

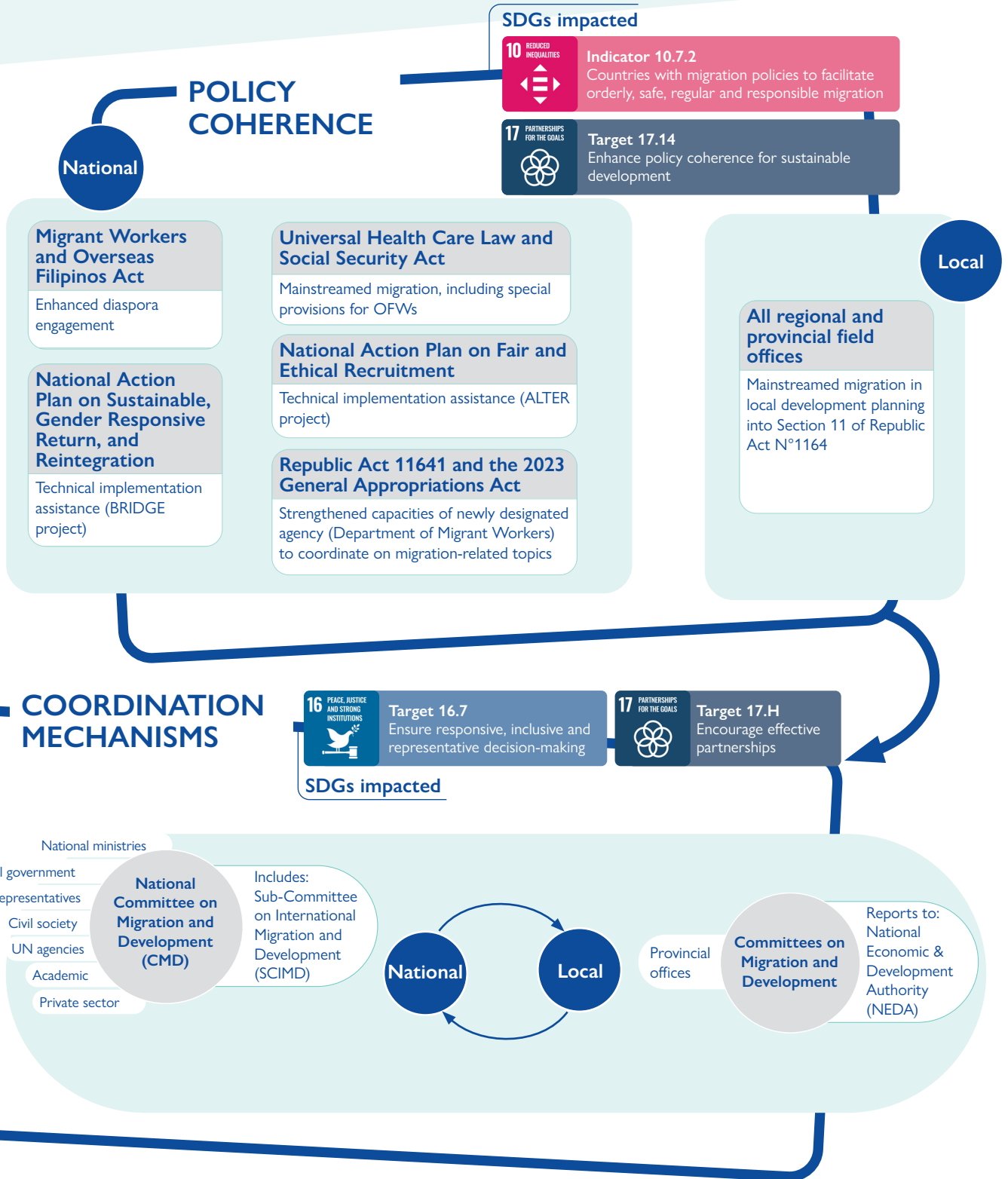
# MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PHILIPPINES

2011-2023



The Philippines has a young population, which is forecast to grow in the coming years and is currently facing high unemployment. The Philippines has one of the largest diasporas in the world, with an estimated 5.4 million emigrants, including nearly 2.3 million Overseas Foreign Workers (OFWs). This, coupled with climate-related disasters and potential displacement, mean that migration will play a key role in the Philippines' sustainable development future. COVID-19 has also accelerated return migration, as almost 800,000 OFWs returned to the Philippines in 2020, with an IOM study finding that 4 in every 5 were still unemployed three months after arrival.

The Philippines has pioneered the migration and sustainable development approach for nearly a decade, participating in the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) as well as the M4SD Programme. The country has championed significant policy achievements, supporting local government units to include migration into local development planning, facilitating safe and dignified reintegration of migrants especially through the Bridging Recruitment to Reintegration in Migration Governance (BRIDGE) Programme, advancing ethical recruitment and labour migrants' rights, and integrating migration comprehensively into national policies for a coherent policy environment.



## PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

National

### SDGs impacted



Toolkit on Ethical Recruitment Due Diligence for recruitment agencies and training packages on ethical recruitment for governments and CSOs (ALTER project)

Consolidated Application for Recruitment and Labor Migration Assistance (CARLA), an automated chatbot to efficiently refer migrant workers cases (ALTER project)

2 studies (i) on migration and climate change in the Philippines and (ii) on the ban on direct hiring of OFWs

**Target 13.3**  
Build knowledge and capacity to meet climate change

Updated national reintegration frameworks/tools based on data and evidence: studies and reports elaborated

**Target 17.18**  
Enhance availability of reliable data

Local

### Naga and Sorsogon, Calabarzon region

**7 functioning** Migrant Resource Centers created (JMDI project)

**12 OFWs** help desks strengthened (JMDI project)

**5 migrants'** organizations created and registered (JMDI project)



**Target 16.10**  
Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms

SDGs impacted



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF PHILIPPINES

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