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POEA urges placement agencies to find alternate jobs for their displaced recruits

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration is urging placement agencies to help mitigate the impact of the weakening global economy to our OFWS by finding new jobs for their displaced workers.

Administrator Jennifer J. Manalili said recruitment agencies are equally responsible for the redeployment of their applicants whose contracts have been terminated because of the global economic crisis.

Manalili cited the case of 98 workers who were transferred to other worksites by their recruitment agency, International Skill Development, Inc. after their contacts were cancelled by their Canadian employer.

The 98 workers were deployed to various jobsites in Abu Dhabi and Angola, while the remaining 167 OFWs were offered alternate jobs in other foreign projects but have yet to agree. They will be deployed immediately upon acceptance of the offers, Manalili said.