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SUBJECT: DSWD THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES FOR CY 2004

A. Policy and Plans Development

1. Continuing advocacy for passage of key priority legislations in support of SWD legislation and policy reform agenda, particularly on Magna Carta for Social Workers and Social Welfare Development Workers, Magna Carta for Day Care Workers, Magna Carta for PWDs, Amendment of HB #5970 re: An Act Granting Permanent Residence Status to the Remaining Vietnamese Nationals (RVNs), Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System and Anti-Domestic Violence bills,
2. Continuing advocacy for passage of local legislations in consonance with area based SWD issues and concerns and policy reform agenda, international and national commitments;
3. Monitor LGU compliance to Solo Parents Act, ECCD Law and Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, and the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Law and Anti-Trafficking in Persons;
- 4.a Monitor compliance to the
 - Joint Circular No. 2003-1 Implementing Guidelines for Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act for FY 2003 Entitled "Setting Aside One Percent of Government Agency Budget for Programs/Projects Related to Senior Citizens and the Disabled", specifically on the Older Persons, DSWD being designated as the lead agency for this sector;
- 4.b DSWD Compliance to the following national commitments:
 - Joint Circular No. 1 s. 2003 – Monitoring of Youth Programs and Projects Implemented by Government Agencies Based on Section 28 of the General Provision, of the

General Appropriations Act, FY 2003 (Republic Act No. 9206); and

- Joint Circular N. 2001- Guidelines to Implement Gender Mainstreaming and Institutionalization in the Existing Agency's Programs, Activities and Projects.
5. Monitoring annual plan implementation, evaluation and updating of DSWD sectoral plans relative to the following:
 - ❑ Philippine Plan of Action for Filipino Family (2003–2005)
 - ❑ Child 21 (2002-2005)
 - ❑ Medium Term Youth Development Plan (2001-2004)
 - ❑ Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons (1999-2004)
 - ❑ Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (1995-2025)
 - ❑ National Plan of Action for the 2nd Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2012)
 6. Completion of research on the impact of the localized implementation of the Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) and responding to recommendations on findings

B. Social Technology Development (Program Development)

1. Development of SWD related programs for implementation of DSWD mandate in relation to new laws;
2. Pilot test new programs developed
3. Evaluation of pilot-tested new social technologies at the national and regional level based on the emerging situation at their level as well as in response of existing issues/concerns;
4. Continuing manualization of all existing technologies; and
5. Continuing enhancement / capacity building of intermediaries for social technology development

C. Social Protection of the Poor, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Sector, Technical Assistance and Capability Building to Intermediaries

1. Continuing implementation of community and center based programs and projects
 - Augmentation and Support Services to Intermediaries on SWD Implementation of:
 - Assistance to Victims of Disasters and Calamities
 - Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Older Persons (OPs)
 - Protective Services for Individuals and Families in Especially Difficult Circumstances



- Management of DSWD Centers and Institutions as centers of excellence
 - Strengthen identified social laboratories in coordination with intermediaries
 - Protection and Rehabilitation Services for Center-Based Constituents especially children, youth and women
2. Intensify SEA interventions, with clear outcomes of improved incomes and capacities and with provisions for social protection such as SSS membership
 3. Expand capacities of intermediaries and communities for disaster preparedness and response
 4. Continuing capacity-building for local implementors especially for the Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (P/C/MSWDOs) on management, service delivery and case management
 5. Strengthen capacities of LGUs on delivery of services for OSY, Solo Parents, Drug Abuse Prevention, Anti-Trafficking and other SWD Services that the LGUs are implementing.

D. Standards and Compliance

1. Accelerate registration, licensing and accreditation of SWD institutions, agencies and implementors
2. Enhance monitoring system for licensed and accredited SWD agencies and public solicitations.
3. Institutionalize partnerships that would strengthen licensing, accreditation and monitoring functions among intermediaries
4. Continuing development of standards for SWD local delivery system
5. Finalize SWD standard and intensify advocacy on this
6. Development of Standard Indicators for Centers of Excellence

E. Institutional Strengthening

1. Intensify efforts for RSP approval and implementation
2. Finalize CORPLAN consistent with approved RSP
3. Re-organize and strengthen the following consistent with approved RSP:
 - (1) Social Welfare Institutional Development Bureau
 - (2) Human Resource Management and Development Service
 - (3) External Assistance Service
 - (4) Management Information Systems Service
 - (5) Procurement System
 - (6) Internal Audit Office

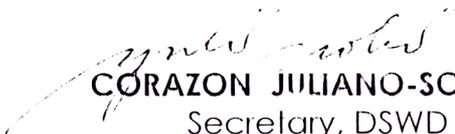


4. Adoption of Training Agenda by units
5. Institutionalize Performance Management System at lower levels
6. Improve Work and Financial Planning
7. Strengthen ICT and staff capability on ICT
8. Intensify Resource Generation
9. Strengthen advocacy and social marketing efforts on SWD issues/concerns, legislative agenda, new laws/program policies/plans/new technologies

F. Special Projects

1. Locally Funded Project
 - CIDSS
 - a) Continuing Implementation of Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS)
2. Foreign Assisted Projects
 - KALAHY-CIDSS: KKB
 - a) Continuing Implementation of KALAHY-CIDSS: KKB (Kapangyarihan at Kaunlaran sa Barangay)
 - b) Monitoring and Evaluation of 1st Phase of the KALAHY-CIDSS: KKB
 - Early Child Development Project
 - a) Continuing Implementation of Early Child Development Project (ECDP)
 - b) Development and Negotiation of FCD II

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