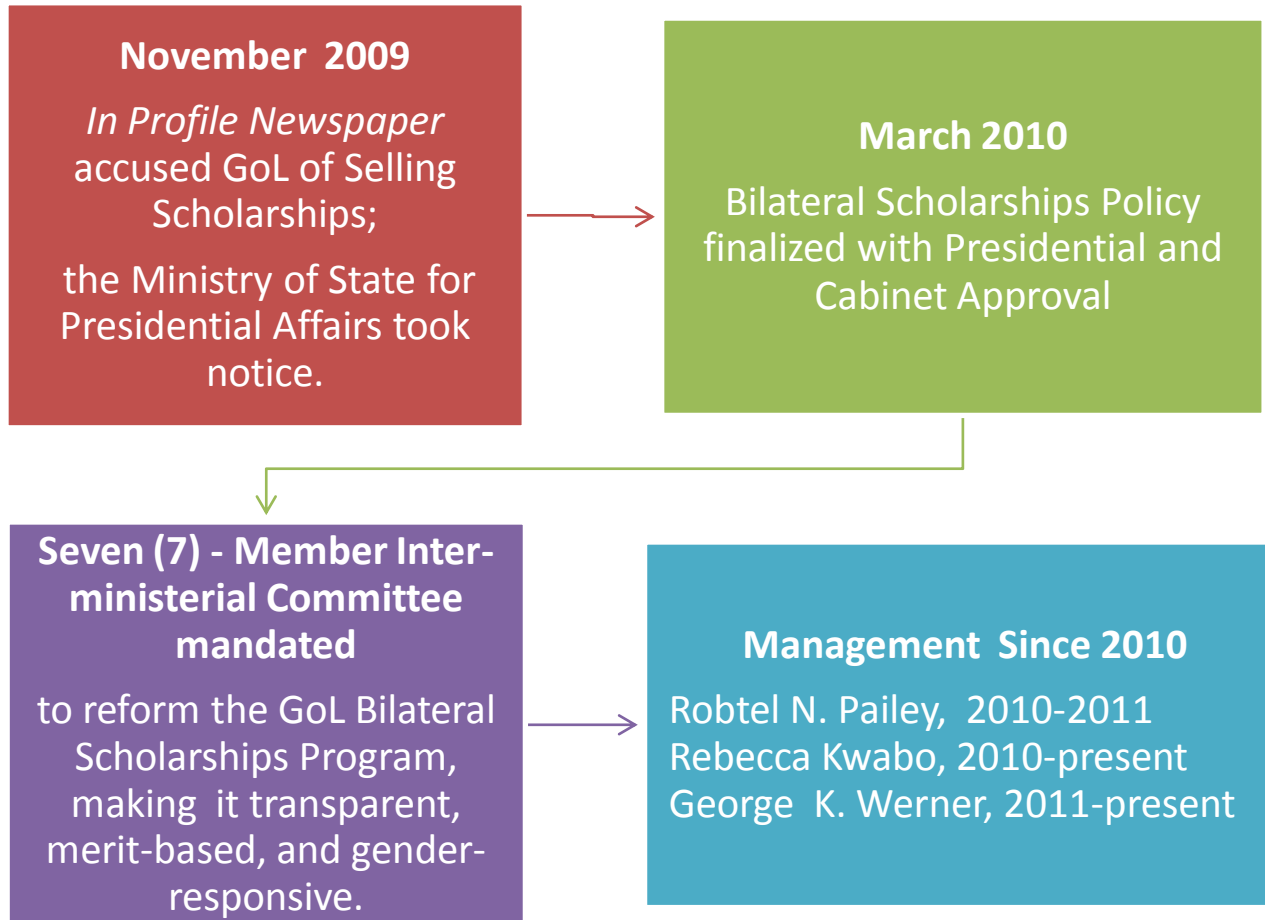
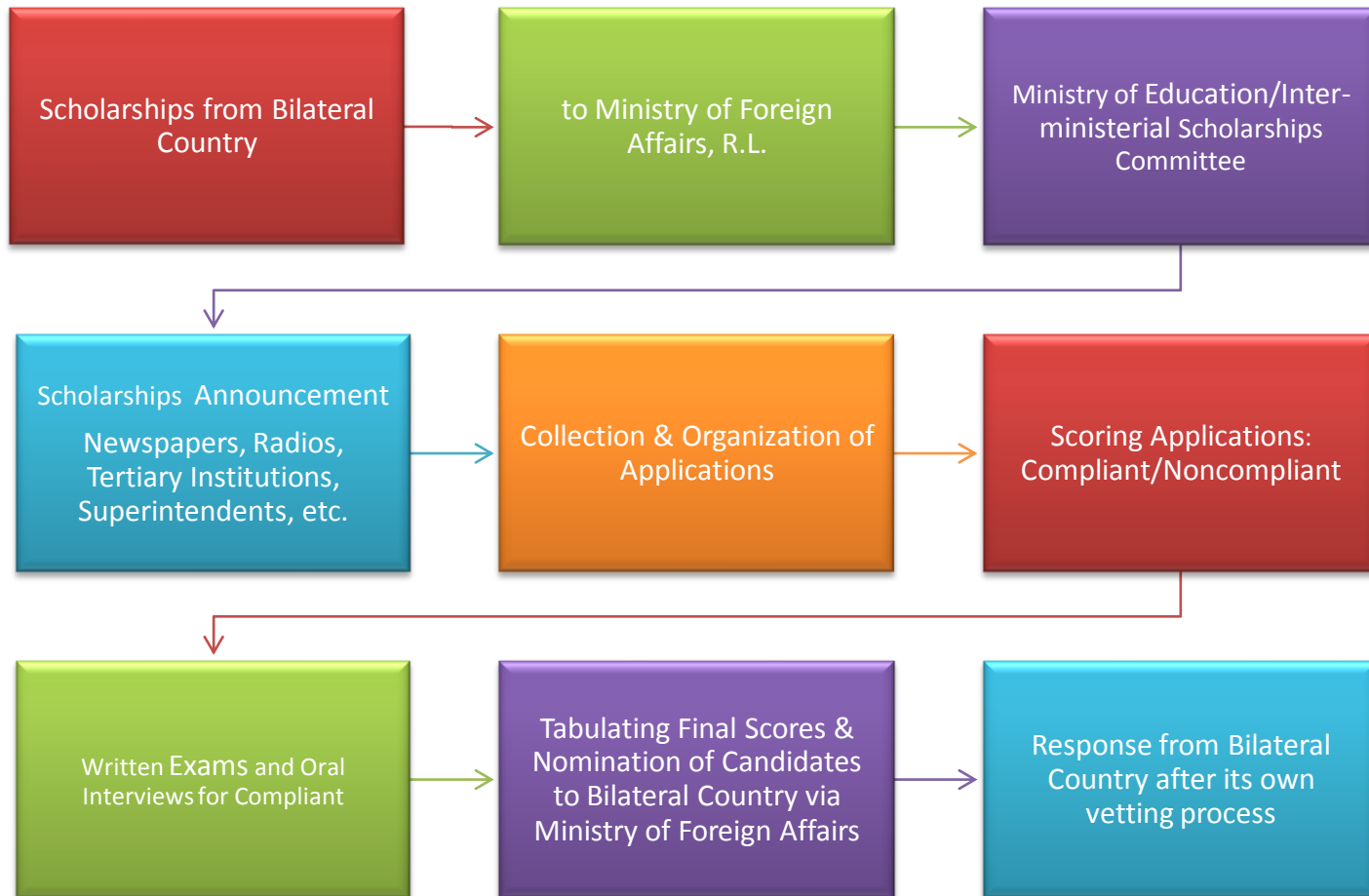


