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"430,000 job seekers found employment through the PESO/EPD-DOLE Employment Service Program in 1999"

Introduction

The DOLE Regional Offices (ROs) in conjunction with the various provincial Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs) intensified their employment facilitation services in 1999. This is in response to the growing number of applicants seeking jobs, most of them new job seekers and workers from establishments who lost their jobs due to the continuing effects of the economic crisis.

This report presents statistics on the number of vacancies solicited and applicants placed under the regular employment facilitation program of the DOLE and does not include special programs which catered to specific groups of workers.

Job vacancies solicited rose by 47.3%

Data culled from the DOLE Statistical and Performance Reporting System (SPRS) reported a 47.3 percent rise in the volume of job vacancies solicited from establishments in 1999. This figure translates to a total of 693,100 vacancies, upped by 222,500 from last year figure.

**Number of Jobs Solicited and Applicants Placed
1998-1999**

Indicator	1999 ^p	1998	% Change
Job Vacancies Solicited	693,100	470,600	47.3
- PESO	600,100	382,600	56.8
- EPD	93,000	122,700	-24.2
Applicants Placed	427,500	231,800	84.4
- PESO	358,500	165,500	116.6
- EPD	69,000	66,300	4.1
Placement Rate (%)	61.7	49.3	
- PESO	59.7	43.3	
- EPD	74.2	54.0	

^p Preliminary.

Source: DOLE Statistical and Performance Reporting System (SPRS)

The bulk (86.6% or 600,100) of the vacancies solicited were made possible through the Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs) scattered across the country. The rest (93,000) were gathered through the Employment Promotion Division (EPD) of DOLE ROs.

Job placement increased by almost two-folds

Of the total job vacancies solicited, the PESOs and EPD successfully found jobs for 427,500 job seekers. This number almost doubled the figure reported last year when qualified applicants filled up only 231,800 of the available vacancies.

Accordingly, placement rate this year rose to 61.7 percent compared to 49.3 percent a year earlier. Persistent mismatch in education and skills of job seekers against the requirements of vacant jobs continued to account for the failures of some applicants to be placed successfully.

On a monthly basis, the PESOs and EPD consistently managed to solicit 58,000 vacancies and secured jobs for well over 36,000 job seekers in 1999.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO RETRENCHED WORKERS

Applicants registered upped by 48.3 percent in 1999

Employment facilitation is one of the major components of the **DOLE Comprehensive Program for Displaced Workers** which was launched in 1998 to counter the adverse effect on employment of the Asian financial crisis.

For 1999, the number of displaced workers who seek assistance under this program reached almost 20,000. This figure represents a 48.3 percent increase from 13,500 registered the previous year.

Some 4,900 retrenched workers found jobs through the PESO/EPD

Of the total displaced workers who availed of the program, some 4,900 found wage employment in establishments through the facilitation efforts of the various regional PESOs and DOLE-EPD.

While this number represents only a 24.5 percent placement rate, in absolute terms they accounted for a 53.1 percent improvement from the number placed last year at 3,200.

It should be noted that some retrenched workers from large establishments opted to wait for better job openings that will approximate their previous jobs in terms of pay and position.

Number of Retrenched Workers Registered and Placed Through DOLE Employment Assistance Program: 1998-1999

Indicator	1999 ^p	1998	% Change
Applicants Registered	20,000	13,500	48.3
- PESO	15,000	8,200	82.9
- EPD	5,000	5,300	-5.7
Applicants Placed	4,900	3,200	53.1
- PESO	4,800	3,000	60.0
- EPD	100	200	-50.0
Placement Rate (%)	24.5	24.1	
- PESO	32.2	36.6	
- EPD	2.0	3.8	

p Preliminary.

Source: DOLE Statistical and Performance Reporting System (SPRS)

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