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**Strengthened Monitoring and Welfare Measures for Overseas Filipino Workers  
(OFWs) in the Middle East**  
*(Iran, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon)*

In light of the escalating tensions in the Middle East, particularly in Iran, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon, and the reported disruptions in air travel and regional stability, all Private Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) with deployed or scheduled-for-deployment Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to these countries are hereby directed to implement the following measures to ensure the safety and welfare of Filipino workers:

**1. Coordination with Employers and Foreign Placement Agencies**

PRAs must establish and maintain active communication with their partner employers and foreign placement agencies to regularly monitor the status and well-being of deployed OFWs, confirm the exact current location of each worker, and obtain updated contact numbers and employer information (company name, contact details, and address).

**2. Enhanced Welfare Monitoring**

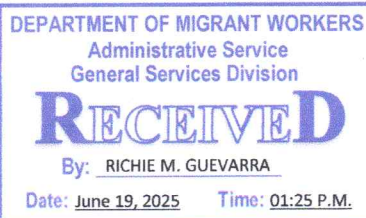
All PRAs shall conduct intensive and proactive monitoring of OFWs, such as regular check-ins with workers, verification of their living and working conditions and immediate resolution of any welfare concerns or emergency situations.

**3. Mandatory Submission of Monitoring Reports and Deployment List**

PRAs must submit accurate and timely welfare monitoring reports via the OFW Welfare Monitoring System (OWMS). PRAs with deployment to Jordan, shall submit to the same email address the list of all workers currently deployed and those scheduled for deployment to Jordan, indicating their names, job categories, employers, and deployment dates. This is to facilitate stricter monitoring and prompt coordination in case of emergency repatriation or disruption in travel arrangements.

**4. Contingency Planning**

PRAs must develop and maintain updated and actionable contingency plans that include emergency contact numbers, evacuation protocols, temporary shelter arrangements, and repatriation strategies in case of worsening regional conditions.



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## 5. Travel-Related Responsibilities

In the event of flight cancellations, rerouting, or rebooking due to airspace restrictions or other force majeure situations, PRAs shall assume the cost and responsibility for arranging alternative travel for affected OFWs, in accordance with existing contractual obligations and DMW regulations.

Due to the recent airspace closure in Jordan and the heightened tension in Israel, all PRAs are strongly encouraged to refrain from processing workers for deployment until further notice.

## 6. Coordination with Government Offices

PRAs must maintain open and regular communication with the Migrant Workers Office (MWO) in Jordan, Israel, Lebanon and relevant authorities in other affected countries for updated advisories and to ensure coordinated response to emergencies.

MWO Hotline/ Contact details:

MWO- Israel: +972 50 762 2590/ OWO: +972 50 715 6937

MWO-Lebanon: +961 79 110 729

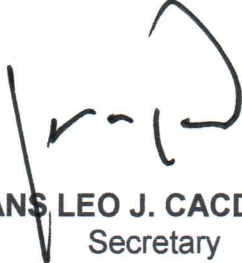
MWO- Jordan : +962 7 8149 1183 / +962 7 8519 1891

## 7. Important Deployment Reminders

- **Lebanon** remains under **Crisis Alert Level 3**: *No deployment of new hires and returning workers is allowed.*
- **Israel** is under **Crisis Alert Level 2**: *Deployment of new hires is prohibited.*
- While returning workers with valid contracts are usually allowed under Alert Level 2, **ongoing tension and airspace restrictions currently prohibit such deployments.**

Non-compliance with this directive shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 2023 DMW Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers.

For strict compliance.

  
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