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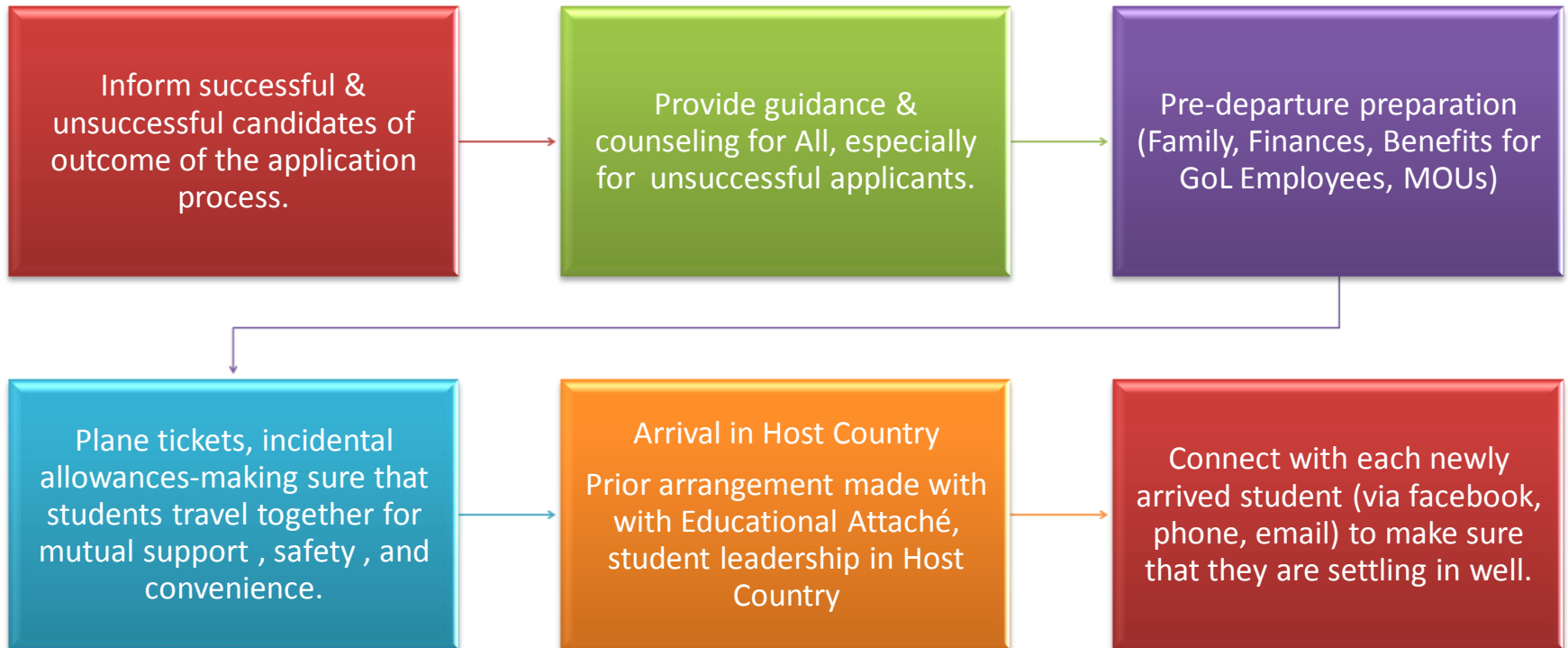


