

CSOs and NGOs working for the Rights of the Migrants¹

Name of Organisation: Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation Inc (Philippines)

Website of Organisation: <http://www.unladkabayan.org/>

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Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation (Unlad) was established in 1996 as a social entrepreneurship, non-government organisation, which works to assist migrant workers working in the poorest areas in the Philippines. Unlad supports migrants with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively reintegrate when they return to the Philippines. Unlad was founded with the intention of developing jobs, improving lives and helping communities to expand their resources.

Unlad is based in the Philippines, but originated in Hong Kong. In 1994, Migrant Savings for Alternative Investment (MSAI) was established as a reintegration strategy by migrant groups with the goal of reversing the outflow of Filipino migrants working overseas by building job opportunities at home. Unlad was founded by MSAI as a separate NGO to help migrant workers in business development.

Unlad's two strategies: Social Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development Services (SEEDS) and Business Incubation (BI) were designed to promote entrepreneurship and recognise business management in socially and ethically responsible ways. In addition, over the past 21 years, Unlad has developed key enterprise projects and partnerships with NGOs, local and national government, and academic institutions.

The mission of Unlad is to promote social entrepreneurship and social enterprises by mobilising migrant workers and the marginalised groups to build a sustainable local economy.

It believes -

- The focus is on migrants and the marginalised communities - through creating jobs, building their skills in business developments, educating them on how to be socially and ethically responsible when using resources

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