



**Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT)**

**Developments, challenges and  
best practices in preventing and combating  
the smuggling of migrants by sea**

**UNTOC 10<sup>TH</sup> Working Group on Smuggling of Migrants**

**05 October 2023**

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

**Situationer**

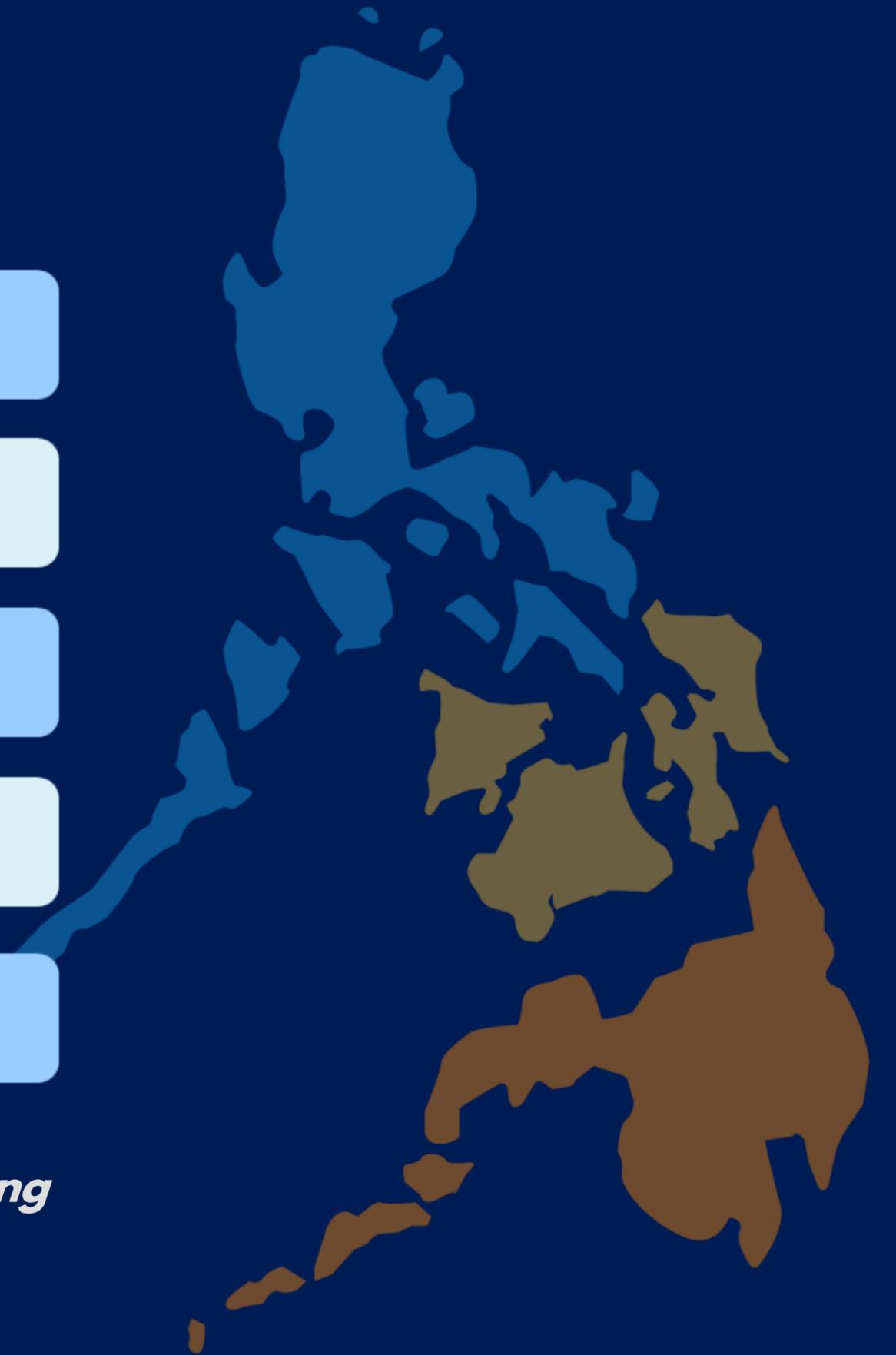
**Challenges**

**Developments**

**Best Practices**

**Recommendations**

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# ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (ATIP) LAWS