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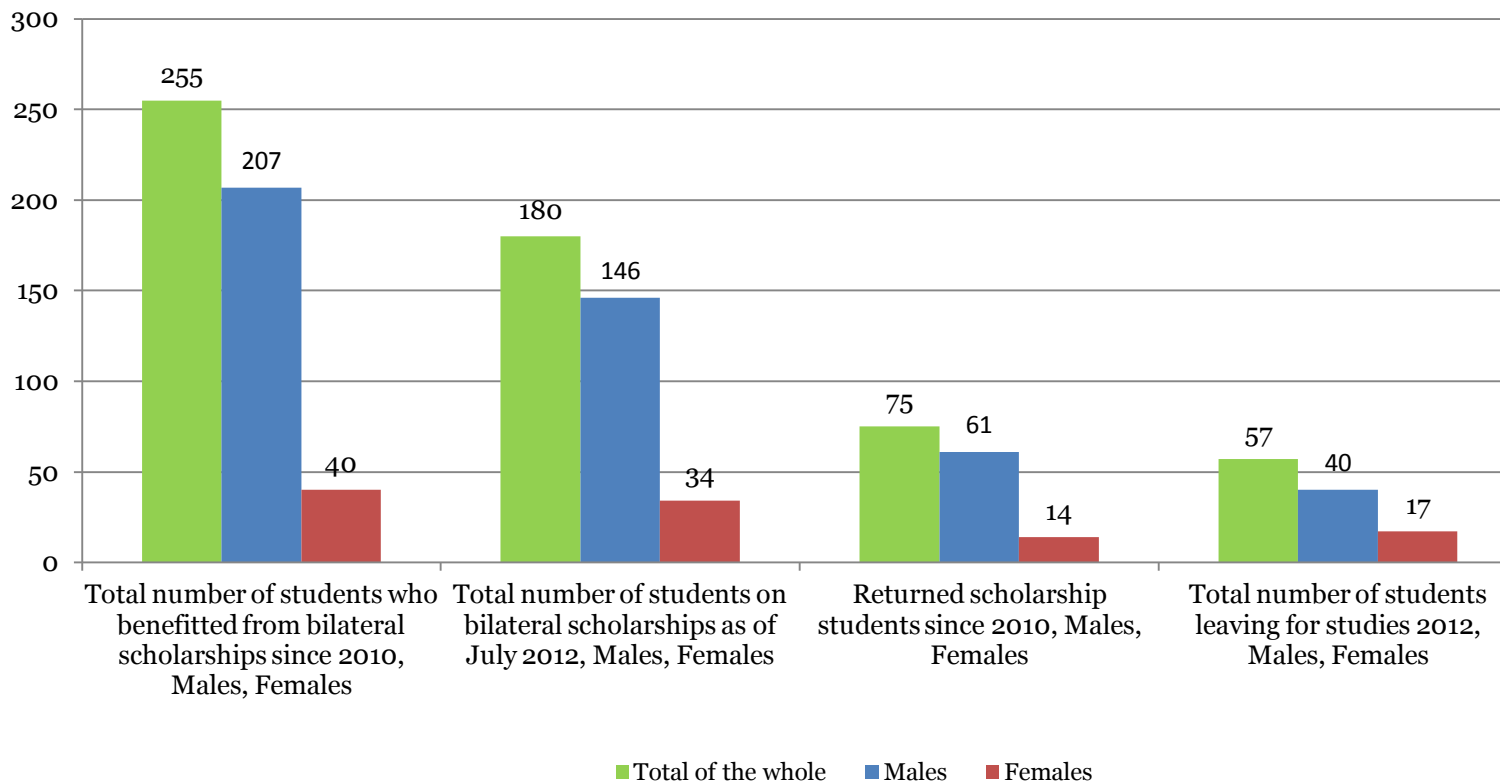


