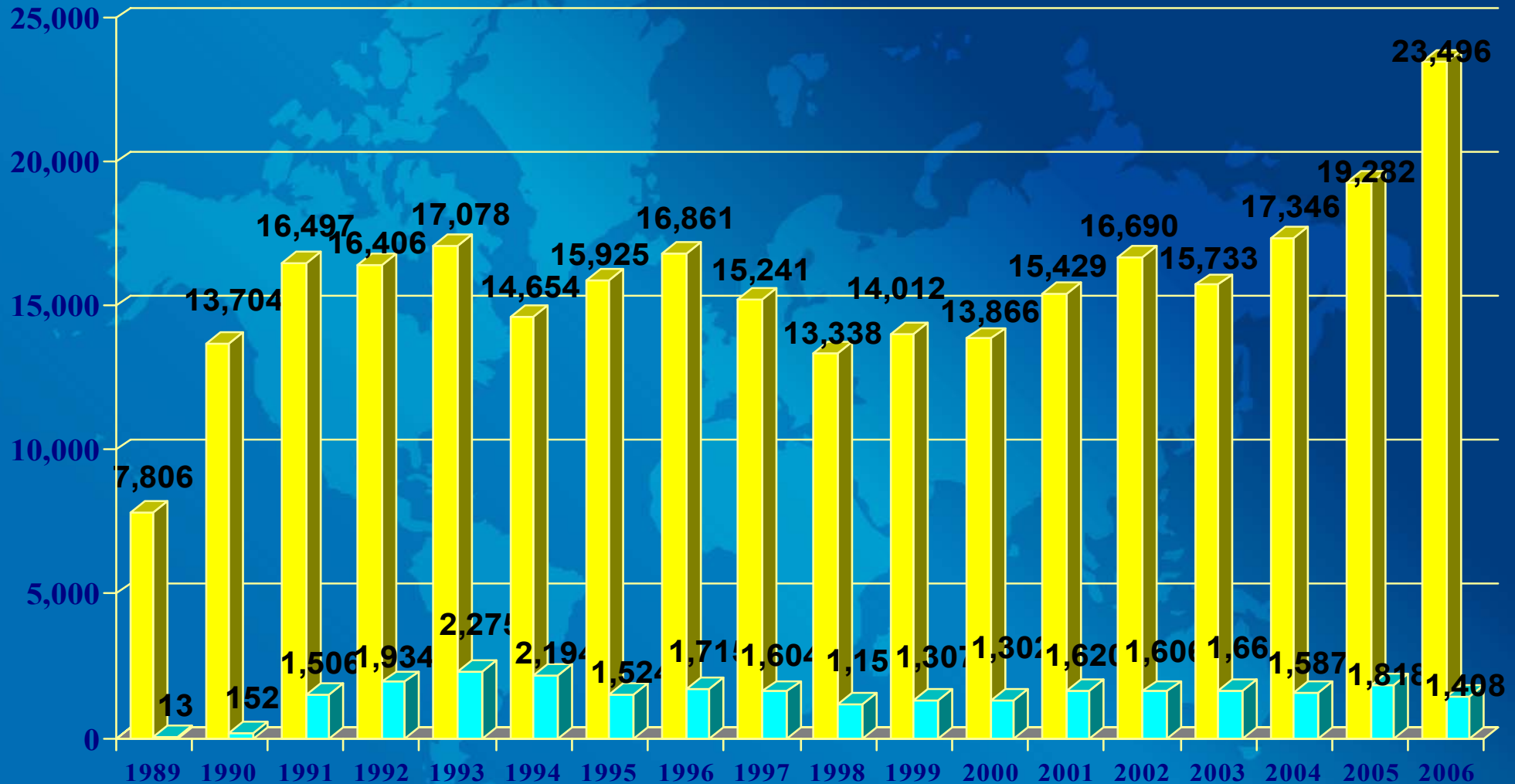
NUMBER OF SPOUSES / OTHER PARTNERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS (1989-2006)



