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**Subject: DSWD Guidelines in Monitoring and Evaluation of
Implementation of International Commitments**

I. RATIONALE

The government is a state signatory to several international treaties/conventions and conferences that calls for the fulfillment of the rights, protection and welfare of children, women, displaced/marginalized families, older persons, persons with disabilities and victims of disasters. By this, the Philippine government is expected to adopt, implement and comply to the provisions stated therein. These international commitments include among others, the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the Beijing Platform of Action adopted during the Fourth World Conference on Women; the United Nation Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); the Macau Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific/Biwako Millenium Framework for Action Towards an Inclusive Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific and the Hanoi Plan of Action adopted during the 6th ASEAN Summit to realized the ASEAN Vision 2020 . Our government is also a signatory to the World Summit on Social Development Declaration which recognizes the importance of social development and well being of people. The treaty clause of the Philippine Constitution (Article II, Section II) provides that international conventions or treaties, of which the Philippines is a party, are recognized as valid and effective and as part of domestic law and as source of international obligations.

The passage of the Local Government Code (RA 7610) has significantly changed the institutional arrangements in the delivery of basic social services. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) redirected its functions and operations, performing two major roles of rowing and steering. The Department effectively plays a leadership role in moving the Government's social welfare and development policy agenda forward from conceptualization, to legislation, implementation and evaluation. The Department proactively identified local and global trends that might impact on the development of public policies affecting and/or the planning and delivery of services and programs to country's vulnerable groups. It is therefore necessary that a monitoring and evaluation mechanism be established for its current and future international commitments, from national down to the local level as an integral part of the

management information systems for social development. Moreover, such would ensure that existing commitments are translated into actions.

While there are a lot of sector-specific policies and laws, there is a need to check their consistency with these international commitments. Monitoring and evaluation of compliance to various international commitments which relates to social welfare and development are vital for effective and sustained implementation of these commitments. This also ensures that obligations committed by the Philippines under international law are fully respected and performed in good faith.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following are defined for the purpose of this guideline:

Agenda of Action	Plan of actions/activities/strategies to be done in the implementation of specific commitments.
Agreement	Refers to instruments that are concluded within the framework of the constitutional treaty signed by the representatives of government agencies but are not subject to ratification.
Assembly	Meetings of representatives from different organization to review outcomes of previous assemblies and discuss plan of action of new initiatives.
Conference	Formal meetings of representatives from different organizations to discuss international issues/problems.
Commitment	Refers to pledge or obligation by the government expressed in writing wherein they are also signatory.
Convention	Formal multilateral treaties with a broad number of parties which are normally open for participation by the international community.
Covenant	A document/instrument containing the terms of agreement that is usually

formal and binding.

Declaration

An instrument that is annexed to a treaty with the goal of interpreting or explaining the provisions of the latter.

Evaluation

An assessment/analysis of the implementation of international commitments whether goals/objectives are being met.

Monitoring

Keeping track of activities to ensure compliance to various international commitments/declarations.

Resolution

An action of the government that expresses the policies, sentiment, opinions or direction of one or both houses.

Summit

Meeting of highest level officials and heads of government to discuss and agree on the adoption of any declaration to commit themselves to new initiatives.

Treaties

An international agreement concluded between international organizations as parties in written form and governed by international law. Their signatures are usually sealed and they normally require ratification.

III. OBJECTIVES

- 1) To establish networking and linkages with Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), UN agencies and other international organizations in the development of data based information relative to international commitments;
- 2.) To establish a monitoring scheme at the DSWD Central and Field Offices level and other entities in updating the information and data and in monitoring compliance to international commitments and laws for onward submission to DFA;

- 3) To ensure integration of these commitments in the regional and local development plans;
- 4) To determine the gaps in the implementation of these international commitments in relation to the development and delivery of social welfare and development programs and projects; and
- 5) To address the gaps of international/regional/national issue for policy recommendations/program development/standard setting and advocacy on SWD concerns at all levels

IV. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

In order to ensure effective implementation of various international commitments, a monitoring and evaluation mechanism shall be set up at all levels of implementation. The monitoring of international commitments shall be done through the following:

Monitoring

1. Regular monitoring and evaluation through:
 - a) Submission of feedback reports after attendance to international conferences
 - b) Conduct of regular dialogue by DSWD Field Offices with concerned agencies and local government units
 - c) Conduct of evaluation conference by DSWD Field Offices with concerned agencies and local government units
2. Regular updating of information/data relative to international commitments
3. Attendance to inter-agency meetings relative to international commitments
4. Preparation of status report of programs, projects and activities relative to international commitments
5. Consultation with the local government executives and other intermediaries to discuss matters relative to international commitments
6. Participation in the planning, monitoring and evaluation process of program implementation relative to international commitments

The Monitoring and Evaluation Flowchart (Annex A) presents the flow and the process of monitoring and evaluation of international commitments as an important obligations to performed by a country in order to achieve the goal of human development and improved quality of life. The significance of the process emanates from the core value of human rights to significant provisions of international commitments.

The flowchart facilitates national, regional and local efforts to integrate and carry out activities consistent with the goal of commitments as stipulated in various international documents (Annex C).

For better understanding of the flowchart, the following are the key meaning of the symbols:

- ⇒ the (arrow) represents the direction of the monitoring and evaluation process.
- (circle) symbols are what to be monitored in relation to international commitments.
- (square) symbols are the mechanism and the entities for monitoring.
- (oblong) symbols represent the goal of international commitments

Evaluation

The implementation of international commitments is evaluated to determine if the goals of international commitments are achieved. This shall be conducted by the DSWD Field Offices at the regional level at the end of the year in coordination with the LGU concerned. The results are submitted to the Policy, Plans and Information Systems Bureau (PPISB) at Central Office for national consolidation and analysis. The results of the evaluation will be the basis for the preparation of assessment and country report and other requirements of concerned agencies and requesting parties.

V. MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. For the reporting requirements, the existing DSWD Planning and Monitoring Reporting System will be utilized to generate the data for processing, The field offices will submit consolidated report to the Planning and Monitoring Division (PMD) PPISB on the implementation of the commitments on a semestral basis. The PMD will then furnish the Policy and Research Division (PRD) with the data generated for the preparation of report on the implementation of the international commitments.
2. Reports on the technical assistance, as well as the implementation of new technology and implementation of existing/statutory programs and projects, will be submitted by Programs and Projects Bureau (PPB) and the National Operations Office (NOO) respectively. This shall be furnished to PPISB as the need arises.
3. In addition to this, all officials and employees who have attended international conferences/meetings shall accomplish a prescribed monitoring form for the attendance to international conferences/meetings (Annex B) for submission to

CPDD and accessed by PPISB to ensure monitoring of specific commitments.