**May 26, 2003**

**R.A. No. 9208**  
Anti-Trafficking in  
Persons Act of 2003

This law established the IACAT and instituted the policies to eliminate and punish human trafficking

**March 1, 2013**

**R.A. No. 10364**  
Expanded Anti-  
Trafficking in Persons  
Act of 2012

It is an expanded and strengthened version of the R.A. No. 9208 when it penalized more acts of trafficking and prescribed more stringent penalty.

**July 26, 2022**

**R.A. No. 11862**  
Expanded Anti-  
Trafficking in Persons  
Act of 2022

This new law provides for more provisions against Online Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC)

## OTHER ATIP-RELATED LAWS

- **RA No. 8042 & RA No. 10022** Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act
  - **RA No. 6955** Anti-Mail Order Spouse Act
  - **RA No. 7610** Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act
  - **RA No. 9231** An Act Providing For The Elimination Of The Worst Forms Of Child Labor And Affording Stronger Protection For The Working Child
  - **RA No. 11642** Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act
  - **RA No. 9995** Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act
  - **RA No. 9160 & RA No.10365** Anti-Money Laundering Law
  - **Act No. 3815** Revised Penal Code
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- **RA No. 11930:** An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC), Penalizing the Production, Distribution, Possession and Access of the Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM)



*Luzon*

*Visayas*

*Mindanao*

# PHILIPPINES

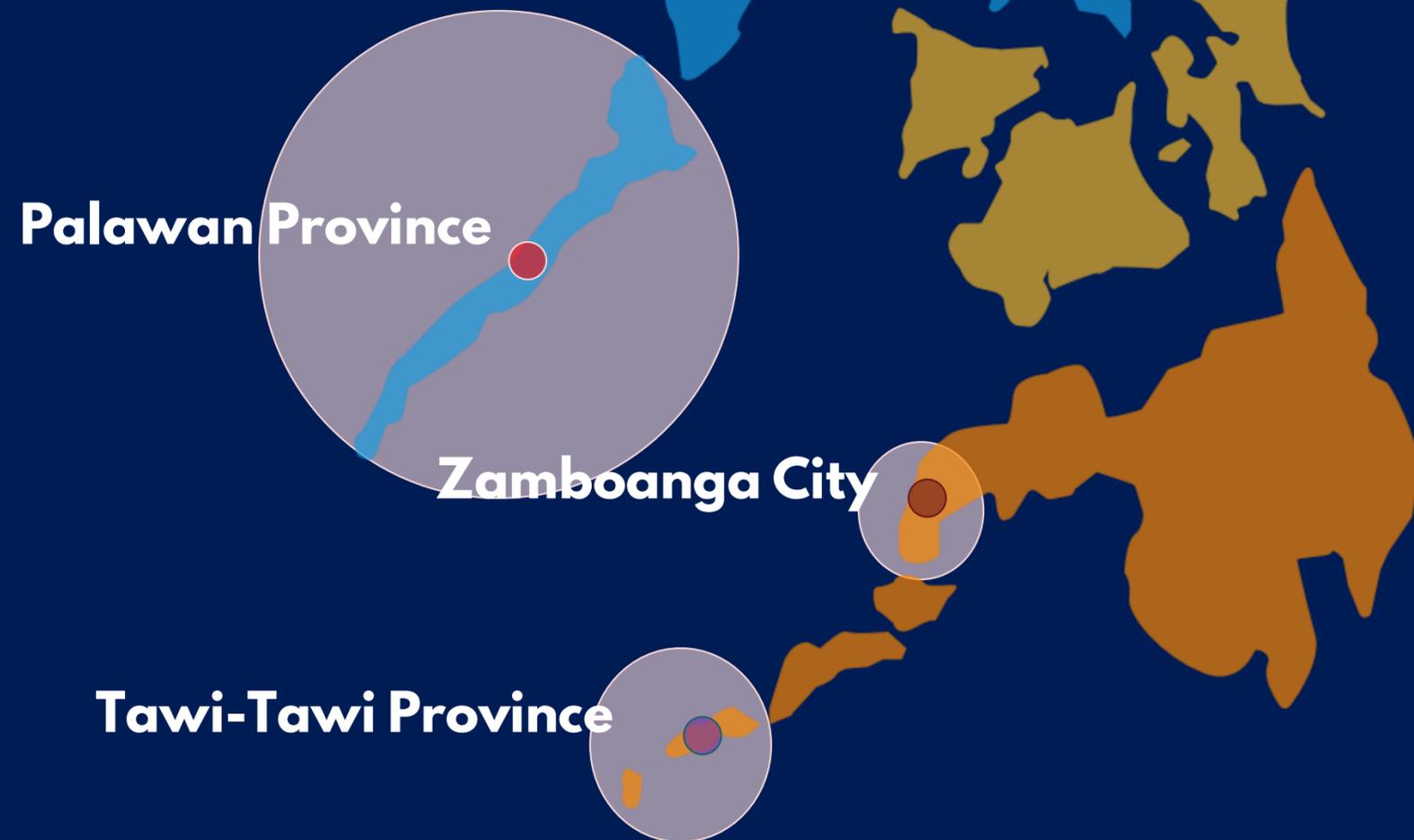
7,641 islands

# PH VULNERABILITIES

- Border porosity
- Globalization and advancement in technology
- Lack of Education & Information
- Unemployment
- Culture of Migration and Existing Migration Networks
- Increased vulnerabilities brought about by natural disasters and armed conflict



**Concern:**  
**Philippine Backdoor Exits**



# Challenges

**Border Porosity**

**Prevalence of Private Ports**

**Difficulty in investigating/prosecuting crimes committed in multiple jurisdictions**

**Migrant smuggling networks can be highly organized and sophisticated**



# Developments

**Establishment of Zamboanga City as a Specialized Non-Trafficking Justice Zone through the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC)**

**Enhanced training on sea marshalling, increased maritime patrols in areas prone to migrant smuggling**

**Consultation Talks on Trafficking in Persons with the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and the Local Government of Tawi-Tawi**