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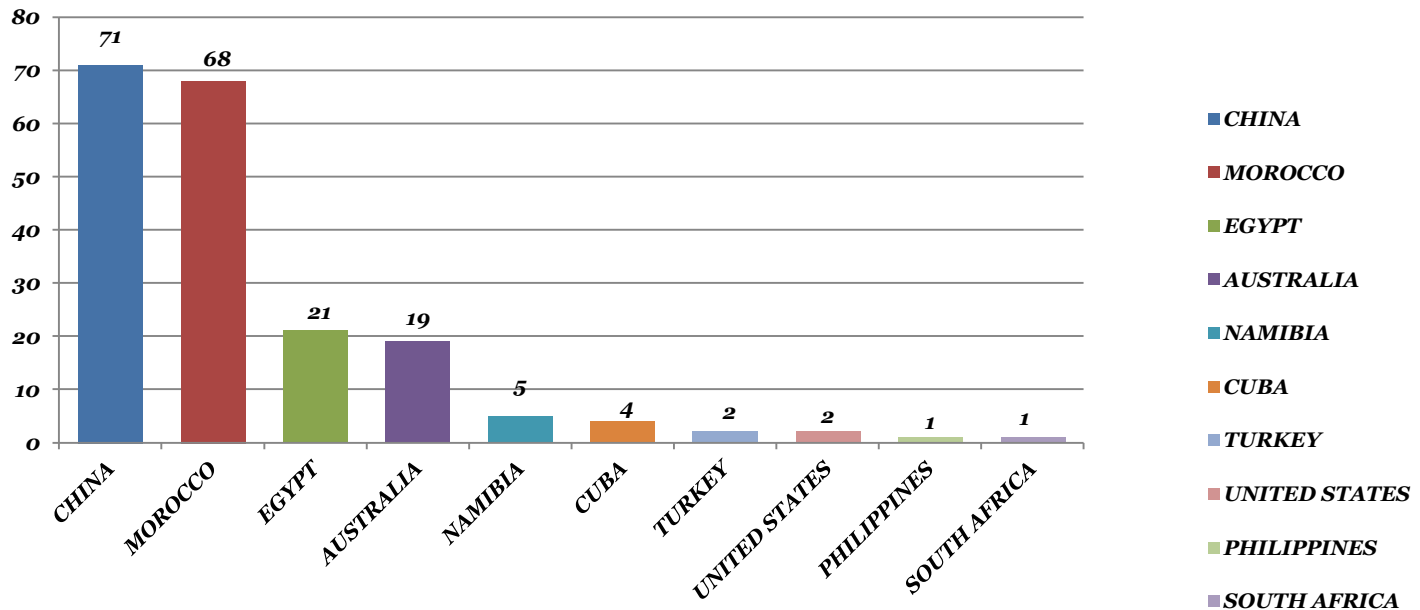
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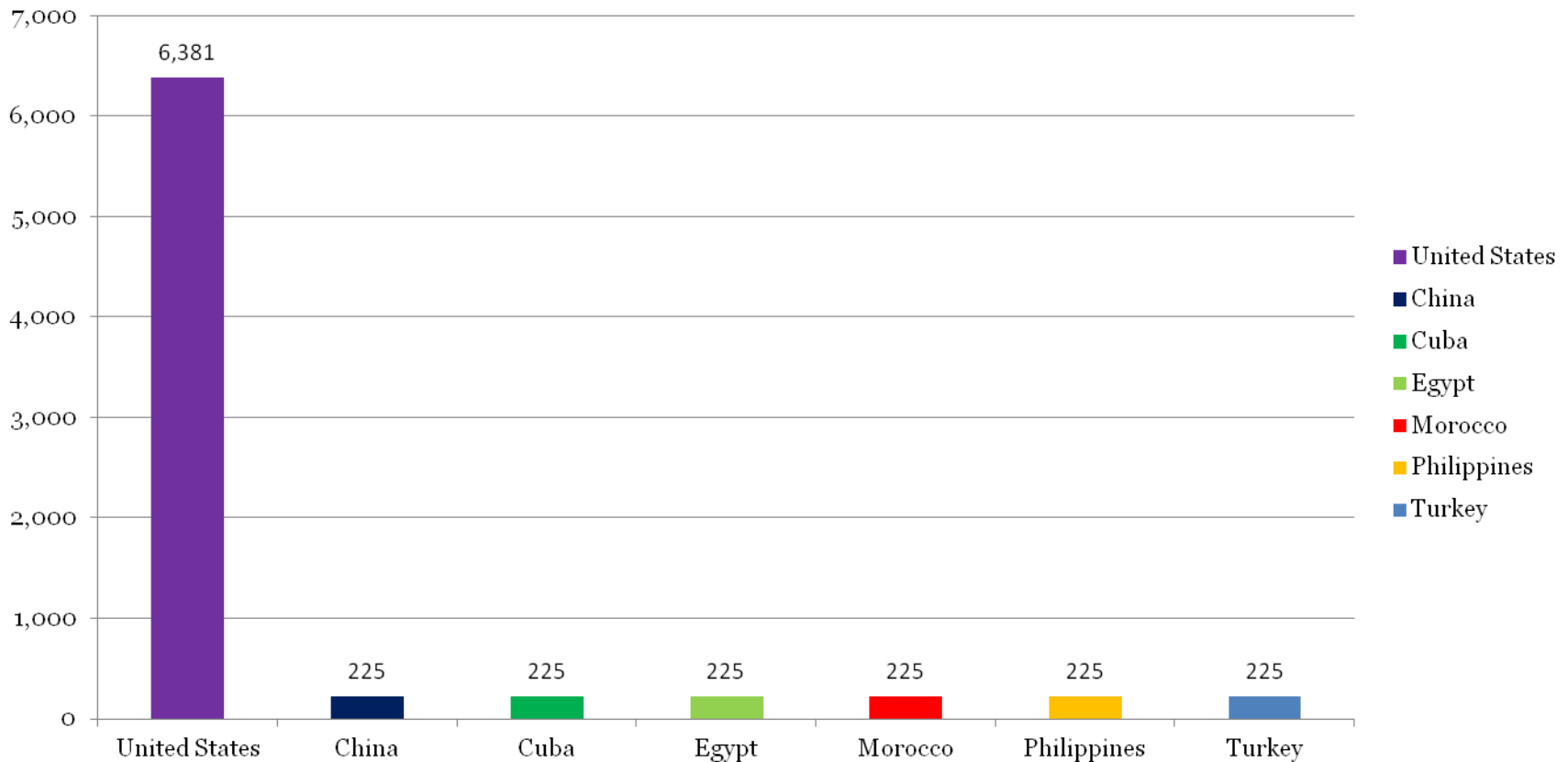
