

# The Target Customer: The Overseas Filipinos

200,000

Overseas Filipinos (OFs) in Hong Kong who:

98% Are mostly Female



46%

Have been in Hong Kong for at least 3 years



66% Are between the ages of 30 - 44





64% Are married



Are mostly
Domestic
Helpers /
Househelpers



# Why do the Overseas Filipinos Remit?



To pay for the daily expenses of their families, such as food



To pay for the **bills** of their families (electricity, water, rent)



To fund the **education** of their kids / siblings



To pay for the **medical expenses** of their families



To pay for **house improvements** / building of a house



To provide for other emergency expenses

The OFs remit about 40% of their salary monthly, to provide for the needs of their family in the Philippines.

# What challenges do the OFs have when Remitting?

Because of their sense of responsibility towards their families, OFs endure the following pain points, just so they can remit and provide for their families' needs:

#### **Long Cues**



The challenge of commuting from their place of employment and queuing up for as long as 3 hours at brick & mortar remittance centers on Sundays, their only rest day

#### **Employer's Permission**



The challenge of asking employers to allow them to make trips to remittance centers on weekdays for emergency remittances

#### Communication



The challenge of immediate communication with their beneficiaries on the remittance that was made, which is not always achieved if the OFs do not have an immediate way to call internationally

#### **Security & Piece-Of-Mind**



The challenge of learning that their hard-earned money is sometimes not spent on the intended purpose, and is used for non-essential items

### The Solution: The Smart World Remit App



**Smart World Remit** is a mobile app that was launched by PLDT 1528 Limited, Hong Kong (PLDT HK) last September 23, 2017. It aims to help Overseas Filipinos in Hong Kong to remit anytime and anywhere, in a manner that is fast, secure and hassle-free.

The promise of the Smart World Remit app is simple:

Fast. Secure. No Lines.

# **Key Features of the Smart World Remit App**

#### Remittance anytime, anywhere

Instead of queuing up at brick & mortar remittance centers, users can simply use their mobile phone to remit. The money that they will remit can be loaded to their Tap & Go wallet, a partner mobile wallet app. Loading of money is conveniently done in any of the 7-Eleven branches nationwide.





### **Competitive foreign exchange rates**

While the regular forex rates of the Smart World Remit app are already competitive enough vis-à-vis market rates, Smart World Remit continues to raise the bar through regular implementation of payday forex rate promos, providing the best remittance rates for the customers.

### Integration of remittance and telco services

PLDT HK subscribers who use the Smart World Remit app have the advantage of receiving 200 IDD (International Direct Dialing) minutes for free, for every remittance that they make. This benefit, not offered by any other remittance service, allows them to call and communicate with their beneficiaries right away, as soon as they remit.



# The Smart World Remit App User Journey

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Top-up your Tap & Go wallet with

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Download the Smart World Remit app on Google Play or App Store, and register for an account.

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the amount that you will remit in any 7-Eleven branch in Hong Kong.

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Remit via the Smart World Remit app!

Inform your beneficiary in the Philippines about the remittance you just made.

Your beneficiary can claim the money from over 15,000 cash pick-up centers in the Philippines.





### **Smart World Remit app Key Visual**

Headline Translation: You can now remit easily and securely on your smartphone!

Smart World Remit app logo

### **Digital & Social Media**

Product awareness and educational posts on the Smart World Hong Kong Facebook page







### **Digital & Social Media**

Boosted promo posts on the Smart World Hong Kong Facebook page that leverage on:

FREE 200 IDD minutes



Discounted cable charges



Special foreign exchange rates



#### **On-Ground**

Merchandising materials and on-ground collaterals

#### Banners



How-to flyers





#### **Posters**



#### **On-Ground**

Booth setup for on-ground activations / promotional campaigns







# Smart World Remit App Performance Highlights

In the 6 months since the app was launched, Smart World Remit has:







## What's Next for the Smart World Remit App?



#### **Telco Load as Currency**

Being that majority of the Overseas Filipinos in Hong Kong are uncarded, PLDT HK and PLDT Global have introduced the use of telco load as means of payment in their online store, <a href="www.smartworld247.com">www.smartworld247.com</a>. As part of the Purposeful Remittance thrust, this provides an alternative to sending cash directly to beneficiaries.

#### Special Perks for PLDT HK subscribers (available by Q3 2018)

If the app detects that the user is a PLDT HK subscriber, the app will offer additional perks such as a special discounted remittance rate or higher forex rate. This further reinforces the remittance and telco service integration for the Smart World Remit app.





#### Retail Business Ownership Option for Customers (available by Q4 2018)

Customers who love doing "buy and sell" as a side business can be instant retailers of PLDT HK and PLDT Global products through the Smart World Retailer app. Through the Smart World Remit app, they can fund the selling wallet of the Retailer app.

#### Purposeful Remittance (available by early 2019)

Through the Smart World Remit app, the remitter can select and define where the remittance will be spent on, such as rent, electricity/water bills, school tuition fees, or grocery items. This addresses the pain point of the remittance being used for non-essential items, and instead encourages purposeful use of the money.