As of 2006: 309,745

Source : CFO

DISTRIBUTION OF FILIPINO SPOUSES / OTHER PARTNERS BY GENDER: (1989–2006)



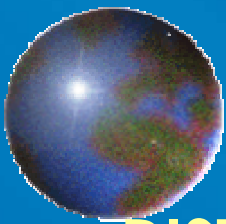
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M = 26,381 (8.5%)

F = 283,364 (91.5%)

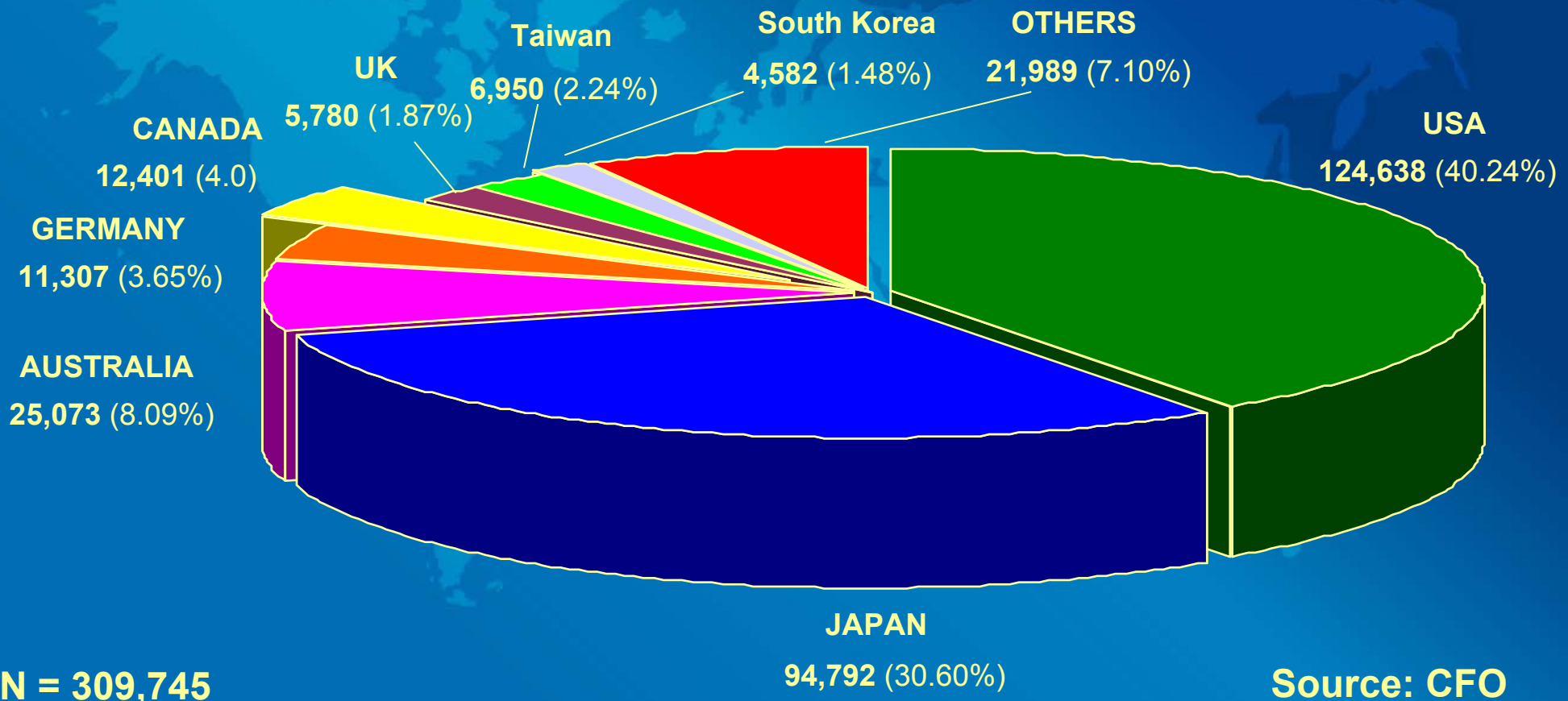
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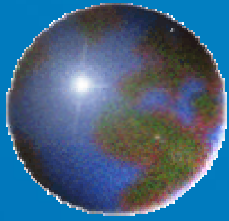
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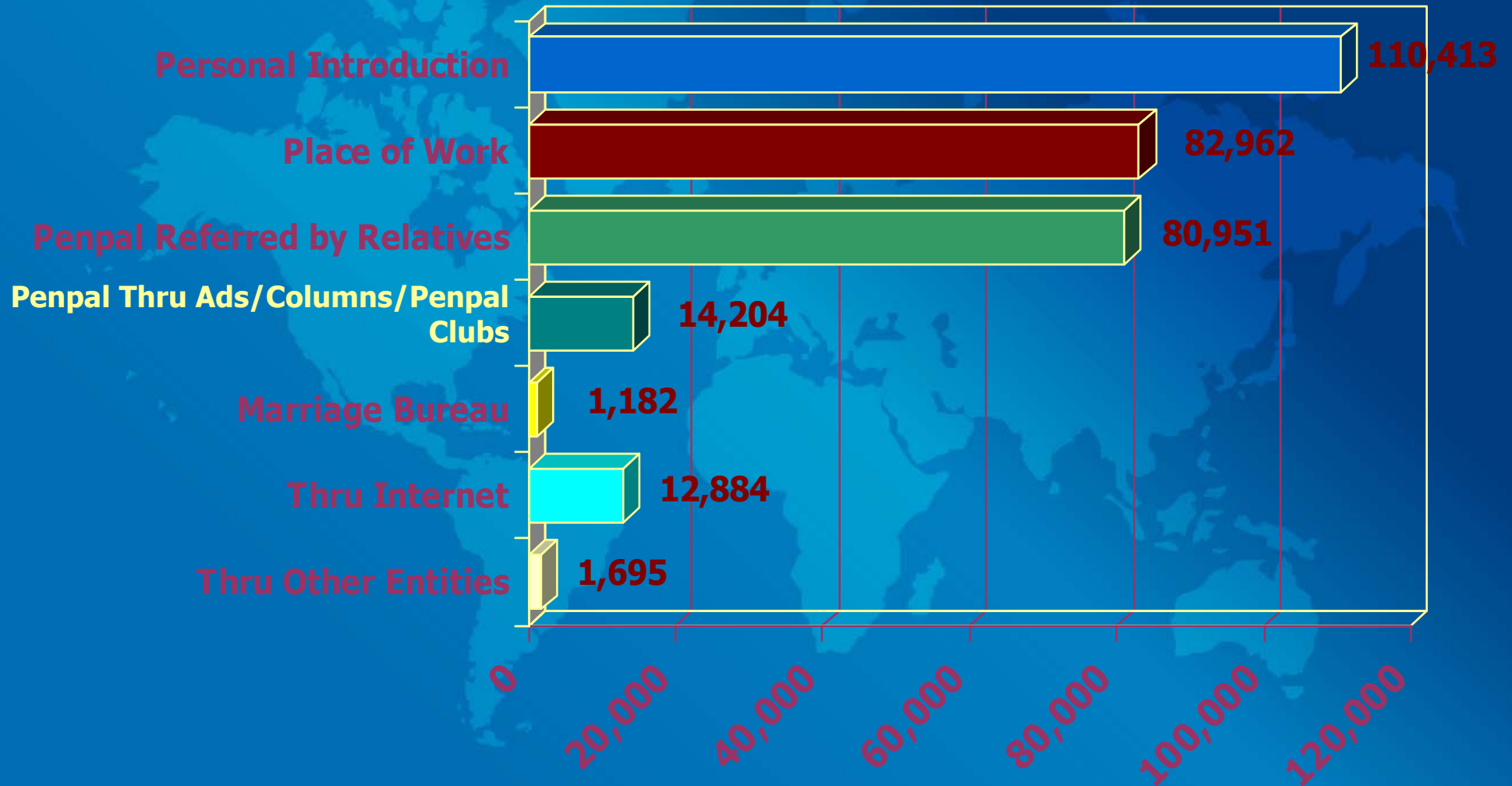
FILIPINOS IN INTERMARRIAGES