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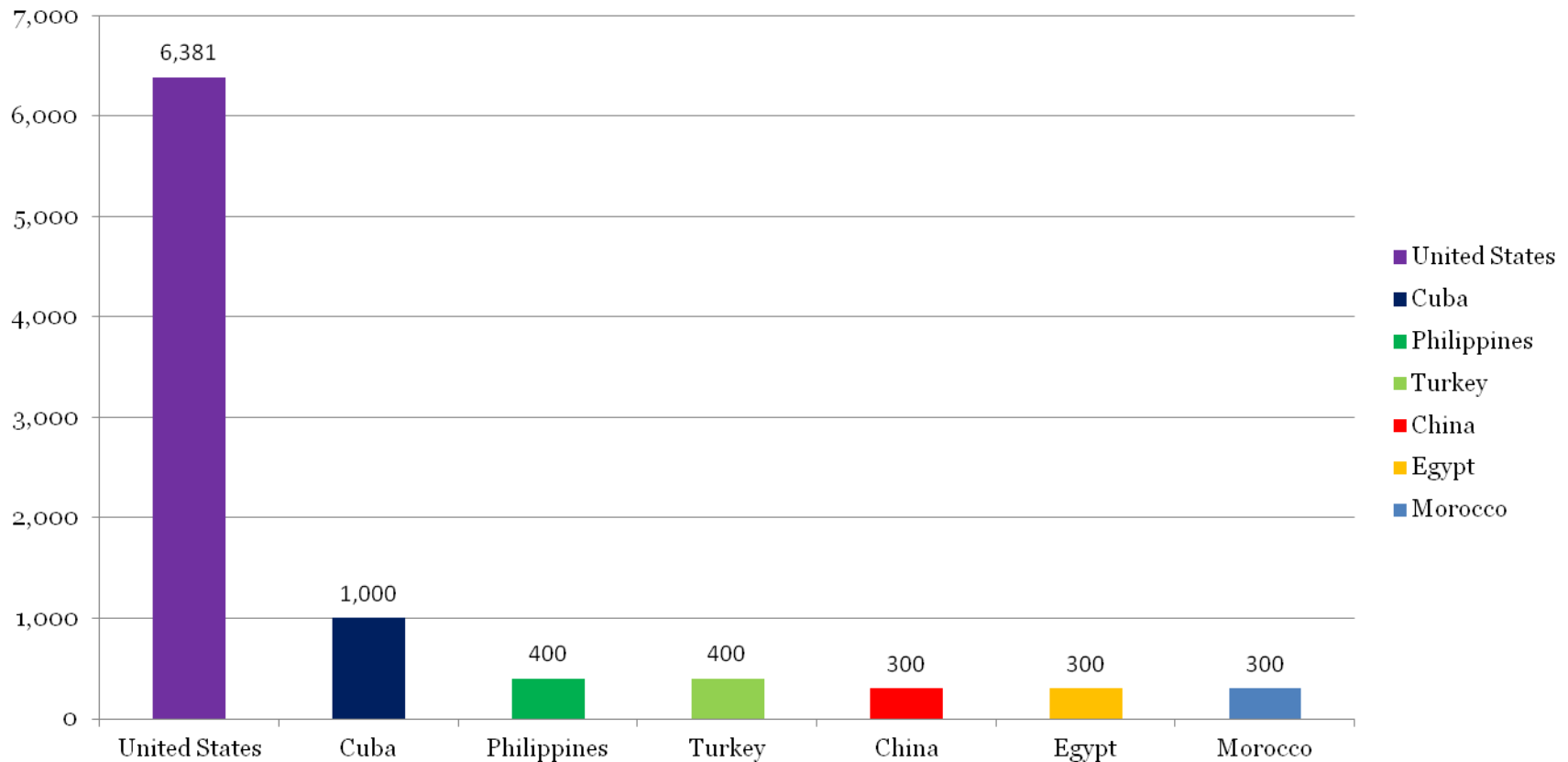
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