4. Officials and employees who have attended international conferences shall likewise, furnish the concerned units of their feedback reports immediately upon return from their official travel and ensure that commitments are translated into DSWD plans.
5. Compliance to international commitments as translated into DSWD plans should be included in the Performance Contract of all concerned units in the Central and Field Offices.

VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following will be the monitoring and reporting responsibilities of the units concerned:

A. Central Office

1. The Policy, Plans and Information Systems Bureau shall:

- 1.1 Study the provisions indicated in the international commitments/treaties/declarations to identify the need for policy formulation, program development, standard setting and institutional strengthening and bring this to attention of concerned unit for action
- 1.2 Regular updating of information relative to international commitments
- 1.3 Coordinate with DFA and other international bodies in updating information and data on international commitments
- 1.4 Attend to inter-agency meetings relative to international commitments
- 1.5 Integrate field offices implementation reports relative to international commitments using the existing Planning and Monitoring Reporting form on a semestral basis
- 1.6 Coordinate the conduct of policy/legislative reforms
- 1.7 Coordinate with NCWDP, CWC, ICAB relative to international commitments
- 1.8 Prepare reports of compliance for submission to management and requesting agency/ies

2. The Program Bureau shall:

- 2.1 Determine and provide program directions on new technology to address new/emerging/existing SWD needs as a result of the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of international commitments
- 2.2 Provide technical assistance to DSWD Field Offices in the implementation of new technology in line with international commitments

2.3 Prepare/provide reports relative to the development and implementation of new technology in line with international commitments for submission to PPISB as needed

3 The Standards Bureau

3.1 Develop standards based on accepted and universal principles to ensure effective implementation of programs and projects relative to international commitments

3.2 Provide technical assistance to DSWD Field Offices relative to SWD standards and compliance monitoring

4. The National Operations Office (NOO) shall:

4.1 Ensure that implementation of international commitments are being undertaken in accordance to/with the framework of the commitments

4.2 Conduct regular consultations with Field Offices to determine gaps in program implementation

4.3 Provide technical assistance and funding support to all Field Offices to ensure efficient and effective implementation of existing/statutory programs and projects supporting the international commitments

4.4 Prepare reports relative to the implementation of existing/statutory programs and projects for submission to PPISB as needed

5. The Career Planning and Development Division (CPDD) shall:

5.1 Ensure submission of accomplished monitoring form (Annex B) by the officials/employees who have attended international conferences/meetings

5.2 Ensure sharing of experiences/lessons/insights gained from attendance to international conferences

6. Social Marketing Service (SMS)

6.1 Advocate and coordinate with DLLO and other concerned units for the passage of national law supporting the international commitments

B. Attached Agencies (NCWDP, ICAB):

7. The Attached Agencies shall:

7.1 Ensure the implementation of the international commitments by all stakeholders

- 7.2 Conduct regular consultations/dialogues with concerned GOs, NGOs, POs and sector with disability re: issues in line with the commitments/laws
- 7.3 Provide technical assistance to all stakeholders for effective and efficient implementation of programs for children and PWDs in line with the commitments
- 7.4 Monitor, assesses and prepares reports on their implementation/compliance
- 7.5 Coordinate with DFA and other UN bodies in updating information/data re: commitments
- 7.6 Attend/represent the country in inter-agency/country meetings, summits, conferences relative to international commitments

C. Field Offices

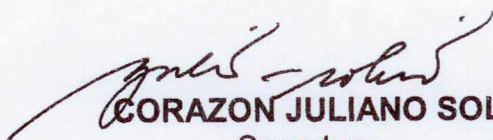
8. The Field Office shall:

- 8.1 Designate a focal person from the appropriate unit, who should closely coordinate with the local government units and participate in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of program implementation relative to international commitments
- 8.2 Attend/conduct consultative meetings and conferences with the local government units to discuss issues and concerns in the implementation of programs and projects, and problem solving sessions to set directions and identification of issues and/or deterring factors in the implementation of commitments
- 8.3 Provide technical assistance to local government units to discuss issues and concerns in the implementation of programs and projects
- 8.4 Review and evaluate the data generated and come up with a consolidated field office report (both statistical and narrative)
- 8.5 Prepare reports of compliance and implementation using the existing Planning and Monitoring Report form, and other reports as required by NOO and other units
- 8.6 Submit the regional integrated/consolidated report to PPISB on a semestral basis.

VII. EFFECTIVITY

This order takes effect immediately and rescinds all other previous orders or issuances contrary to it.

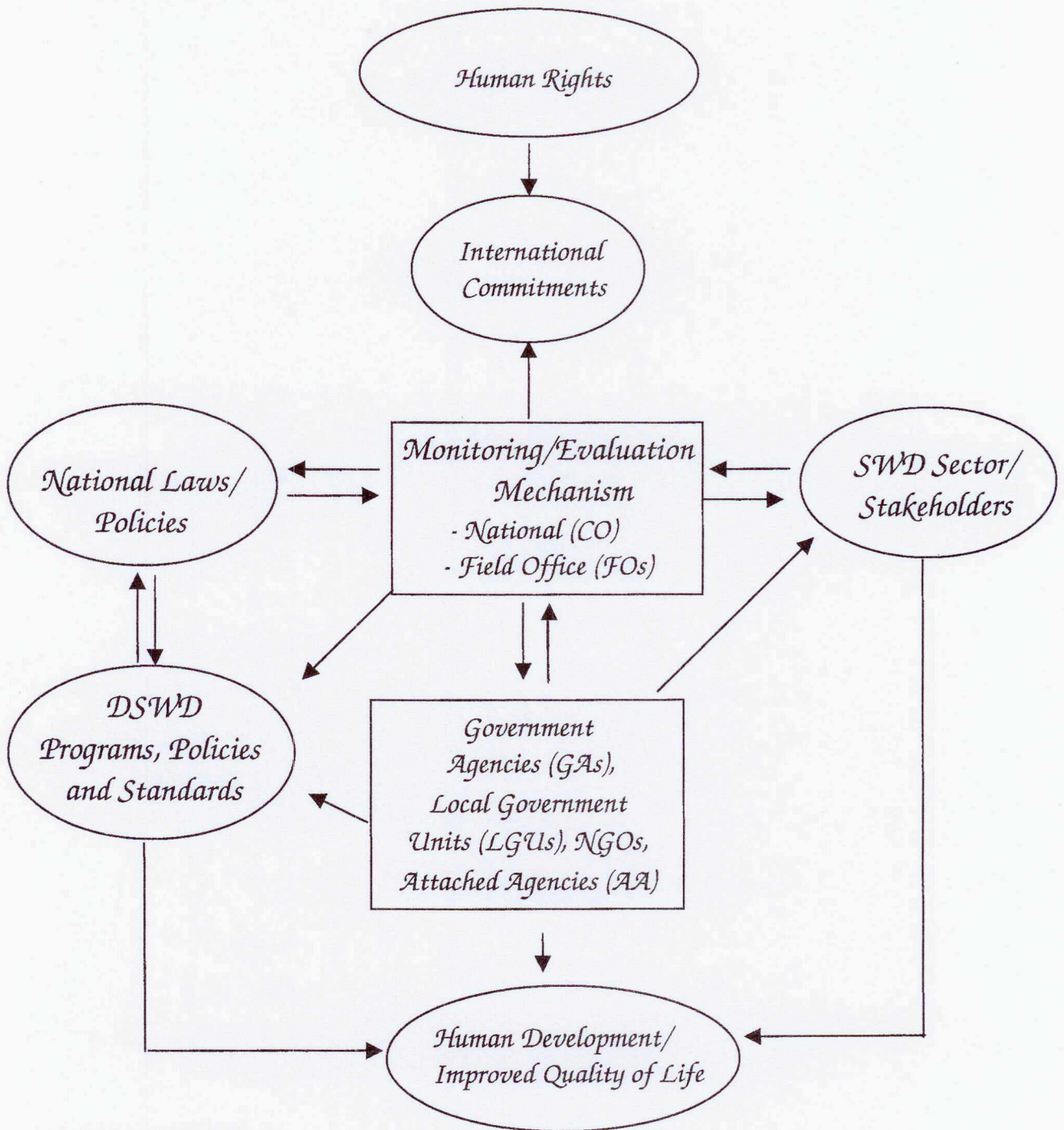
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Monitoring and Evaluation Flow Chart



