

Flights to the Philippines often exceed 20 hours in total travel time. During this period, passengers may be profiled, monitored, or screened at multiple checkpoints. The risks are exceptionally high.

Embassy Support Limitations

The South African Embassy can provide only consular assistance, such as:

- Facilitating communication with family
- Providing lists of legal practitioners
- Monitoring welfare conditions

The Embassy does not provide financial assistance, pay legal fees, settle fines, or secure release from custody.

Nothing is free. The same modus operandi has been observed across all recent arrests -vulnerable individuals, both young and older, exploited with promises of quick financial gain.