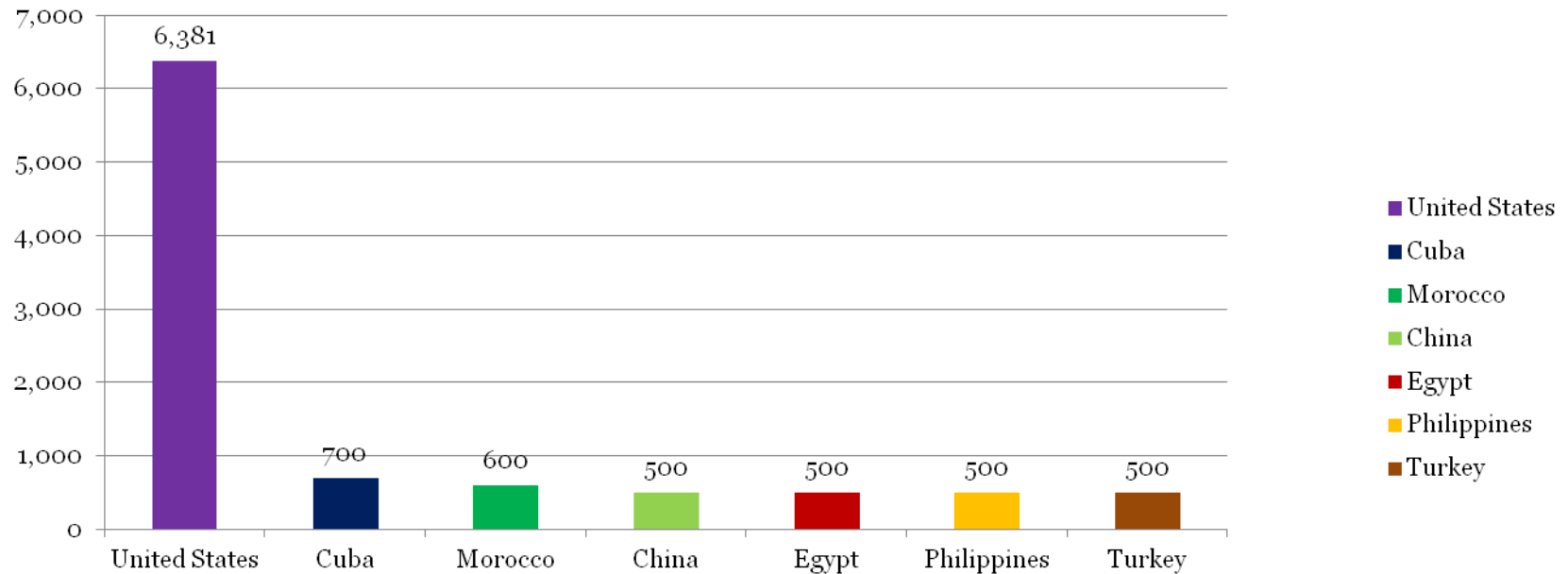
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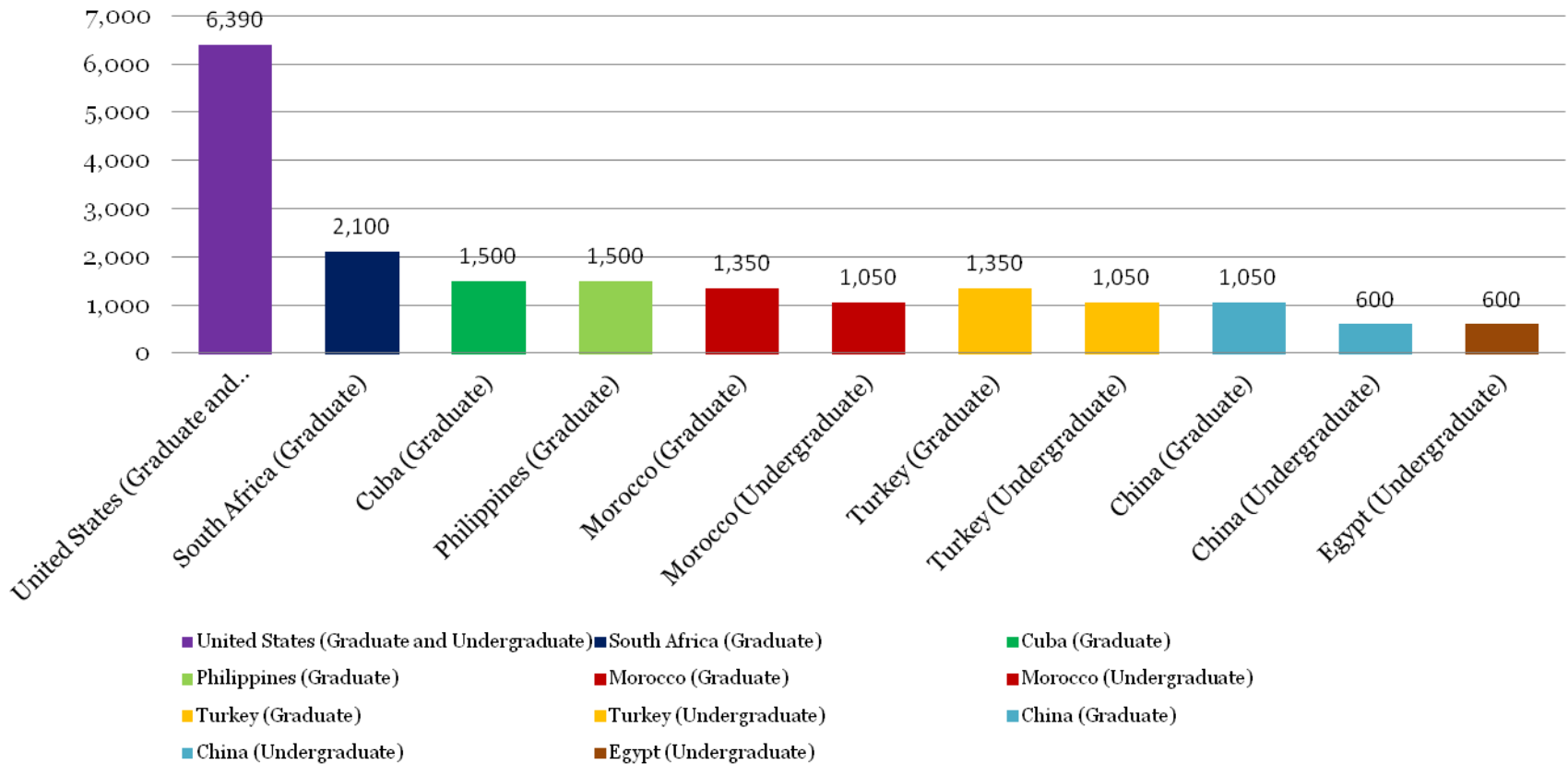
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