Key to Symbols

- - Directions of Monitoring Process
- - Process/Mechanism
- - Concerned Areas for Monitoring
- ◌ - Core Concern

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International Commitments

Sector: Family

Couples, disadvantaged families, distressed families, solo parents, internationally displaced families

International Commitments/ Provisions	Cross Reference to Other International/ Regional Commitments	National Laws	DSWD Commitment
<p>1. <u>World Summit for Social Development</u></p> <p>Strengthen institutions that enhance <i>social integration</i>, recognizing the central role of the family and providing it with an environment that assures its protection and support.</p> <p>The family is the basic unit of society and as such should be strengthened. It is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support.</p> <p>In different cultural, political and social systems, various forms of the family exist. Marriage must be entered into with the free consent of the intending spouses, and husband and wife should be equal partners.</p>	<p>1994 International Year of the Family (proclaimed by the UNGA, in its resolution 44/82 of December 8, 1989)</p> <p><i>1994 Theme: Family: resources and responsibilities in a changing world</i></p> <p>Focuses on providing "special protection and assistance to the family pursuant to the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights, the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Further, activities seek to promote the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms</p> <p>" Policies will aim at fostering equality between women and men within</p>	<p><u>Executive Order No. 241 (1995)</u> Creating a Steering Committee for the Proper Observance of the Family Week</p> <p><u>Proclamation No. 60 (1992)</u> Declaring the Last Week of September of Every Year as Family Week</p> <p><u>Proclamation No. 847 (1996)</u> Declaring Every Fourth Sunday of September as Family Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p><u>The Philippine Plan of Action for the Filipino Family, 1994-2000: A Commitment to the International Year of the Family 1994</u></p> <p><i>Familial responsibilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Parent Effectiveness > Pre-Marriage and Marriage Counselling > Family Health Care > Family Crisis-Coping <p>> Community support generation</p> <p><i>Family values and culture</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Value education session in schools > Develop resource materials on positive family values <p><i>Family and environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Disaster mitigation and preparedness program and advocacy <p><i>Livelihood resource</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Capital assistance for income generating projects > Training on basic business management > Job counselling and placement/ referrals <p><i>Fertility and family planning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Capability building in family planning and responsible parenthood

Annex B

**Department of Social Welfare and Development
Monitoring Form on Attendance to International Conference/Meeting**

Name of Senior Official/Employee : _____

Position : _____ Assignment : _____

Title/Type of Conference Attended:

Date/Duration of Conference: _____

Venue : _____

Commitment expected from
DSWD/SWD

Recommended Course of
Action

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International Commitments/ Provisions	Cross Reference to Other International/ Regional Commitments	National Laws	DSWD Commitment
<p>(a) Encouraging social and economic policies that are designed to meet the needs of families and their individual members, esp. the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members, with particular attention to the care of children.</p> <p>(b) Ensuring opportunities for family members to understand and meet their social responsibilities.</p> <p>(c) Promoting mutual cooperation within the family and within society</p> <p>(d) promoting equal partnership between women and men in the family</p>	<p>families, to bring about a fuller sharing of domestic responsibilities and employment opportunities."</p> <p><i>1996 Theme: Families: Victims of Poverty and Homelessness</i></p> <p>The year's theme centered on recognizing the issues and impact of poverty and homelessness to the families' formation, structure and functions.</p> <p>"Public policy decisions should consider impact on the families and how they will be formed, whether they will survive or not, and how providers. Hence, prioritize formulation and implementation of family-sensitive policies in family-friendly societies.</p> <p><i>1997 Theme: Building Families Based on Partnership</i></p>	<p><u>The 1987 Philippine Constitution</u> Provides for the total development of the family as mandated in: (a) Article XV, Section I - the State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development.</p>	<p><i>Criminality and domestic violence</i> > <i>Information campaign against criminality and domestic violence through media</i> > Counselling and legal assistance to abused/ battered women/ children, youth and other members of household including domestic helpers > Organize strengthen and sustain community structures to serve as preventive scheme or "crime watch" against criminality and domestic violence <i>Needs of tribal communities</i> > Conduct of non-formal education (functional literacy) > Capital assistance</p>

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		b) Article XV, Sections 3 and 4 the States shall defend the right of families or family association to participate in the planning and implementation of policies programs that affect them.	



