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Ethical recruitment in the health sector

By Catherine Vaillancourt-Laflamme, ILO EU Decent Work Across Borders Project Chief Technical Adviser

The ILO, with the leadership of Philippines' Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), organized a participatory workshop whose goal was to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation of the 2010 WHO Global Code of Practice on International Recruitment of Health Personnel. The event brought together more than 50 representatives from government agencies, workers and employers organizations, recruitment agencies and health professional organizations.

The WHO Code is landmark policy addressing the fact that while migration of health personnel can be mutually beneficial, many countries still experience health workforce shortages, the migration of which weakens national health systems and affect the achievement of the health related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The WHO Code promotes voluntary principles and practices for the

ethical international recruitment of health personnel and the strengthening of health systems.

This year marks the start of the WHO Code's monitoring efforts. With the active contribution of its constituents, the ILO EU funded project on Promoting Decent Work Across Borders is facilitating a broad consultation process which started in April 2012 with preliminary orientation sessions designed to raise the awareness of stakeholders of the ILO-EU DWAB, the importance of ethical recruitment, the WHO global Code and its participatory monitoring process.

The aim of the participatory workshop that took place on 17 May 2012 was to allow stakeholder to provide feedback on the Philippine Country Report on the implementation on the WHO Code. The same stakeholders will review and discuss the draft of the national report by the end of May, which will then be submitted to the World Health Assembly.

Until 2014, the ILO, with the financial support of the European Union is

A health professional in a hospital laboratory. The WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel recognizes that an adequate and accessible health workforce is fundamental to an integrated and effective health system and for the provision of health services.

(Photo by ILOJoaquin Bobot Go)

implementing a project called Promoting Decent Work Across Borders: A Project for Migrant Health Professionals and Skilled Workers. The project was conceived with the view to better address migration schemes involving health professionals and pilot employment services intended to this particular categories of migrants.

The movement of health professionals has increased significantly in the past decades. The migration of health care workers between developing and developed countries has drawn a lot of attention mainly due to the economic and social effects it has been raising. While migrant health care workers from developing countries are contributing to the health care sector of developed countries, the migration of professionals and skilled workers from developing countries is perceived to negatively affect the development potentials of the countries of origin.

Advocates walk for a child-labour free Bukidnon

By Hector Tuburan Jr., ILO-International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour Provincial Coordinator for Bukidnon

Around 3,000 anti-child labour advocates, government officials and programme partners flooded the street of Malaybalay City during the Walk for a Child Labour-Free Bukidnon held on Labour Day, 1 May.

Carrying slogans that said “Ang bata angay sa skwelahan dili sa trabaho-an” (The child should be in school and not in child labour), they walked starting from the Pine Hill Hotel, National Highway to the Kaamulan Open Theatre of the Provincial Capitol where the programme proper was held. There were even participants who came all the way from another town called Sumilao.

The Walk for a Child Labour-Free Bukidnon was a project of Bukidnon Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (BTIPC). It supports the International Labour Organization - International Programme

on the Elimination of Child Labour and its implementing partners, the Department of Labor and Employment and the Provincial Government of Bukidnon in its fight against child labour.

Another highlight was the signing of the Code of Conduct on the Elimination of Child Labour in the Sugar Industry in Bukidnon, by members of the District Tripartite Council, considered as a key milestone in sectoral initiatives for the child labour programme. Bukidnon is among the provinces in the Philippines with high incidence of child labour in the sugar industry. Through this convergent effort of various partners, funds were raised to support additional educational needs of selected child labourers and their families.

Guy Ryder elected as ILO Director-General

The ILO has elected Guy Ryder as its tenth Director-General. Ryder, who is currently the ILO’s Executive Director for International Labour Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, was elected by secret ballot by the ILO’s Governing Body. He will begin his five-year term in October 2012.

“I am really excited about this chance: this is a tremendous opportunity, in the middle of this global crisis, to make a difference to the lives of millions of people, including those who’ve never heard of the ILO, to change their lives for the better”, said the Director-General elect. “I thank the Governing Body for their confidence. The significance of what happened here today will be judged by what we do, and that is to put the people and the world of work at the heart of everything we do.”

Mr Greg Vines, Chairperson of the Governing Body, said: “I am certain the Governing Body can feel very confident that under the new leadership of Mr Ryder, the ILO will effectively and strongly represent the interests of our tripartite membership in ensuring that the ILO continues to increase its influence in global debates and in particular, in meeting the enormous challenges the world currently faces.”

Mr Luc Cortebecq, Worker Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Body, said: « As workers, we are delighted. Mr Guy Ryder knows the ILO, and has been working at the ILO. He also knows the world

of work, but he is somebody who will work with the governments, with the employers as well as with the workers. He will always defend tripartism and social dialogue.”

“Mr Ryder is an excellent professional with a lot of experience in the house. I think the nine candidates were outstanding personalities,” said Mr Daniel Funes de Rioja, Employer Vice-chairperson of the Governing body. “We respect him, he knows the house and we expect we can work together. We need strong reforms because of the situation the world is facing”, he added.

Speaking at the public sitting following the election, the current Director-General Juan Somavia said: “My presence here is to symbolize the full and unconditional support of the Office to ensure a smooth and helpful transition until October. Personally, dear Guy Ryder, Director-General Elect, I wish you full success, joy and satisfaction in the fulfilment of your mandate.”

Guy Ryder received 30 of the 56 votes cast by the titular members of the ILO’s Governing Body. The vote was conducted at the ILO’s headquarters in Geneva. There were eight other candidates for the position. The election was scheduled by the ILO Governing Body following the announcement by the current Director-General of the ILO that he was advancing the date of his departure to the end of September 2012, eighteen months before the end of his third mandate.

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