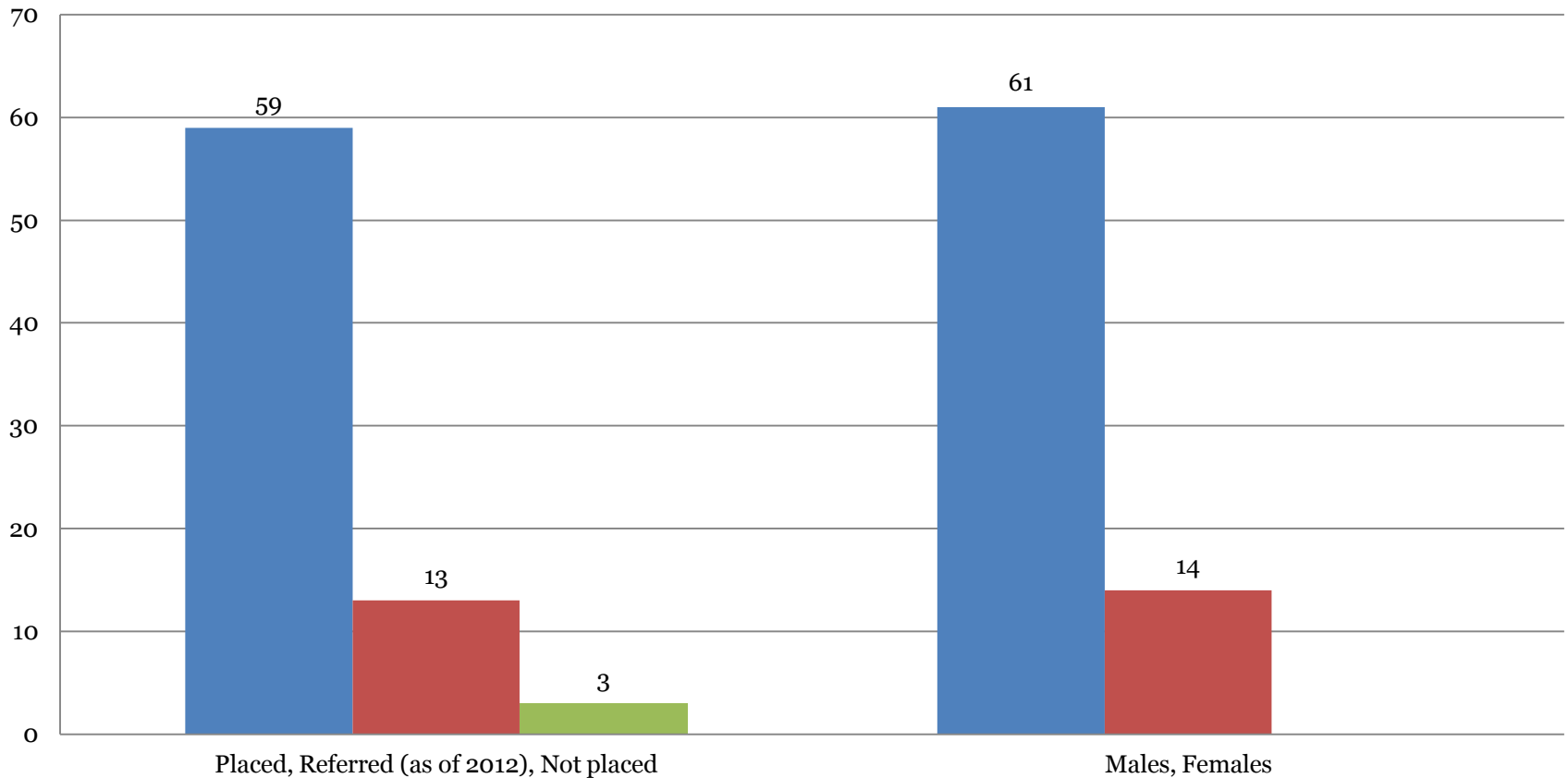
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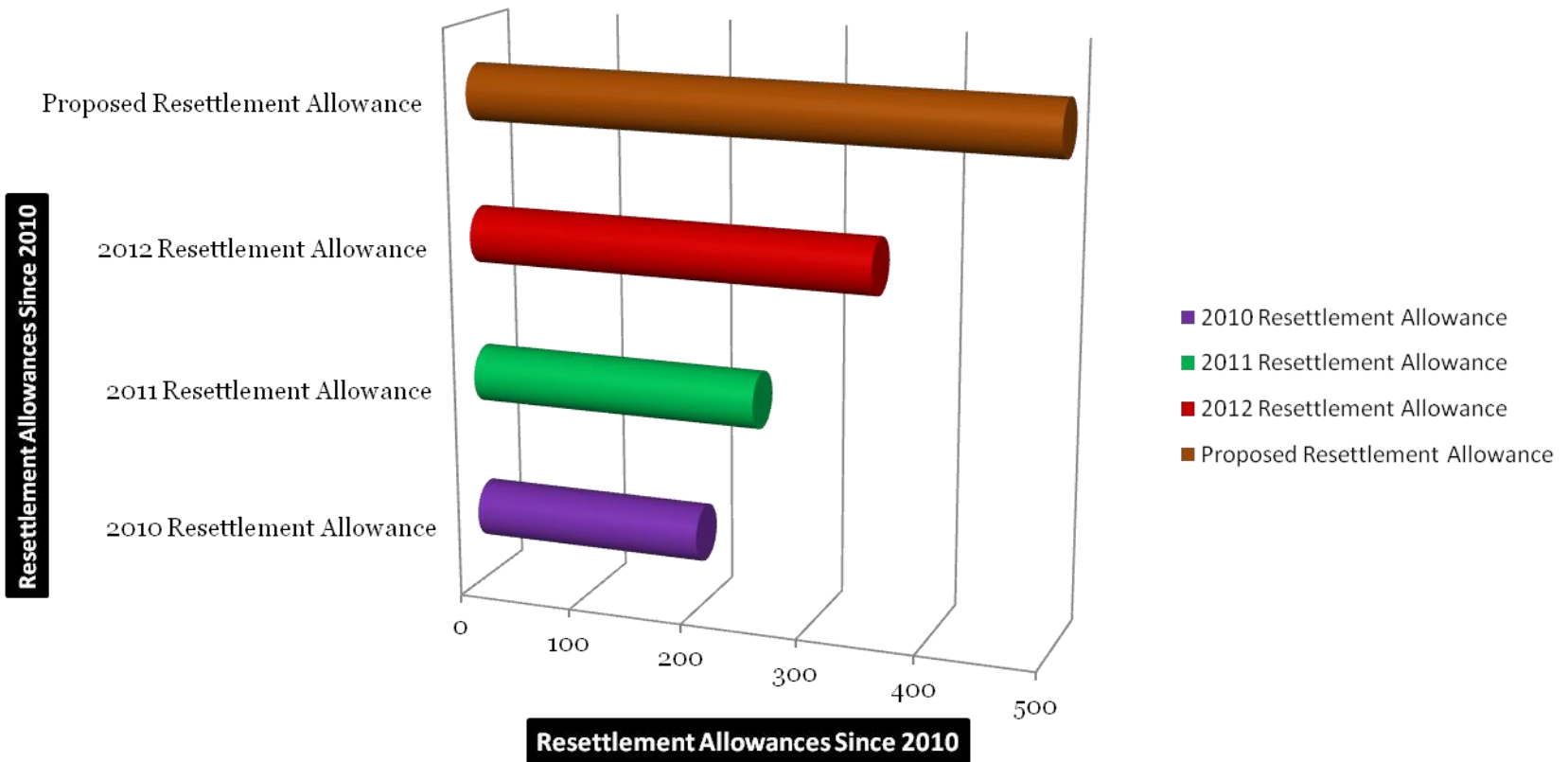
# RETURNING SCHOLARS

