

INFORMATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF 47(a)(2) SPECIAL NON-IMMIGRANT VISA TO FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS WISHING TO DO VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

All foreign volunteer organizations wishing to send volunteers to the Philippines should first register with the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA).

Representatives of the foreign volunteer organization or the host institution in the Philippines should communicate directly with PNVSCA for registration. They may contact the PNVSCA under +63 2927 6851 and/or via email: ppis@pnvsca.neda.gov.ph.

It will be the PNVSCA who will request clearance and authority to issue the 47(a)(2) special non-immigrant visa from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Manila. Upon request of the PNVSCA, the DFA will authorize the Philippine Embassy in Berlin to issue the appropriate visa to the foreign volunteer.

It is only upon receipt of the said authorization from the DFA that the Philippine Embassy in Berlin can accept and process the visa application of the foreign volunteer.

The applicant then submits the following for processing of his/her visa application:

1. Accomplished (Non-Immigrant) **Visa Application Form**
2. **Original passport** valid for at least six (6) months beyond the intended period of stay in the Philippines
3. One **passport-size photo**
4. **Self Addressed-Stamped Envelope** if applying by mail.