DISTRIBUTION OF FILIPINO SPOUSES AND OTHER PARTNERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION (1989 - 2006)



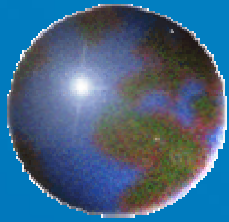


MODE OF INTRODUCTION (June 1989-2006)

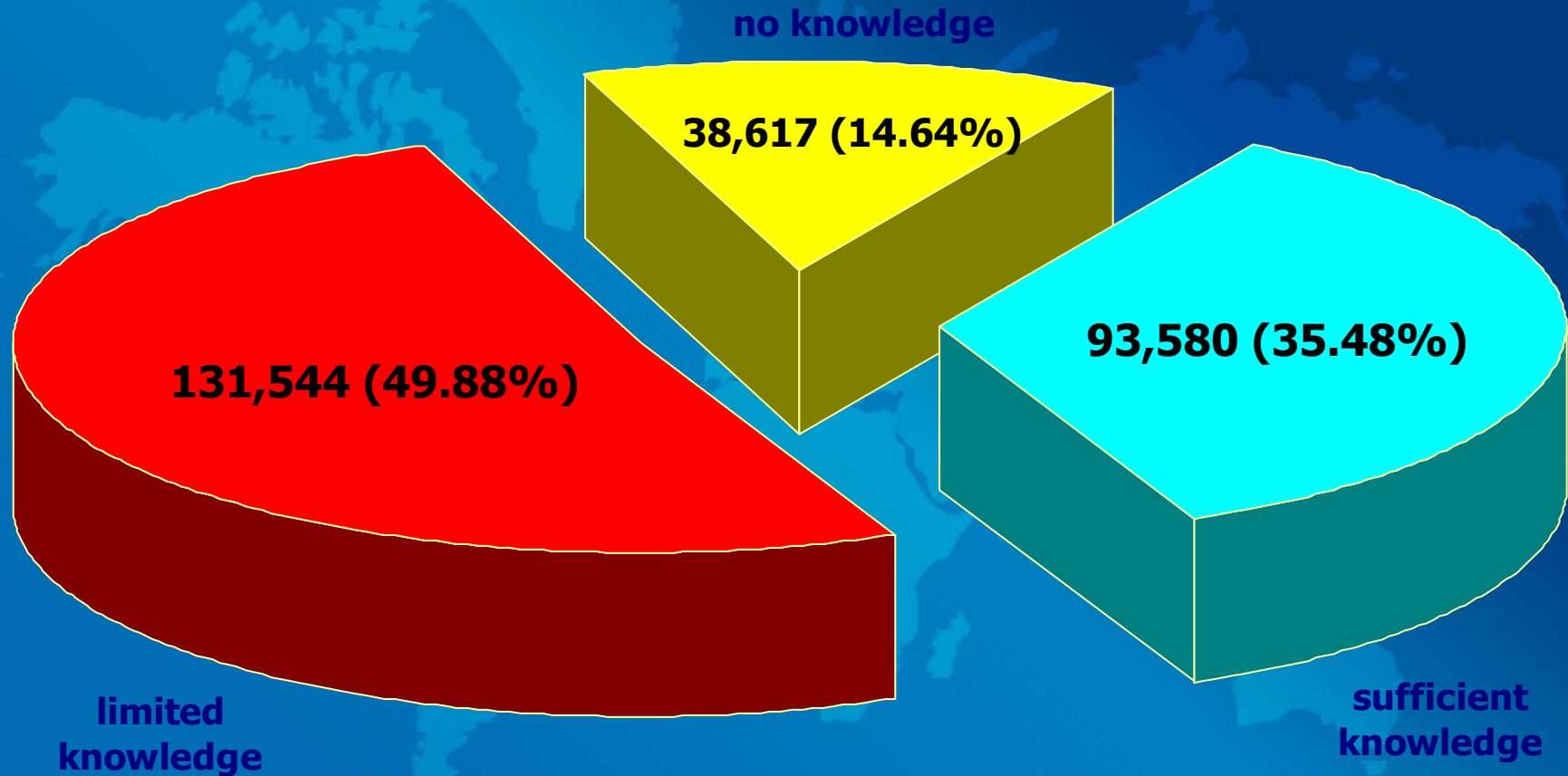


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EXTENT OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COUNTRY OF DESTINATION (1989-2006)



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ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALS CASES

SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS ON ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALS OVERSEAS

CFO handled 56 and 72 ATN cases in 2005 and 2006 respectively

Involves cases of trafficking and mail-order bride, verification of records, location of whereabouts, financial assistance, etc.



2005 REPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

The Philippine Experience:

“Tier 2 and in the Watchlist...need for stronger efforts from the government in prosecuting traffickers...may face sanctions...”