## Returned Bilateral Scholarships Students



# RESETTLEMENT ALLOWANCES

Series 1



# CHALLENGES

## Inadequate Funding Affecting

- Students' welfare
- Staffing needs
- Community engagement & advertizing
- Media relations

## Institutionalizing Allowances

- Undergraduate & Graduate
- Best Practice Models (Ghana, China, etc)

## Resettlement & Job Placements

- Salaries
- Some Ministries & Agencies not honoring GoL MOU with students
- A more dignified resettlement package

# CHALLENGES

## Unfulfilled Promises from Bilateral Countries

- Lebanon, Egypt, & Kuwait
- Degrees advertised are sometimes unavailable when students arrive in host countries (China, Morocco, & Namibia)

## MHSW & Liberia Dental & Medical Council

- Recognition of students' medical qualifications
- "Medical programs (China & Morocco) do not align with Liberia's health care needs."

## Quality of Applications

- Unprepared to be scholars
- Poor essays
- Forgery of academic credentials
- Scholarships are for scholars.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REFORMS

## Bilateral Scholarships Offers

- Scrutinize for Compatibility with Liberia National Capacity Development Strategy.
- Scrutinize for funding and feasibility.

## Allowances

- Adopt the Undergraduate and Graduate Allowances Model . See proposed budget for details.
- Continue to make provision of allowances to students contingent on compliance with GoL Bilateral Scholarships Policy.
- Establish bank account for the Bilateral Scholarships Program.

## Overhaul ALL Foreign Scholarships

- Model ALL foreign scholarships on the IMSC reform arrangements.
- Track ALL int'l awards through the same vetting , monitoring & evaluation procedures instituted by the IMSC.
- Consider an independent GoL Foreign Scholarships Bureau.
- Overhaul is recommended for domestic scholarships.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REFORMS

## Africa & GoL Scholarships

- Conduct an assessment of undergraduate and graduate programs (relevant to Liberia's capacity building needs) throughout continental Africa.
- Secure scholarships on the Continent through bilateral arrangements.

## Assessment Trips

- to evaluate scholarships programs for quality and relevance to the overall development agenda of the country;
- will enable the GoL formalize its relationship with missions abroad (educational liaisons in each host country);
- enable the GoL to renegotiate terms and conditions of bilateral awards that appear unaligned with the capacity needs of Liberia;
- Assessment trips should be allocated in the GoL Bilateral Scholarships budget on a yearly basis.

## GoL & the Liberian Dental & Medical Council

- GoL could engage the Dental and Medical Council in selecting programs abroad that align with the course content for the A.M. Dogliotti College of Medicine.
- Explore Cuba and Mexico for GoL medical scholarships.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REFORMS

## Building Capacity of Scholarships Recipients

- Three-month preparatory Class for ALL Bilateral Scholarships recipients prior to departure.
- to reinforce the academic readiness skills gaps among beneficiaries through transfer of knowledge and skills.

## Curbing Forgery of Academic Documents

- GoL should collaborate intensely with tertiary institutions, WAEC and high schools in Liberia to provide a template for their official transcripts, diplomas, WAEC certificates and letters of attestation in order to validate documents for vetting purposes.

## Future of IMSC

- Restructure IMSC to include the ff members: the MoF, Youth & Sports, Gender & Development, MoS, and MFA; the Civil Service Agency, and the National Commission on Higher Education.
- Consider administrative costs, including salaries for staff.
- Thank you.