International Commitments

Sector: Child and Youth

Treaties/And Other International Instruments	Executive Issuances National Laws	DSWD Commitments
<p>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child</p>	<p>PD 603 "The Child and Youth Welfare Code"</p> <p>RA 7610 "Special Protection of Filipino Children"</p> <p>PD 603, RA 8043, "The Inter-Country Adoption Law," RA 8552 "Domestic Adoption Act of 1998"</p> <p>RA 7610 "Special Protection of Filipino Children"</p> <p>RA 7610 Letter of Instruction (LOI) of PGMA on "Family Solidarity Program"</p>	<p>Provide Substitute parental care for children by licensed foster family when his/her biological parents cannot care</p> <p>Facilitate local and/or Inter-Country adoption to abandoned/neglected/abused children, children with special needs e.g. children with disability, children born out of rape and incestuous relationships who are voluntarily or in voluntarily committed to DSWD</p> <p>Provide immediate intervention to children who are abandoned, neglected, abused and exploited for their early recovery and reintegration to their families and communities</p> <p>Address the increasing number of street children, the program entails, the expansion of service delivery target areas to access more street children and their families to basic social services e.g. education, skills training, livelihood assistance, etc. thereby improving their social functioning, able to live a normal life away from the streets and pursuing their aspiration in life. The program will be implemented by the local gov't unit in coordination with the non-government agencies and other intermediaries with DSWD providing technical assistance.</p>



Treaties/And Other International Instruments	Executive Issuances National Laws	DSWD Commitments
Stockholm Agenda for Action Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	<p>PD 603</p> <p>PD 603, RA 7610</p> <p>PD 603, PD 7610, RA 8369 "Family Courts Act"</p> <p>PD 603, RA 7610 RA 8505 "Rape Victim Assistance and Control Act of 1998</p>	<p>Provision of Social Rehabilitation Services to Children in Conflict with the law.</p> <p>Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of armed conflict. Existing community organizations shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations.</p> <p>Uphold the rights and privileges of CICL as embodied in the laws</p> <p>Advocates for the passage of HB No. 25, "An Act Enhancing the Administration of Juvenile Justice, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Related Purpose," authored by Honorable Bellaflor J. Angara- Castillo.</p> <p>Oppose bills which will lower the age of criminal liability.</p> <p>Observance of National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Creation of the Quick Reaction Team (QRT) - an interdisciplinary intervention aimed at effectively responding to the victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.</p> <p>Enrichment of the Parent Effectiveness Service (PES) Module for provision of knowledge and skills to parents and others involved in child caring on early childhood care and development, health care behavior management, husbandwife relationship, and parenting rights and duties.</p>

Treaties/And Other International Instruments	Executive Issuances National Laws	DSWD Commitments
<p>Optional protocols to the Covention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (Ratified by Phil. Senate)</p>	<p>PD 603 "Child and Youth Welfare Code"</p> <p>RA 7610 "Special Protection of Filipino Children"</p> <p>PD 603, RA 7610, RA 8043</p>	<p>Protect the rights of Children in Situation and Armed Conflict (CSAC) and promote the cause of peace.</p> <p>Provide social, physical and psychological recovery and reintegration of CSAC</p> <p>Provide immediate intervention to children who are abandoned, neglected, abused and exploited for their early recovery and reintegration to their families and communities</p> <p>The Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB) was created by virtue of RA 8043. The agency is mandated to act as the central authority in matters relating to Inter-Country Adoption of Filipino Children.</p> <p>Provide protective custody and Therapy Services for Sexually and Exploited Children.</p> <p>Training of Family Court (RA 8369) Social Workers</p>

Treaties/And Other International Instruments	Executive Issuances National Laws	DSWD Commitments
<p>UN Declaration of the International Youth Year (1985)</p> <p>ILO Convention 182 (June, 1999) Convention concerning the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour</p>	<p>RA 8044 "Youth in Nation Building Act"</p> <p>Philippine Medium Term Youth Dev't Plan 1999 - 2004 (NYC)</p> <p>RA 7610, PD 603 (1974) (1992)</p>	<p>Provide opportunities to out of and in-school youth who are members of the Pag-asa</p> <p>Youth Movement (PYM) to enable them to engage in worthwhile and productive activities for their social, economic, physical, spiritual and mental development to become contributing members of the community.</p> <p>To eliminate the worst forms of child labour such as slavery and forced labor, participation of children in armed conflicts, prostitution and sexual exploitation of children, use of children in during trafficking and all dangerous work likely to endanger</p>

International Commitments

Persons with Disabilities

Treaty/And Other International Instruments	National Laws and Other Executive Issuances	DSWD Commitments
<p>ILO Convention 159: Concerning the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment of Disabled Persons</p>	<p>Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (RA 7277)</p> <p>Executive Order No. 261: Creating and Inter-agency Committee for the Promotion of Employment of Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>Provisions of Sheltered Vocational and Employment Rehabilitation Services through its VOC Rehab Institutions (DSWD)</p> <p>Provision of direction/technical support to member agencies of Committee (DOLE)</p> <p>Report to UN re: Implementation of Convention (NCWDP)</p>

International Commitments

Sector: Older Persons

Treaty/And Other International Instruments	National Laws and Other Executive Issuances	DSWD Commitments
<p>First World Assembly on Ageing (1982)</p>	<p>RA 7432 "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes" (February 7, 1992) RA 7876 "Senior Citizens Center Act of the Philippines" (January 31, 1995)</p>	<p>Provide Nationally Uniform ID Cards which shall be issued through the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) to facilitate the grant of 20% discount from all establishments relative to utilization of transportation service, hotels and similar lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers, and purchase of medicine anywhere in the country.</p> <p>Establish measures whereby the contribution of the Senior Citizens are maximized</p> <p>Establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community that they serve.</p>

International Commitments

Sector: Women

Treaties/Declaration	National Laws/Memo	DSWD Commitment
<p>1. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</p>	<p>RA 7192 known as the "Women in Development and Nation-Building Act was passed in February 1992</p> <p>RA 6725 Strengthening the Prohibition on Discrimination against women with respect to Terms and Conditions of Employment (May 12, 1989)</p> <p>RA 7882 An Act Providing Assistance to Women Engaging in Micro and Cottage Business Enterprise and Other Purposes (February 20, 1995)</p> <p>RA 7688 Giving Representation to Women in the Social Security Commission (March 3, 1994)</p>	<p>The Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) is the Department's pro-poor program which seeks to empower targeted families and communities to address their minimum basic needs. It involves strategy to improve the quality of living and contribute to reduction in poverty. This program lessen the burden of women who are in the midst of poverty.</p> <p>Adopted the CSC Memo Circular #14 enabling the DSWD employees to adopt flexible working hours to the multiple burden of women.</p> <p>The Productivity Skills and Capability Building Program seeks to provide skills training to disadvantaged women which will enable them to gain employment either through self, open employment or sheltered workshop, thus contributing to increased family income</p> <p>Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) para sa Kababaihan which include provision of livelihood projects and other entrepreneurial activities to women.</p>

