

Overview

Students will research the implications of the Philippines' labor force migration and write a policy brief on the subject.

Length

Two–three class periods

Materials

[Home Countries \(World101\)](#)

Migration Reading List

Instructional Plan

1. Have students research labor migration trends from the Philippines first by watching the Home Countries video and then by using resources available in the reading list. Use the following questions to guide their research:
 - Why do so many Filipinos work abroad?
 - What are the benefits and drawbacks for those who migrate?
 - What are the benefits and drawbacks for their families?
 - What are the benefits and drawbacks for the Philippines as a whole?
 - How much does the government support and encourage labor migration?
2. Ask students to imagine that they are advisors to the Philippine government, which is reconsidering its policy on migrant labor. Have them write a two page policy brief that
 - briefly explains current government policy
 - analyzes that policy, and
 - suggests changes, providing a rationale for each change.

Extension and Additional Resources

- Students capable of more independent research could write about other countries that send large numbers of workers abroad, such as China, India, and Mexico.
- You could use the policy briefs as the basis for an in-class simulation

Philippines Migrant Policy Brief

of a Philippine cabinet meeting to discuss the policy.