



## **ADVISORY**

13 April 2020

### **AVAILMENT OF USD200 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) DISPLACED DUE TO COVID-19**

In view of the Department Order No. 212, Series of 2020 of the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) or Prescribing Guidelines on the Provision of Financial Assistance for Displaced Landbased and Seabased Filipino Workers due to the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-2019), the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) would like to inform our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in **Italy (Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Marché, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana, and Umbria), Malta and Albania** that the application for DOLE-AKAP, a one-time financial assistance of the Department amounting to USD200.00 or its local currency equivalent is now open to receive applications from OFWs:

#### **Coverage and Eligibility**

The following landbased and seabased OFWs onsite are qualified to avail the DOLE-AKAP, to wit:

- a. Regular / documented OFW; or
- b. Qualified undocumented OFW

The abovementioned OFWs should have experienced job displacement due to COVID-19 starting 01 March 2020.

#### **Documentary Requirements**

The following documents shall be submitted to POLO-Rome for assessment:

- a. DOLE-AKAP Application Form which can be accessed at <https://www.polorome.com/COVID19/application>;
- b. Copy of valid passport;
- c. Permit to Stay/Working Permit;



- d. Proof of documented status (e.g. OEC, verified contract, etc.);
- e. Proof of loss of employment on account of COVID19 (e.g. notice of termination, certification from employer, etc.); and
- f. Additional document/s as may be required.

### **Application Procedure**

- Upon receipt of the complete documents, we shall evaluate the application within five (5) working days and notify the OFW-applicant on the status of his/her application within five (5) working days following the evaluation.
- Ineligibility of the applicant, misrepresentation of facts in the application, and submission of falsified documents are grounds for denial / disapproval of the application.

### **Disbursement of Funds**

- If the application has been approved, the release of financial assistance shall primarily be through bank transfer.

For more information and clarification about the DOLE-AKAP, you may contact us through these channels:

Website : [www.polorome.com/COVID19](http://www.polorome.com/COVID19)  
Facebook Messenger : [m.me/POLORomeIT](https://m.me/POLORomeIT)  
E-mail : [assistance@polorome.com](mailto:assistance@polorome.com)

We'll be glad to assist you. Keep safe, everyone!

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