Treaties/Declaration	National Laws/Memo	DSWD Commitment
	<p>RA 7655 An Act Increasing the Minimum Wage of Housekeepers Amending Art. 143 of PD No. 442 and makes social security available to them (August 19, 1993)</p> <p>RA 6955 An Act to Declare Unlawful the Practice of Matching Filipino Women for Marriage to Foreign Nationals On A Mail Order Basis and Other Similar Practices (June 13, 1990)</p> <p>RA 7877 An Act Declaring Sexual Harassment Unlawful in the Employment, Education or Training Environment And For Other Purposes (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995) (February 14, 1995)</p> <p>RA 8353 Anti Rape Law of 1997 An Act Expanding the Delineation of the Crime of Rape, Reclassifying the same as a Crime Against Persons, Amending for the Purpose Act. No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, and for Other Purposes (September 30, 1997)</p> <p>RA 8505 An Act Providing Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, Establishing for the Purpose a Rape Crisis Center in</p>	<p>Section 3 Rape Crisis Center The DSWD, DOH, DILG, DOJ, and a lead non-government organization (NGO) with proven track record or experience in handling sexual abuse cases, shall establish in every province and city a rape crisis center located in a government hospital or health clinic or in any other suitable place for the purpose of: a) providing rape victims with psychological counseling, medical and health services, including their medico-legal examination; b) securing free legal assistance or service, when necessary, for rape victims;</p>

Treaties/Declaration	National Laws/Memo	DSWD Commitment
	<p>Every Province and City, Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes (Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998) (February 13, 1998)</p> <p>RA 8551 Title VII Section 57 Creation of Women's Desk in all police station and the formulation of a gender sensitivity program</p> <p>RA 7322 An Act Increasing Maternity Benefits in Favor of Women Workers in the Private Sector</p> <p>RA 6949 An Act to declare March Eight of Every Year as a Working Special Holiday to known as National Women's Day</p>	<p>c) assisting rape victims in the investigation to hasten the arrest of offenders and the filing of cases in court; d) ensuring the privacy and safety of rape victims; e) providing psychological counseling and medical services whenever necessary for the family of rape victims; f) developing and undertaking a training program for law enforcement officers, public prosecutors, lawyers, medico-legal officers, social workers, and barangay officials on human rights and responsibilities; gender sensitivity and legal management of rape cases; and g) adopting and implementing programs for the recovery of rape victims</p> <p>DWD is the lead agency in the establishment and operation of the Rape Crisis Center</p> <p>Women in Especially Difficult Circumstances was implemented in response to the emerging needs of women in especially difficult circumstances to enable them to flee high risk, violent and or/hazardous situations.</p> <p>Participation in yearly celebration of women's month.</p>

Treaties/Declaration	National Laws/Memo	DSWD Commitment
	<p>RA 8171 An Act Providing for the Repatriation of Filipino Women Who Have Lost Their Philippine Citizenship by Marriage to Aliens and of Natural Born Filipinos (October 23, 1995)</p> <p>RA 8425 (1998) Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act (December 11, 1997)</p> <p>EO 273 Approving and Adopting the Philippine Plan for Gender Responsive Development 1995-2025</p> <p>EO 99 (1999) Creating the Presidential Task Force on the 20/20 Initiative</p> <p>DO 20 series of 1993 Establishing the Center for Girls and Women in Difficult Situation</p>	<p>The Reintegration Program for Repatriates of the Dept. which is the provision of assistance to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) and their families facing economic problem due to job displacement and and victims of trafficking including repatriation of transnational children and their families.</p> <p>The CIDSS which is the flagship program of the Department includes program for disadvantaged women. The Integrated Welfare Program for women includes PSCB cum Livelihood, Services for Women in Especially Difficult Circumstances and Strengthen Responsible Parenthood Information and Service for Family Planning and Reproductive Health of LGUs.</p> <p>5% of GAA for GAD gender mainstreaming in all DSWD activities. The GAD Budget shall identify the 5% allocation attributed to the existing regular agency PAPs. The GAD budget form part of the agencies total annual budget proposal.</p> <p>Participation in Task Force 20/20 meeting and related activities.</p> <p>Provision of a comprehensive rehabilitation services to female youth offenders, victims of sexual abuse, and women in difficult situation as well as other young female needing special care.</p>

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	<p>Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan 1999-2004</p> <p>Philippine Plan of Action for the Family</p> <p>Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons</p> <p>The Family Code of the Philippines EO 209 as amended by EO 227- Rights and Obligations between Husband and Wife</p> <p>RA 8369 Establishment of Family Court in every province and city in the country granting these court exclusive original jurisdiction over child and family cases.</p>	<p>Operation and Maintenance of Centers and Institutions for women (I.e. Haven, Marillac, Home for Girls)</p> <p>Gender concerns were incorporated in the MTPDP 1999-2004. The Department plan for women is anchored on the MTPDP statement that, women constitute half of the nation's population and shall be effectively mobilized and which provided the base upon which the Phil. Development Plan for Women could spring.</p> <p>The Department ensure that family welfare are implemented.</p> <p>DSWD Plan of Action for Older Persons which operationalizes DSWD commitments in the Phil. Plan of Action.</p> <p>Certain provisions in the Family Code were amended because it favors men rather than women. The new Family Code in 1987 answered the clamor of women to remove the discriminatory provisions of the Civil Code. Executive Order 209 provides more equal rights to women. Along with this, the Department has strengthened its existing programs and services for the family consistent with the total family concept of program implementation.</p>

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<p>2. Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women</p>	<p>Presidential Directive Against Domestic Violence</p> <p>RA 6972 Barangay Level Total Development and Protection Act This act mandates the establishment of a day care center in every barangay (village) to enable women to use other options such as taking a job or going back to school. (November 3, 1990)</p> <p>RA 6657 (1988) or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law guarantees and assures equal rights to ownership of land, equal shares of the farm's produce and representation in advisory or appropriate decision-making bodies to qualified women. (1998)</p>	<p>Pilot testing of the National Family Violence Prevention Program (NFVPP) which is a community-based strategy of preparing family members to protect themselves against violence and manage peaceful resolution of conflict within the context of family relations; mobilizing the community and inter-agency structures/groups to consolidate efforts in support to families at risk or exposed to family violence; strengthening family relationship.</p> <p>This responds to the needs of women in poverty which is the establishing of a day care center in every barangay. The day care center provides poor families access to adequate care and socialization for their pre-school children. This also enables the women to give more attention to themselves and to other members of the family, to do housework and/or engage in income-generating activities. With the devolution of Day Care Service, DSWD is tasked to ensure that quality services are provided. This is through accreditation of Day Care Services.</p>

