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Financial literacy trainings in three provinces under JMDI Calabarzon

The provinces of Laguna, Batangas and Cavite completed a series of training of trainers on financial literacy and values education in September 3-5, September 24-26, and September 31-October 2, 2014 respectively under the JMDI project called SUMMID Calabarzon.

SUMMID Calabarzon – which seeks to strengthen, upscale and mainstream international migration into local development in the Calabarzon region – is part of the global Joint Migration and Development Initiative programme. The JMDI is supported by the European Union and the Swiss Development Cooperation and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme.

Around 30 participants representing the provincial governments, migrant families and civil society groups from the three provinces attended in each training.

The three-day training aims to sensitize the participants on the situation of the overseas Filipinos and their families as regards various economic and social issues of migration and the barriers to achieving their goals. It will also provide local stakeholders with skills in assisting OFs and their families in financial planning to ensure that migration will contribute to the long-term development of the OFs, their families and their communities. The would-be trainers will be capacitated in guiding the OFs to address their issues and concerns, enable them to achieve their financial and family goals, and help them to reintegrate well.

In addition to lessons on tracking expenses, savings and borrowing, participants underwent workshops on the positive and negative effects of migration, addressing family issues, budgeting for migrant families, and savings for investment, return and retirement.

With the aim to cascade the training to other interested parties, the participants were also taught on skills facilitation, techniques on peer counseling and conduct of financial education course at the local (city or municipal) level.

The training in Quezon province is scheduled in the last week of November while the one for Rizal province will be in the first quarter of 2015.

Atikha, a long time migrant-serving NGO based in Laguna, leads the conduct of trainings under the SUMMID project. The Calabarzon Regional Development Council (through NEDA Regional Office IV-A) is the lead implementer of the project together with the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, and Local Government Academy.

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