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS/POLICIES

Signatories to the Convention (as of May 16, 2007)

	Philippines signed on	Signa- tories	Parties	Status
UN Convention on Transnational and Organized Crime (2000)	28 May 2002	147	133	Entered into force on 29 September 2003
Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	28 May 2002	117	111	Entered into force on 25 December 2003
Protocol Against Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air	28 May 2002	112	105	Entered into force on 28 January 2004

CONVICTION

7 Convictions

1 – Zamboanga City (November 29, 2005)

3 persons sentenced to life imprisonment and pay Php 2M in fines for violation of Sec. 4 in rel. to Sec. 6 (c) and 10 (c) (Qualified Trafficking)

4 – Quezon City (December 8, 2005)

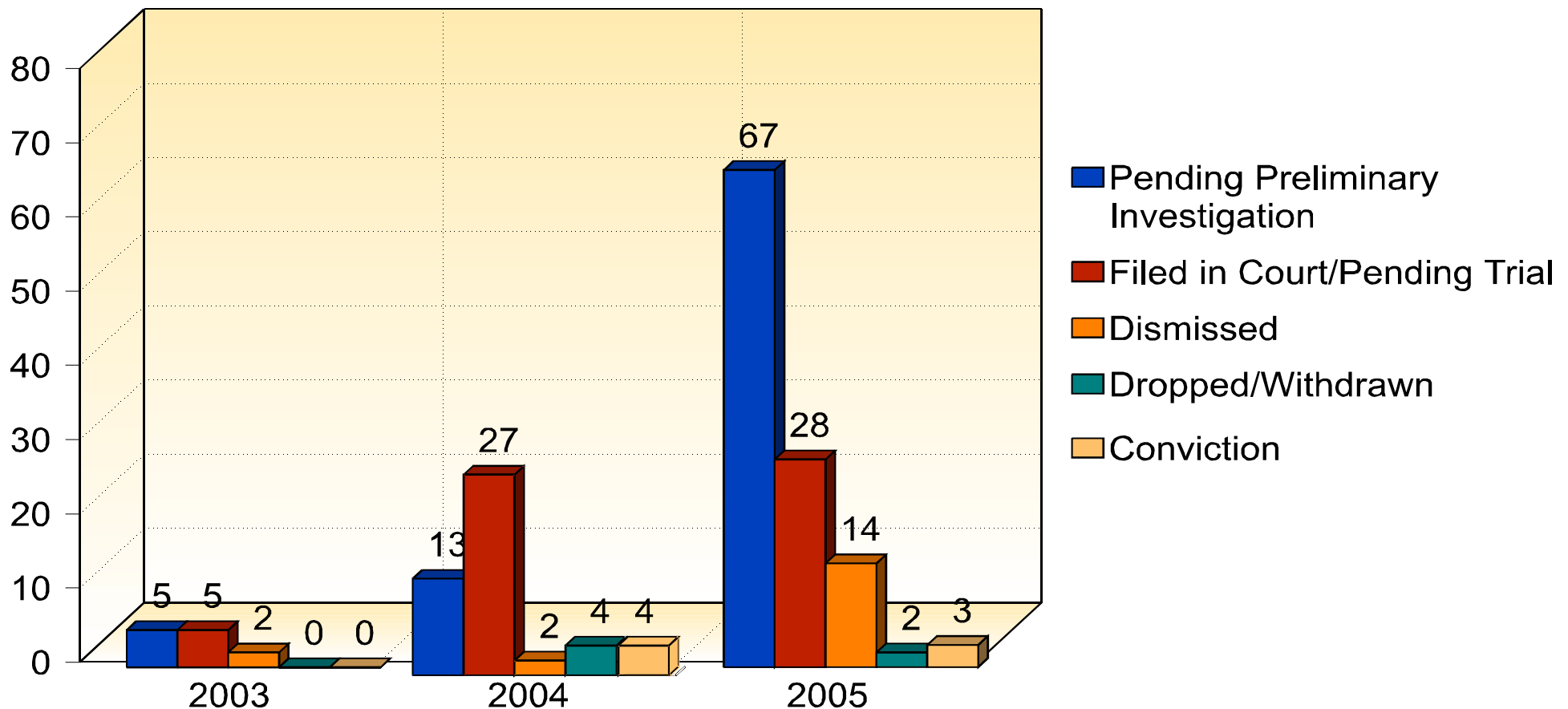
Spouses sentenced to 4 life imprisonment and pay Php 8M in fines for violation of Sec. 4 in rel. to Sec 6 (a) and (c) (Qualified Trafficking)