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	<p>RA 7305 (1992) or the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers further allows public health worker couples to be employed or assigned in the same municipality (1992)</p> <p>RA 7883 Barangay Health Workers' Benefit and Incentives Act of 1995 (February 20, 1995)</p> <p>The Civil Service Commission passed Resolution No. 84-463 which provided for the adoption and implementation of a policy program on equal opportunities and equal treatment for women and men in government employment. This is known as the EQUADS (Equality Advocates) Program</p> <p>RA 8371 Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997 provides that the State shall recognize and promote all rights of ICCs/IPP's such as rights to ancestral domains, self-governance and empowerment, social justice and human rights, and cultural integrity. (October 29, 1997)</p>	<p>Observance of CSC Resolution</p> <p>The Department has evolved a conceptual framework to develop program adopting the strategies utilized by CIDSS, rescue and rehabilitation of streetchildren and the Social Integration for Indigenous Groups (SINING) pilot project in Basilan to help the Bajaus. The program is pursuing the organization of an inter-agency body to orchestrate activities and projects integrating the Departments' experience and other national plans and programmes for indigenous people.</p>

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<p>3. Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action on Women</p>	<p>RA 8042 or the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995 seeks to institute policies for overseas employment and establish a higher degree of protection for migrant workers, their families and overseas Filipino. (June 7, 1965)</p> <p>RA 8425 Social Reform and Anti-Poverty Act</p> <p>RA 7192 Women in Development and Nation Building Act (December 11, 1997)</p> <p>RA 7882 An Act Providing Assistance to Women Engaging in Micro and Cottage Business Enterprise and Other Purposes. (February 20, 1995)</p> <p>EO 443 Providing for the Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services ;(1997)</p> <p>EO 99 (1999) Creating the Presidential Task Force on the 20/20 Initiative (19999)</p> <p>DO #17 series of 1997 Policies for Self Employment Assistance (SEA) Kaunlaran Integrated Program Level II</p>	<p>The Department's Social Work Attache program was implemented for the protection and welfare of the OFW who are working abroad. Women migrant worker can look forward to full enjoyment of all human rights and protection against violence and exploitation. Also, they can have productive employment in their host countries as their skills and education will be recognized.</p> <p>The CIDSS as the flagship program of the Department under the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) introduced two major innovations in poverty reduction: these are convergence and the minimum basic needs (MBN) approach. The MBN approach establishes a benchmark for local poverty reduction and entails a convergent and bottom-up approach to local governance.</p> <p>Productivity Skills and Capability Building (PSCB) Project is a strategy adopted by the government which is the provision of skills training to women. It equips disadvantaged women with marketable skills to engage in entrepreneurial activities to augment family income. It also enables women to find employment.</p> <p>Self-Employment Assistance para sa Kababaihan program of the Department involves women in community projects and entrepreneurial activities</p>

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	<p>Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan 1999-2004</p> <p>Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development</p> <p>RA 8551 Title VII Section 57 Creation of Women's Desk in all police station and the formulation of a gender sensitivity program</p> <p>Presidential Directive Against Domestic Violence</p> <p>DO 20 series of 1993 Establishing the Center for Girls and Women in Difficult Situation</p> <p>EO #445 provides for the implementation of the SZOPAD Social Fund and the mechanism for its administration specifically focusing on supporting and implementing the development provisions of the Peace Agreement which was signed by the Government of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) on September 2, 1996.</p>	<p>The Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) approach which have been used in identifying the poor through the CIDSS is a methodology that incorporates gender based determinants. Development of a gender-specific data that are more indicative of trends in the development of women's lives. Sex disaggregation of all indicators would help planners and and policy-makers to address women issues appropriately.</p> <p>Implementation of services for Women in Especially Difficult Circumstances in response to the emerging needs of women in especially difficult circumstances to enable them to flee high risk, violent and or/hazardous situations.</p> <p>Registered NGOs and POs of DSWD are provided assistance in order to avail the Zone of Peace and Development (ZOPAD) Social Fund which is the provision of financial assistance to implement small-scale social and economic infrastructure projects in Southern Philippines. This is being operationalized through development programs and institutional mechanism that seek to</p>

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	<p>Relief and Rehabilitation Assistance in Conflict Areas in Mindanao</p>	<p>generate opportunities to economic growth. It also provides additional development resources and focus efforts to critical underdeveloped areas.</p> <p>The Department is the lead agency of relief and rehabilitation work in the conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. This is through provision of rehabilitation assistance and evacuation centers to all affected areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Evacuation centers *Returned evacuees *Rehabilitation Assistance

REGIONAL COMMITMENTS

Sector: Family

Couples, disadvantaged families, distressed families, solo parents, internationally displaced families

International Commitments/ Provisions	Cross Reference to Other International/ Regional Commitments	National Laws	DSWD Commitment
<p>1. <u>Agenda for Social Development in the ESCAP region</u></p> <p>Provide fiscal and other incentives in support of the family as the basic provider of social protection to its dependent members.</p> <p>> Formulate/ strengthen national policies and strategies to substantially reduce over-all poverty and inequalities, and eradicate absolute poverty by a target date.</p> <p>> Address root causes of poverty and provide for the basic needs of all.</p>	<p>The theme focuses on building equality and partnership among family members with respect to the performance of their tasks and responsibilities. The importance of understanding and application of "gender relations" which is imbedded in our social, cultural, economic and political system, is highlighted.</p> <p>"Programs and policies should be reflect, facilitate and promote partnership and gender equality to achieve an equal sharing of rights and responsibilities within the family and in public life."</p> <p><i>1998 Theme: Families: Educators and Providers of Human Rights</i> (UNGA proclamation in its resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993)</p>	<p><u>Family Code of the Philippines (Executive Order 209) signed into Law, July 6, 1987)</u></p> <p>The Code gave emphasis on the following:</p> <p>(a) the family is considered as the foundation of the nation and a basic institution protected by public policy;</p> <p>(b) marriage as the foundation of family;</p> <p>(c) rights, responsibilities and obligations of husbands and wives on the basis of gender equality;</p>	<p>DSWD focused on developing and strengthening programs that would provide for equal rights of men and women. Total family approach strategy was institutionalized</p>



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<p>> Ensure access to productive resources, and participate in decision-making</p> <p>> Ensure adequate economic and social protection during unemployment, ill health, maternity, child-rearing, widowhood, disability and old age.</p> <p>2. <u>4th ASEAN Ministers Meeting Responsible for Social Welfare in Singapore</u></p> <p>All 10 ASEAN nations pledged their support to the family in its role as the child's primary caregiver. The declaration shall be the first ASEAN document on commitment to children in the 21st century.</p>	<p>The theme recognizes the interrelationship between families and human rights education. It also acknowledges the family's role in the development and protection of individual members of families and underlines the positive role of family in socialization, education protection and intergenerational transmission of culture and values.</p> <p>"Families should be helped to meet the basic needs of their members with emphasis on the principles of equality, non-discrimination, the inviolability of rights and responsibilities of the individual, mutual respect and tolerance. Policies and programs should ensure full protection of labor laws and social security benefits, enact family-sensitive legislation, design and provide educational programs to raise awareness on the principles of gender equality, and gender</p>	<p>(d) authority, rights, duties and liabilities of parents and assistance for parents</p> <p>(e) protect and promote the welfare of children and youth including adoption (local and inter-country)</p> <p>(f) crucial role of the family in childhood development</p> <p><u>Republic Act 7610 (1991)</u></p> <p><u>Republic Act 7277 (Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (1992)</u></p> <p><u>Republic Act 7192 (Women in Development and Nation Building Act) (1991)</u></p>	<p>Mandates DOJ and DSWD, in coordination with other government agencies and private sector to implement comprehensive program to protect children against child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and from from other acts of child abuse and circumstances that endanger child survival and normal development</p>

