

REDEFINING THE LABOR FORCE FRAMEWORK:

Some Inputs from the Philippine Experience

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The Philippine Labor Force Survey

- Conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) since 1956.
- Every January, April, July and October
- “Past week” reference period
- Covers about 51,400 households nationwide

Starting April 2005, new definition of unemployment was adopted.



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For Persons 15 Years Old and over
who had no job/business

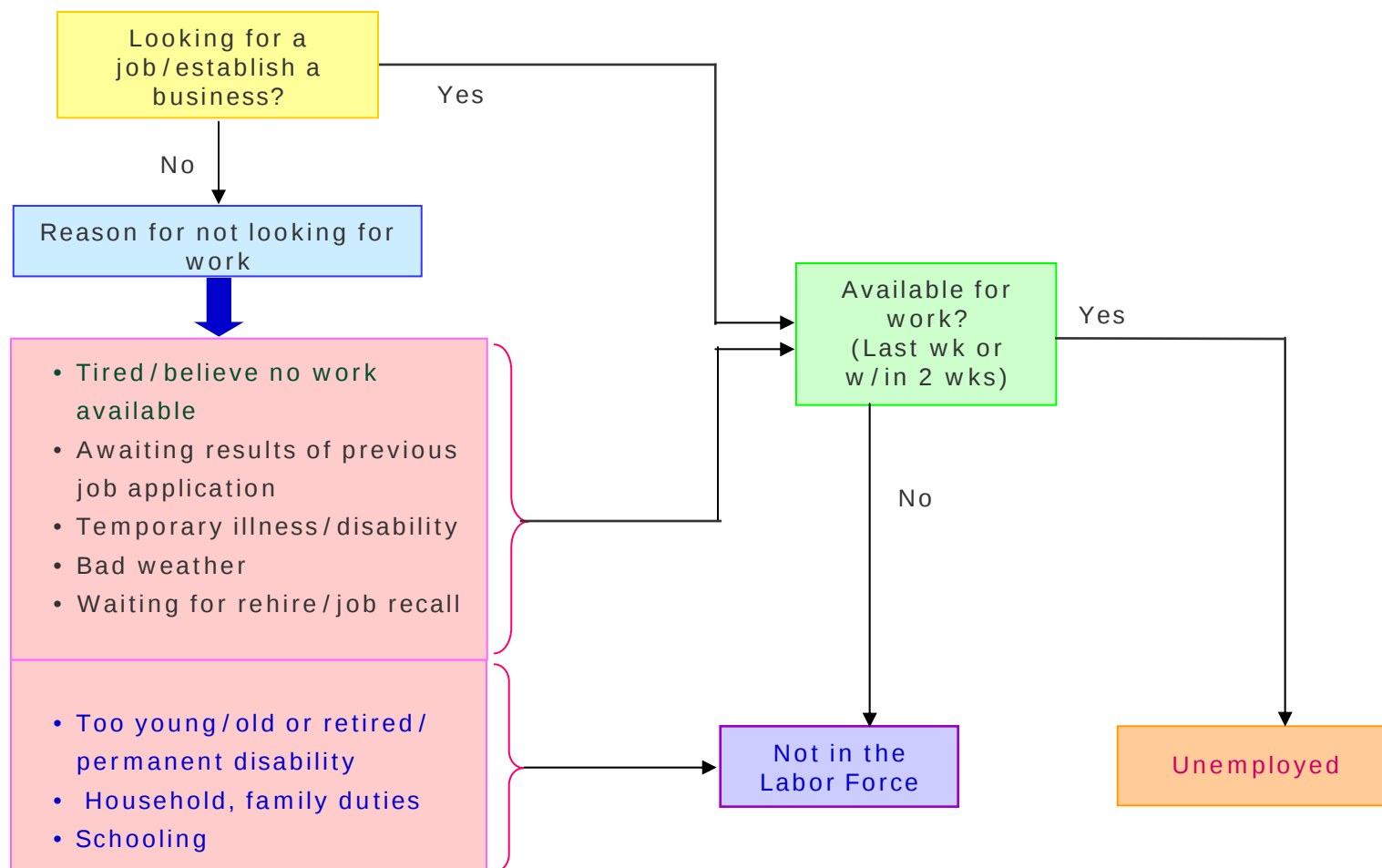


Figure 1. Flowchart for Identifying the Unemployed



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SOME ISSUES ON UNEMPLOYMENT:

