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"Some 124,000 Youth and Handicapped Workers Benefited from DOLE Special Employment Programs in 1999"



BACKGROUND

Apart from the regular employment facilitation program of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department also undertakes three (3) employment programs that catered to specific disadvantaged groups of the country's work force who may not be able to compete fairly in the job market.

*Two (2) of these programs are intended for the youth which comprised more than one-half of the country's unemployed. These are the (1) **Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES)** which aims to finance the studies of poor but deserving students by pursuing jobs during off-school seasons and (2) **Work Appreciation Programs (WAP)** designed to provide college students with on-the-job training experience. The third program is the **Tulay 2000** which provides employment assistance to persons with disabilities.*

Employment facilitation for these groups of workers is carried out mainly by the community-based Public Employment Service Office (PESO) together with the Employment Promotion Division (EPD) of the various DOLE Regional Offices.

SOME 158,200 APPLICANTS REGISTERED WITH DOLE SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

For 1999, a total of 158,200 applicants registered with the DOLE special programs for the youth and disabled persons. This figure is slightly higher (+0.7%) than the number reported a year earlier. Students for the SPES summer program continued to account for the large majority (83.3%) of the applicants. Their number rose by 11.4 percent this year to reach 131,800. Similarly, applicants for the WAP increased to 17,400 or 8.1 percent higher than in 1998.

On the other hand, a large decline (-60.4%) in applicants for TULAY 2000 program was noted this year as their number dropped to 9,000 from a high of 22,400 recorded a year ago.

Number of Applicants Registered and Beneficiaries by Program: 1998-1999

| Indicator | 1998 | 1999 ^P | % Change |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Applicants Registered | 157,100 | 158,200 | 0.7 |
| - SPES | 118,300 | 131,800 | 11.4 |
| - WAP | 16,100 | 17,400 | 8.1 |
| - Tulay 2000 | 22,700 | 9,000 | -60.4 |
| Applicants Placed/Engaged | 114,000 | 124,000 | 8.8 |
| - SPES | 96,600 | 106,700 | 10.5 |
| - WAP | 14,100 | 14,600 | 3.5 |
| - Tulay 2000 | 3,300 | 2,700 | -18.2 |

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Source: DOLE Statistical and Performance Reporting System (SPRS)

124,000 YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOUND EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE SPES, WAP AND TULAY 2000

Of the total applicants registered under the three programs, 78.4 percent successfully found job placements through the facilitation efforts of the various PESOs and DOLE-EPDs. This figure translates to a total of 124,000 beneficiaries, which is 8.8 percent higher compared to the 114,000 beneficiaries in 1998.

Again, young workers accounted for the biggest number of beneficiaries this year. About 86.0 percent of them (106,700) availed of the SPES summer program while 11.8 percent or 14,600 were absorbed under the WAP.

On the other hand, some 2,700 persons with disabilities were given assistance under the Tulay 2000 program either in the form of self-employment assistance (1,500) or wage employment (1,200).

Region XI topped the list of DOLE ROs in terms of the number of placements made at 20,400. Regions VI and IV ranked second and third at 14,800 and 13,400, respectively. The least were reported in CAR (4,000) and Region I (2,500).

Number of Beneficiaries in SPES, WAP and Tulay 2000: 1999
(Preliminary)

| Region | Number of Beneficiaries |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Regions | 124,000 |
| National Capital Region | 7,900 |
| Cordillera Autonomous Region | 4,000 |
| Region I | 2,500 |
| Region II | 7,100 |
| Region III | 5,400 |
| Region IV | 13,400 |
| Region V | 4,700 |
| Region VI | 14,800 |
| Region VII | 6,000 |
| Region VIII | 6,000 |
| Region IX | 7,400 |
| Region X | 7,800 |
| Region XI | 20,400 |
| Region XII | 9,800 |
| Caraga | 6,700 |

Source: DOLE Statistical and Performance Reporting System (SPRS)

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