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	<p>perspective. Educational system should continue to be in harmony with families in the development and nurturing of young children by treating the parents as partners in the human rights education process.</p> <p><i>1999 Theme: Families for All Ages</i></p> <p>The theme is in the context of the International year of Older Persons providing the opportunity to celebrate the contributions of older persons to families and societies, as well as, highlights their roles and the intergenerational dimensions of families in the context of demographic ageing.</p> <p>*One policy issues that needs to be responded to is enabling the families to continue to be responsive to the needs of its older members while establishing and sustaining government's capability to provide outside care when critically required."</p>	<p><u>Republic Act 8369 (1997)</u> An Act Establishing Family Courts, Granting Them Exclusive Original Jurisdiction Over Child And Family Cases, Amending Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes</p> <p><u>Republic Act 8972 (2000)</u> An Act Providing For Benefits And Privileges To Solo Parents And Their Children, Appropriating Funds Therefor</p>	<p>(Refer to PWD sector)</p> <p>(Refer to Women Sector)</p> <p>Sec. 9. Social Services and Counseling Division - Under the supervision of the DSWD, a Social Services and Counseling Division shall be established in each judicial region as the Supreme Court shall deem necessary based on the number of juvenile and family cases existing in such jurisdiction. It shall provide appropriate social services to all juvenile and family cases filed with the court and recommend the proper social action. It shall also develop programs, formulate uniform policies and precedures, and provide technical supervision and monitoring of all SSCD in coordination with the judge.</p> <p>Sec. 16. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The Supreme Court, in coordination with the DSWD, shall</p>

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	<p><i>2000 Theme: Families: Agents and Beneficiaries of Development</i></p> <p>The theme is in the context of the UNGA's special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development. The Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action highlight the role of families in development and social progress.</p> <p><i>2001 Theme: Families and Ageing: Opportunities and Challenges</i> (UNGA proclamation in its resolution 47/237 of 20th September 1993)</p> <p>The theme provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues and appropriate actions relating to families. The Day becomes a powerful mobilizing factor on behalf of families in all countries, with the opportunity to demonstrate support to resolve family-related issues appropriate to each society.</p>	<p>And For Other Purposes (Solo Parents Act)</p>	<p>formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the social aspect of this Act.</p> <p>Sec.4. Criteria for Support - Any solo parent whose income in the place of domicile falls below the poverty threshold as set by the NEDA and subject to the assessment of the DSWD worker in the area shall be eligible for assistance. Provided however, that any solo parent whose income is above the poverty threshold shall enjoy the benefits mentioned in Secs 6, 7, and 8 of this Act.</p> <p>Sec.5. Comprehensive Package of Social Development and Welfare Services - The DSWD shall coordinate with concerned agencies the implementation of the comprehensive package of social development and welfare services for solo parents and their families. The package will initially include: (a) livelihood development services which include training on livelihood skills, basic business management, value orientation and the provision of seed capital or job placement (b) counseling services which include individual, peer group or family</p>

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	<p>The theme is in the context of the Second World Assembly on Ageing to be held in Madrid and provides the opportunity to raise public awareness about crucial issues concerning families and older people.</p>		<p>counseling. This will focus on the resolution of personal relationships and role conflicts</p> <p>(c) parents effectiveness services which include the provision and expansion of knowledge and skills of the solo parent on early childhood development, behavior management, health care, rights and duties of parents and children</p> <p>(d) critical incidence stress debriefing which include prevention stress management strategy designed to assist solo parents in coping with crisis situations and cases of abuse</p> <p>(e) special projects for individuals in need of protection which include temporary shelter, counseling, legal assistance, medical care, self concept or ego building, crisis management and spiritual enrichment</p> <p>Sec.12. Additional Powers and Functions of the DSWD - The DSWD shall perform the following additional powers and functions relative to the welfare of solo parents and their families:</p> <p>(a) conduct research necessary to: (1) develop a new body of knowledge on solo parents; (2) define executive and</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1167 1043 1541 1118"><u>Executive Order No. 443 (1997)</u> Providing for the Adoption of</p> <p data-bbox="1167 1171 1518 1406">the Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services as the National Delivery Mechanism for the Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) Approach</p>	<p data-bbox="1606 300 2069 534">legislative measures needed to promote and protect the interest of solo parents and their children; and (3) assess the effectiveness of programs designed for disadvantaged solo parents and their children</p> <p data-bbox="1606 549 2085 740">(b) coordinate the activities of various government and non-government organizations engaged in promoting and protecting the interest of solo parents and their children</p> <p data-bbox="1606 754 2092 911">(c) monitor the implementation of the provisions of this Act and suggest mechanisms by which such provisions are effectively implemented</p> <p data-bbox="1606 963 2096 1369">Sec.13. Implementing Rules and Regulations - An interagency committee headed by the DSWD, in coordination with the DOH, DECS, CHED, TESDA, DOLE, NHA and DILG, is hereby established which shall formulate within 90 days upon the effectivity of this Act, the implementing rules and regulations in consultation with the local government organization and people's organizations.</p> <p data-bbox="1606 1417 2101 1485">(a) CIDSS Flagship Champion under SRA, has been directed to undertake</p>

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			<p>appropriate steps to implement and/ or further strengthen CIDSS in all 5th and 6th class municipalities, urban poor and disadvantaged communities, and in 3rd and 4th class municipalities as second priority. Selection of barangays within the aforementioned municipalities or urban areas shall give priority to SRA convergence areas as defined under Administrative Order 194.</p> <p>(b) Along with other partner agencies, are hereby directed to determine their specific program inputs to CIDSS; designate focal team at all levels; issue agency directives and allocate funds for these purposes</p> <p>(c) Assist and coordinate with all local government units of 5th and 6th class municipalities, urban poor and disadvantaged communities and 3rd and 4th class municipalities are hereby directed to adopt and implement the CIDSS</p> <p>(d) Consult with partner agencies and representatives of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines, the League of Cities of the Philippines, League of Provinces and Liga ng mga</p>