2 – Batangas City (November 15 & 28)

2 persons sentenced to render 6 months of community service for pleading guilty to Sec. 11(Use of Trafficked Persons)

PROSECUTION

Status of Cases By Year (2003–2005)



2006 REPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

The Philippine Experience:

“Tier 2...removed from the Watchlist...the government does not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so...”

PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9208

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003

Highlights:

1.) Considers trafficked persons as victims rather than offenders

2.) Punishes use of trafficked victims

3.) Recognizes the right to privacy of trafficked persons during investigation, prosecution and trial

4.) Gives trafficked persons preferential entitlement under the government's Witness Protection Program



PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

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Highlights:

5.) Provides protection and assistance to trafficked persons who are also foreign nationals

6.) Mandates government agencies to establish and implement preventive, protective and rehabilitative programs for trafficked persons

7.) Establishes a trust fund to be used exclusively for prevention, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration programs



PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Highlights:

- 1.) Recommend to IACAT policies, programs and services to enhance government initiatives against trafficking in persons
- 2.) Conduct surveillance and entrapment operations of persons, firms or entities alleged or suspected to be engaged in trafficking and related activities
- 3.) Cause or direct the immediate apprehension, investigation and speedy prosecution of cases



PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Highlights:

4.) Provide adequate legal, psycho-social and other forms of assistance to trafficked persons, subject to rules and regulations

5.) Consolidate various data and statistics on trafficking, and establish comprehensive databank for monitoring, documentation and prosecution of trafficking incidents

6.) Conduct a community education and information campaign program



PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

OTHER STATUTES:

1. **Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act**
2. **Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination**
3. **Violence Against Women Act**
4. **Philippine Passport Act**
5. **Mail-Order Bride Law**



PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

**National Strategic Action Plan
Against Trafficking in Persons
For 2004-2010
by the Inter-Agency Council
Against Trafficking**



