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In Bahrain, Pinays benefit from kindness and aid

BAHRAIN – Over 2,000 women overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Bahrain have benefitted from the one- time cash grant implemented by the labor department under its DOLE-AKAP program.

The DOLE-AKAP program aims to help all OFWs (sea and land based) displaced by the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its report, the POLO – Bahrain said that 2,292 OFWs have received cash assistance and most of the beneficiaries were women (70 percent or 2,092) due to mass closures or temporary shutdowns of businesses in the hospitality, event, service, retail, and education sectors.



AKAP PAYOUT IN BAHRAIN. Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in sectors hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic like education, hospitality, events, and retail, queue up to claim the financial assistance under the DOLE’s Abot Kamay Ang Pagtulong (AKAP) Program. (Photo by POLO-Bahrain)

These beneficiaries work as waitresses, cleaners, massage therapists, beauticians, dental and teacher assistants.

The cash assistance amounted to Bahraini Dinar (BD) 244,400, or USD 600,000.

Each assisted Filipino worker received a one- time cash aid of BD75.00, or P10,000.

The Filipino workers expressed gratitude to the Philippine government for the help they received.

“I need to send money to my children back home and this financial assistance is a big help as it will help me buy food for my children during this time,” said one of the women beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) – Bahrain, reported that it provided food packs to 1,050 OFWs which amounted to BD3,352.800, or USD8,884.92.

An additional 4,000 food packs are now being prepared by the agency for distribution this month as OFWs being displaced continues to rise.

The Kingdom of Bahrain continues a safe return to normalcy as businesses started to resume.

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