- A large proportion of inactive unemployed
- Low LFPR among predominantly muslim regions
- Seeking work for overseas job



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UNDEREMPLOYMENT DEFINITION

- Employed persons wanting additional hours of work in their present job or in additional job, or to have a new job with longer working hours.



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Indicator

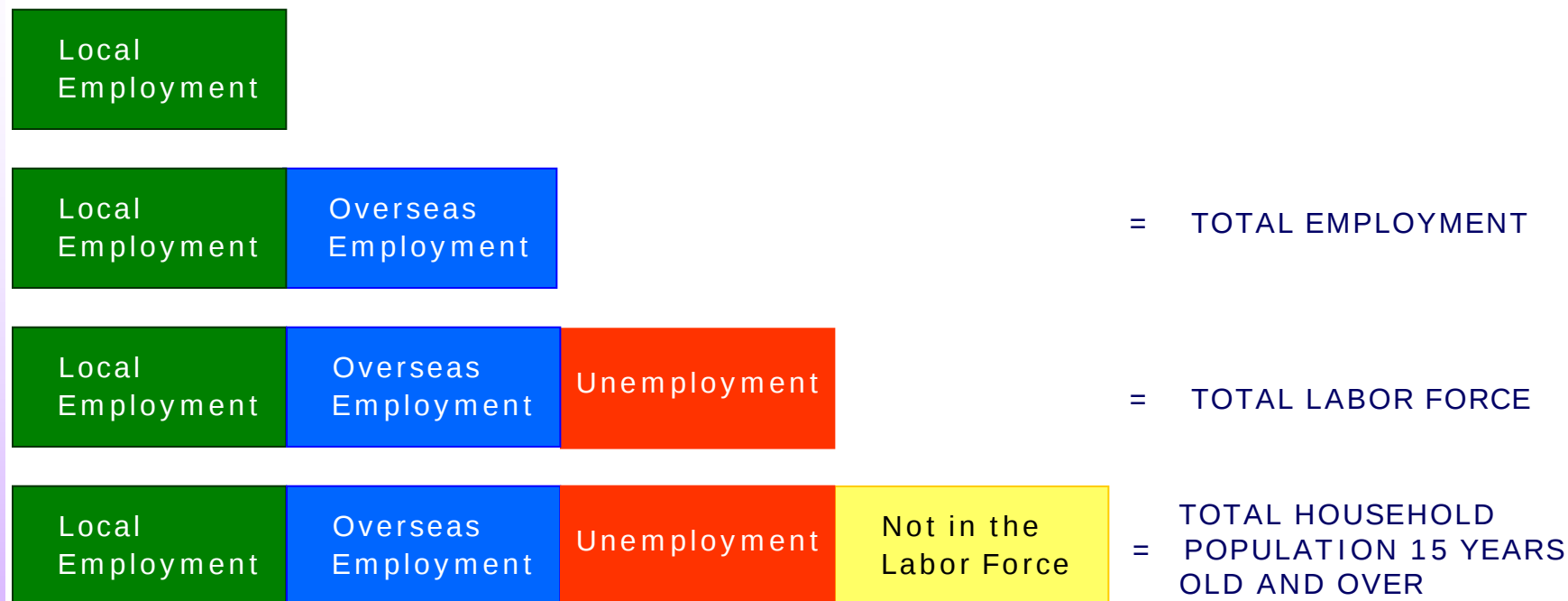


Figure 2. Building Blocks of the Labor Force (Proposed)



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SOME ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Technical assistance is crucial in a country's review or revision of concepts, definitions and measures.
- Availability of statistics with technical notes to allow benchmarking
- Consider impact of international migration in the revision of labor force framework



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