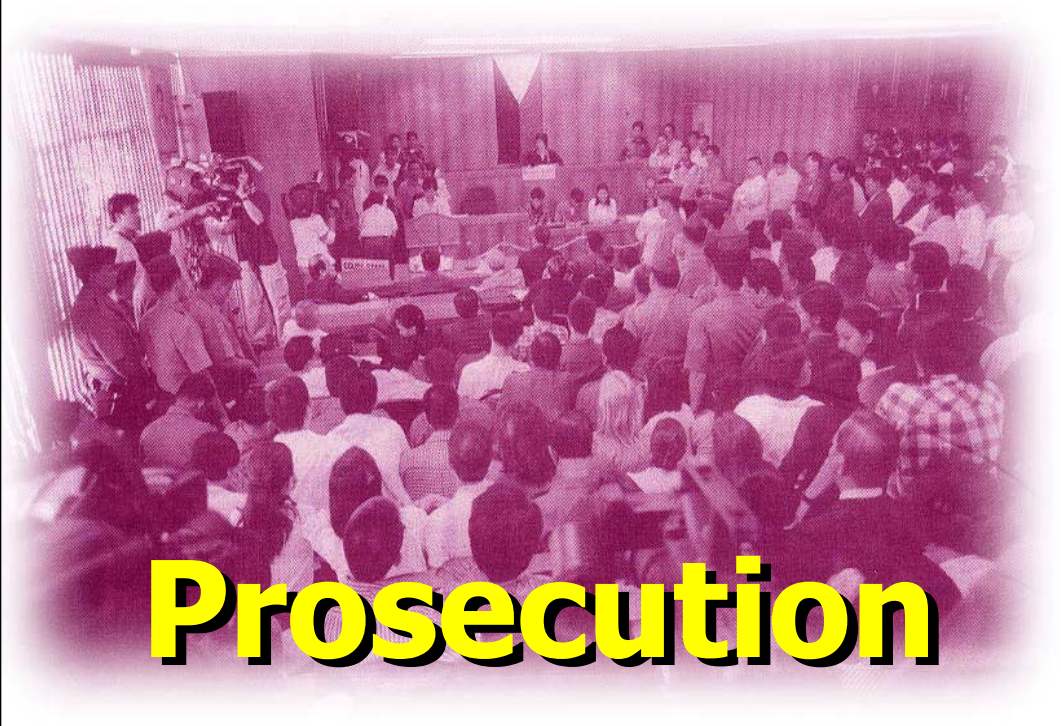
**Educational Modules
on International Migration
and Development**



Prevention



Reintegration



Prosecution



Protection

PHILIPPINE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

1. Legal Assistance Fund
2. Assistance-To-Nationals Fund
3. Filipino Workers Resource Centers
4. Repatriation Programs for Trafficked Persons
5. Crisis Intervention Units
6. DSWD Safety Houses and Shelters/Centers
7. Project HAVEN



PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTION

RECOVERY

- a. Safe and adequate shelter for victims regardless of immigration status
- b. Access to primary healthcare and counseling
- c. Provision of legal and other assistance in connection with criminal, civil and other action against trafficking



PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTION

REPATRIATION

- a. Representations with host countries to ensure safe, orderly and possibly, voluntary return of victims
- b. Explore option of residency for victims either in host or third country resettlement
- c. Facilitate and accept return of its nationals who are victims of trafficking, with due regards to safety



PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTION

REINTEGRATION

- a. Provision of assistance and support to facilitate social integration and prevent re-victimization
- b. Encourage and support community and family-based reintegration programs
- c. Support local government units in building their shelters, cooperatives, and livelihood and skills training



PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTION

IN GENERAL

- a. Ratify U.N. instruments on transnational crimes, trafficking and smuggling
- b. Strengthen international coordination on:
 - establishing central database
 - adopting uniform and standard reporting format
 - institutionalization of responsive network
 - mainstreaming trafficking issues
 - setting up monitoring and feedback mechanisms



PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTION

IN GENERAL

- c. Strengthening criminal justice system especially children's desks, and family and juvenile courts
- d. Cooperation with other countries for more bilateral, regional and international agreements
- e. Build partnerships with all stakeholders including NGOs, communities, private sector and civil society





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