**TWGs on Referral System of TIP Victims and Victim-Survivor Engagement**

**TWG Study on Backdoor Exits**



# Best Practices

## Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

### 4 Key Result Areas under the National Strategic Action Plan

**KRA 1:**  
Prevention and  
Advocacy

**KRA 2:**  
Protection and  
Reintegration

**KRA 3:**  
Prosecution  
and Law  
Enforcement

**KRA 4:**  
Partnership and  
Networking

**25 Anti-Trafficking Task Forces all over the country**

**Capacity Building for prosecutors, law enforcers,  
social workers, local officials and more**

**Information Campaigns, including in coastal communities  
and the 1343 Actionline against Trafficking**

**Inter-Agency Coordination, Collaboration and Cooperation**

# IACAT'S COMPOSITION



**DOJ**



**DSWD**



**DFA**

**DOLE**

**DMW**

**PNP**

**BI**

**PCW**

**DILG**

**PCTC**

**CFO**



**DEPED**

**DOH**

**DICT**

**DOT**

**DOTR**

**PCG**

**NCIP**

**NBI**

**CWC**

**NACC**

**AMLC**

**LPP**

**LCP**

**LMP**

## Three Non-Governmental Organizations:



**Women**

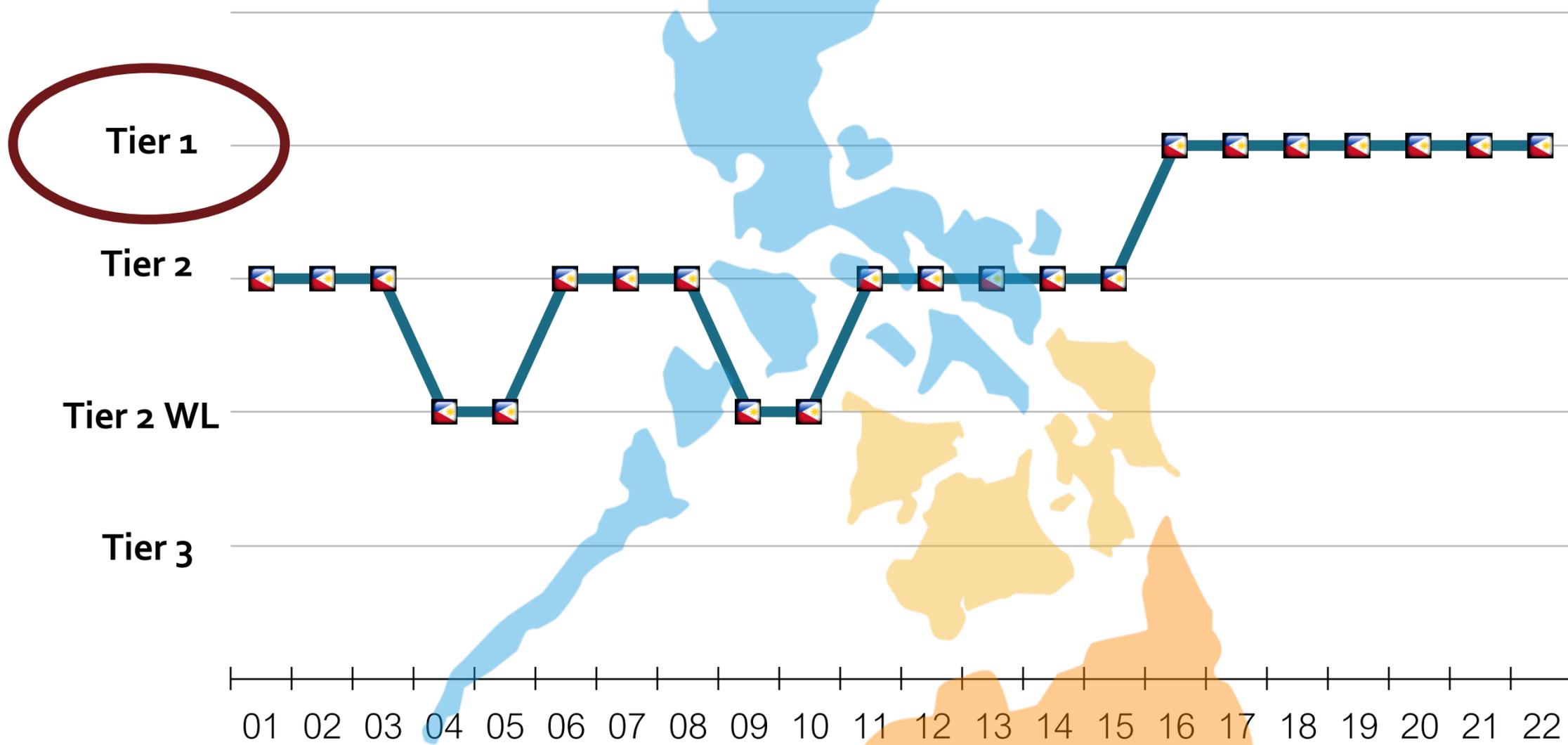


**Children**



**Overseas Filipinos**

# The Philippine Ranking US Trafficking In Persons (TIP) Report



**TIER 1 FOR THE 8TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

## **PH RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Legislation on smuggling of migrants**

**Strengthened cross-border cooperation among countries along the path of illegal migration**

**Establishment of an inter-agency structure at the national level to comprehensively combat smuggling of migrants (by sea), whereby the inter-agency structure shall be the national point of contact for inter-country cooperation on smuggling of migrants (by sea)**

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# THANK YOU



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