

## PH EMBASSY IN NAIROBI CONDUCTS ITS FIRST CONSULAR MISSION IN THE DR CONGO SINCE THE PANDEMIC



*Third Secretary and Vice Consul Louie Dane Merced (left) and Attaché Sherlyn Roxas (right) during the processing and encoding of passport applications of Filipino clients in Kinshasa.*

KINSHASA, 30 April 2022 – The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi successfully conducted a consular mission in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) on 28 April 2022, its first outreach to the country since the pandemic started.

The two-member team rendered passport, notarial, and other consular services as part of the Embassy’s continuing efforts to provide services to Filipinos residing in the 12 countries under its jurisdiction.

Apart from answering clients’ questions about consular matters and overseas absentee voting, the team also showed the Embassy’s “Women Who Make Change” video interview series, a Gender and Development (GAD) project to promote better understanding of gender-based issues and challenges.

The team also took the opportunity to assess the situation of Filipinos in the DR Congo, particularly in light of the recent attacks by armed groups on civilians and the country’s latest reported Ebola outbreak. The Embassy team encouraged the Filipinos in the DR Congo to participate in the Embassy’s ongoing overseas Filipino mapping project.

There are over 140 Filipinos currently working in the DR Congo, the largest country in Sub-Saharan Africa. Most of them are skilled workers, United Nations (UN) agencies employees, and religious missionaries. END



*Third Secretary and Vice Consul Merced introduced the Embassy's recent GAD project after answering consular-related questions of Filipino clients.*



*The team with some of the Filipinos who availed the Embassy's consular services.*