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SUBJECT: DSWD THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES FOR CY 2005

A. Policy and Plans Development

1. Continuing advocacy for the passage of key priority legislations in support of SWD legislation and policy reform agenda, particularly on:

1.1 DSWD as main proponent:

- a) Magna Carta for Social Workers and Social Welfare and Development Workers
- b) Magna Carta for Day Care Workers
- c) Bill Providing Special Protection to Internally Displaced Persons

1.2 DSWD as supporting role:

- a) Bill Providing the Persons with Disability (PWDs) the same Privileges and Benefits as Senior Citizens and Creating the Office of Persons with Disability Affairs (OPDA) Nationwide as Mechanism to Supervise Its Implementation
- b) Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System
- c) Foster Care Bill
- d) Amendment to RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act)

1.3 Policy dialogue/study/analysis on the following:

- a) Amendment to RA 4373 (Social Work Practice Law)
- b) Amendments to PD 1564 (Solicitation Permit Law)
- c) Amendments to RA 8552 (Domestic Adoption Act of 1998)
- d) Strengthening of the Philippine Disaster Management Program
- e) Decriminalizing Women and Children engaged in Prostitution

2. Continuing advocacy for passage of local legislations in consonance with area based SWD issues and concerns, policy reform agenda, international and national commitments
3. Popularization of the Expanded Senior Citizens Act

4. Continue monitoring LGU compliance to newly enacted laws, namely: Solo Parents Act, ECCD Law, Assistance and Protection for Rape Victims, Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Law, Anti-Trafficking in Persons, Expanded Senior Citizens Law and, Anti-Violence Against women and their Children
5. Formulation of position papers, policy papers and policy recommendations relevant to the SWD sector
6. Continuing monitoring of compliance to the following approved Joint Circulars:
 - 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;
 - 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. 2004-1- Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Gender and Development (GAD) Plan and Budget and Accomplishment Report to Implement the Section on Programs/Projects Related to General Appropriations Act.
7. Coordinate the formulation/updating/enhancement and monitoring of national (as lead convener) and Department operational and sectoral plans with concerned entities relative to the:

7.1 DSWD as lead convener

- ❑ Philippine Plan of Action for Filipino Family (2005 – 2015)
- ❑ Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons (2005 and beyond)

7.2 DSWD Medium Term Development Plan:

- ❑ Social Welfare and Development Medium Term Development Plan
- ❑ Social Welfare and Development Investment Plan

7.3 DSWD Sectoral Plan:

- ❑ Plan for Children
- ❑ Plan for Youth
- ❑ Gender and Development Plan
- ❑ Plan for Persons with Disabilities

8. Continuing formulation/updating of research agenda and conduct of identified priority research study
 - *Impact Study on the Effectiveness of the Community and Center-based Programs and Services to Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)*
9. Finalization/application of the developed impact assessment manual through the conduct of Impact Assessment of the CIDSS Project

B. Social Technology Development

1. Development of SWD related programs in relation to newly enacted laws;
 - *Crisis Management for Victims/Survivors of Trafficking*
 - *Community Based Rehabilitation Program for Domestic Violence Perpetrators*
 - *Management of Rape Crisis Center*
2. Evaluation for Impact Pilot-tested projects implemented
 - *Child Minding Services*
 - *SCALA-ICT Program for OSYs and Youth with Disabilities*
 - *Intergenerational Program*
 - *Half-Way Home for CICL*
 - *International Social Welfare Services for Filipinos and other nationals*
3. Continuing pilot testing of social technologies for children, youth, women, older persons and PWDs, families and communities; and
4. Enhancement/capacity building of intermediaries for technology development
 - *Character Building Program for Children and Youth*
 - *Training of Implementors for Group Homes for Older Persons/PWDs*
 - *In-Service Training for Therapists for Perpetrators*

C. Social Protection of the Poor, Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Sector, Technical Assistance and Capability Building of 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 social laboratories in coordination with intermediaries involved in the pilot-testing of new SWD technology
 - Protection and Rehabilitation Services for Center-Based constituents such as children, youth, women, PWDs and OPs
2. Intensify SEA interventions, with clear outcomes of improved incomes and capacities and increase in income with provisions for social protection such as SSS membership among others
 3. Strengthen capacities of communities for disaster management program
 4. Continuing capacity-building for community and center-based social workers/local implementers/intermediaries on
 - rehabilitation of youth offenders and perpetrators
 - provision of psychosocial interventions for abused children, rape victims, victims of armed conflict
 - community organizing
 - family and community disaster preparedness
 - social welfare program planning in the field
 - barangay level SWD implementation
 - skills enhancement for center houseparents on para-counselling, development needs of children
 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
 6. Support to the GMA Scholarship Program SY 2004 – 2005 and Iskolar ng Mahirap na Pamilya Program

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
 - *Standardization of Day Care Services in Barangay Day Care Centers*

5. Intensify advocacy on SWD standard for implementors and donors/sponsors in coordination with the Social Marketing Service
6. Review standards/guidelines on Public Solicitation of SWD NGOs
7. Enhance competencies of National and Field Office Review Committees in handling cases of complaints involving SWD agencies

E. Institutional Strengthening

1. Ensure RSP staffing pattern is in place
2. Operationalization of the Department CORPLAN consistent with approved RSP
3. Re-organize and strengthen the following consistent with approved RSP:
 - a. Social Welfare Institutional Development Bureau
 - b. Human Resource Management and Development Service
 - c. Management Information Systems Service
 - d. Internal Audit Service
4. Intensify resource generation
5. Adoption of the Institutional Development Framework and Training Agenda for CY 2005
6. Institutionalize Performance Management System at lower levels
7. Enhancement of Career Development and Management System
8. Strengthen capability of internal technical staff to respond to the needs of all stakeholders and claimholders
9. Leverage the use information and communication technology (ICT) towards the improvement of management operations, program/project implementation and service delivery
10. Strengthen advocacy and social marketing efforts on SWD issues/concerns, legislative agenda, new laws/program policies/plans/new technologies
11. Continuing improvement in work and financial planning
12. Continuing roll-out of E-NGAS to Field Offices
13. Strengthening of Financial and Management System in the Field Offices
14. Improvement in the records management, asset management and procurement system

F. Special Projects

- Foreign Assisted Project
 - a) Continuing Implementation of KALAHYON:KKB (Kapangyarihan at Kaunlaran sa Barangay)
 - *Acceleration of DSWD Development Programs on Areas Controlled and Influenced by Communist Insurgents relative to the National Internal Security Plan (NISP)*

- b) Monitoring and Evaluation of 1st Phase of the KALAHI-CIDSS: KKB
- c) Continuing Implementation of Early Child Development Project (ECDP)

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