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			<p>Barangay in preparing the implementing rules and regulations of this Executive Order within 30 days after its signing. (DSWD act as convenor of the Inter agency Technical Committee tasked to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of EO 443)</p> <p>(e) Chairs the CIDSS National Steering Committee</p> <p>(f) Through its local and sub-level counterparts shall perform the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure smooth implementation of this EO at all levels - act as the convenor of CIDSS in coordination with the National Anti Poverty Council Technical Working Group in the regional and national levels and/or with the local chief executive in the barangay, city/municipal, and provincial levels - provide training and technical assistance to all CIDSS development workers and members of the inter agency committee at all levels - plan prototype programs and projects and allocate funding for basic services that fall under DSWD components and basic reform commitments for CIDSS target

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		<p data-bbox="1160 770 1536 1177"><u>Republic Act 8425 (1997)</u> An Act Institutionalizing the Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Program Creating for the Purpose the National Anti Poverty Commission, Defining its Powers and Functions, And For Other Purposes (Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act)</p> <p data-bbox="1160 1270 1503 1342"><u>Republic Act 7160 (1991)</u> The Local Government Code</p>	<p data-bbox="1597 276 2051 347">areas as prescribed in the implementing guidelines of AO 194</p> <ul data-bbox="1597 355 2085 1094" style="list-style-type: none"> - develop an MBN responsive, department-specific work and financial plan to be integrated into the CIDSS work and financial plan of CIDSS partner agencies at each respective levels - provide secretariat support to all inter agency committee at all levels - provide financial support for basic sectors' organizing, capability building and other initiatives in pursuit of their minimum demands - advocate and promote institutionalization and localization of CIDSS - designate a permanent focal person/ team - provide training/ orientation and technical assistance to field staff <p data-bbox="1597 1145 2085 1465">(a) Sec. 4. CIDSS has been identified as among the flagship programs under the Social Reform Agenda, which is intended for members of other disadvantaged groups such as the women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, the elderly and the victims of natural and man-made calamities</p>

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			<p>(b) Member of the National Anti Poverty Commission</p> <p>Art. 24. Devolution - Consistent with local autonomy and decentralization, the provision for the delivery of basic services and facilities shall be devolved from the national government to provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays so that each LGU shall be responsible for a minimum set of services and facilities in accordance with established national policies, guidelines and standards</p> <p>Art.31. Augmentation Scheme - NGAs affected by devolution or the next higher LGU may augment basic services and facilities assigned to a lower LGU. Standards and guidelines for basic services and facilities prescribed by NGAs shall be the bases for determining non-availability or inadequacy of such services and facilities in an LGU In the event an LGU can not continually support the salaries of devolved personnel, maintain the operation and transferred assets, or finance the adequate delivery of basic services and facilities, the President may, upon request of the LGU concerned, direct the appropriate</p>

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			<p>NGA to provide financial, technical or other form of assistance. Such assistance shall be extended at no extra cost on the part of the LGU</p> <p>(c) Art.54. All NGAs shall conduct periodic consultations with appropriate LGUs, Pos, NGOs and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdiction</p> <p>NGAs or GOCCs authorizing or involved in planning and implementation of any project/ program that may cause pollution, climactic change, depletion of non-renewable resources, loss of croplands, range land or forest cover or extinction of animal or plant species shall consult with LGUs, NGOs and other sectors concerned and explain the goals and objectives of the project or program, its impact upon the people and the community in terms of environmental or ecological balance, and the measures that will be undertaken to prevent or minimize the adverse effects thereof</p>

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			<p>(d) Art. 55. - NGAs with project implementation functions shall coordinate with one another and with LGUs concerned in the discharge of these functions. They shall ensure the participation of LGUs both in the planning and implementation of said national</p> <p>NGAs and GOCCs with field units or branches in a province, city or municipality shall furnish the local chief executive concerned, for his information and guidance, monthly reports, including duly certified budgetary allocations and expenditures</p>

REGIONAL COMMITMENTS

Sector: Persons with Disabilities

Treaty/And Other International Instruments	National Laws and Other Executive Issuances	DSWD Commitments
<p>Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BIWAKO Millennium Framework of Action Towards and Inclusive Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for PWDs in Asia and the Pacific focusing on the following 7 priority areas: - Self-help Organizations of PWDs and Related Family and Parent Associations - Women with Disabilities - Early Detection, Early Intervention and Education - Training and Employment Including Self-Employment - Access to Built Environments and Public Transport - Access to Information and Communications Including Information Communications and Assistive Technologies - Poverty Alleviation Through Capacity Building, Social Security and Sustainable Livelihood Programmes 	<p>RA 7277 "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons" (March 24, 1992)</p> <p>PP No. 125 "Proclaiming the Nationwide Observance in the Philippines of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons" (1993)</p> <p>BP 344 "Accessibility Law" (February 25, 1983)</p> <p>An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons by requiring certain buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to install facilities and other devices.</p>	<p>Provisions of Sheltered Employment, Vocational Rehabilitation and Residential Care Program for PWDs</p> <p>Provision of Community-Based program for PWDs</p> <p>Advocate for a barrier free environment for PWDs</p> <p>Physical and Vocational Improvement of the 4 Vocational Rehabilitation Centers to facilitate learning acquisition of PWDs.</p> <p>Develop, promote and regularly review the national plan for the prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities for PWDs.</p>

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	<p>White Cane Act "An Act Declaring August One of Each Year as White Cane, Safety Day in the Philippines and for other Purposes was enacted (9/18/1989)</p> <p>PP No. 240: Declaring the Period from the Year 2003 to the Year 2012 as the Philippine Decade of Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>Social Mobilization (SOCMOB) (locally funded)</p> <p>National Plan of Action for the Decade (NCWDP as the lead agency)</p>

REGIONAL COMMITMENTS

Sector: Women

Treaties/Declaration	National Laws/Memo	DSWD Commitment
<p>1. Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p>RA 7192 Women in Development and Nation Building Act</p> <p>RA 6725 Strengthening the Prohibition on Discrimination Against women with respect to Terms and Conditions of Employment</p> <p>RA 7882 An Act Providing Assistance to Women Engaging in Micro and Cottage Business Enterprise and Other Purposes.</p> <p>RA 7688 Giving Representation to Women in the Social Security Commission</p> <p>RA 8369 Establishing of Family Court in every province and city in the country granting these court exclusive original jurisdiction over child and family cases.</p> <p>RA 7305 (1992) or the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers further allows public health workers couples to be employed or assigned in the same municipality.</p> <p>The Civil Service Commission passed Resolution No. 84-463 which provided for the adoption and implementation of a policy program on equal opportunities and equal treatment for women.</p>	

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2. Bangkok Agenda and Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking of Women		