

**Migrant-supported and -oriented
initiatives: CALABARZON**

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- **Opened in October 2008 at Robinsons Place Imus**
- **Established by Engr. Peralta**
- **Pooled resources of 2000 Filipinos working on oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico**
- **Manager is wife of a former OFW**



- Established in late 2007 by Robinsons Place Imus and Dasmarinas
- One stop shop facility
- Cavite has a large OFW population
- Most home buyers are OFWs
- Cooperative arrangements with the provincial government and with Imus LGU



A livelihood seminar being conducted at the OFW Pamilya Center at Robinsons Place Dasmarinas



Dasmarinas Satellite Office beside OFW Pamilya Center at Robinsons Place Dasmarinas

- Organized in 1996
- Raised funds for the construction of a Balikbayan Park
- Works closely with the LCE
- Contributed to the town fiesta and the construction of welcome markers

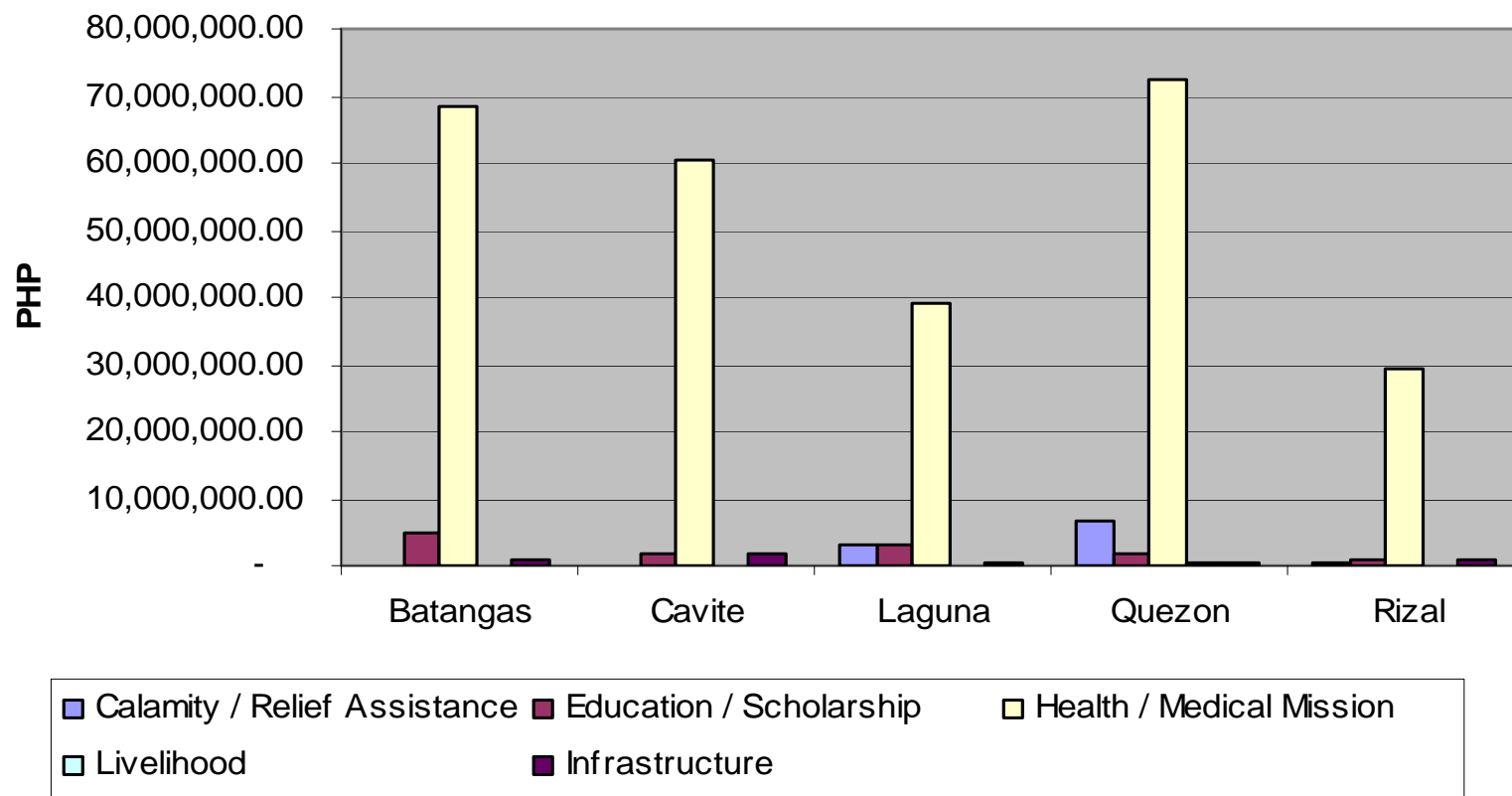


Morong Balikbayan Association Marker, Morong



Entrance to Balikbayan Park, Morong

Donations Referred Thru LINKAPIL in Region 4-A Provinces (1990-2007)



Source: Commission on Filipinos Overseas

Lessons

- **Synergy is critical**
 - Need to tap different sectors including business groups
- **Institutionalization is essential to continuity**
 - Beyond the term of the incumbent
 - Local ordinance-based
- **Monitoring systems in place**
 - Status of projects
 - Level of domestic investments
 - Remittances and reintegration
- **Awareness of institutional mechanisms is necessary**
 - Knowledge of proper procedures
- **Incorporate international migration in local development framework is crucial**
 - Migrants can be an effective collective force for transnationalization of sub-national institutions