

Intellectual Disability in Community Activities Inception Report

I. General Information:

- 1). **Name of Country:** Republic of the Philippines

- 2). **Area** (sq. Km.) – 300,000 sq. Km.
 Land - 298,170 sq. km.
 Water - 1,830 sq. km.

- 3). **Life Expectancy** - 71.09 years
 Male - 68.17 years
 Female - 74.15 years

- 4). **Infant Mortality Rate** - 24 deaths/1000 live birth (2007 est.)
 Under-Five Mortality Rate- 32 deaths per 1000 live birth (2007 est.)

- 5). **Maternal Mortality Rate** - 162 deaths per 1000 live birth (2006 est.)

- 6). **Literacy Rate** - a). Simple literacy rate- 93.4%
 (10 years & over; basic reading and writing skills)
 b). Functional Literacy rate- 84.1%
 (10-64 years old; basic reading, writing and computation skills)

- 7). **Population Broken down by: (as of August, 2007)**

A). Region:

Area	#Population	#Province	#City	#Mun.	#Brgys.
Philippines	88,545,270	80	138	1,496	42,026
National Capital Region(NCR)	11,553,427	0	16	1	1,705
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	1,520,743	6	2	75	1,176
Ilocos Region I	4,545,906	4	9	116	3,265
Cagayan Valley (II)	3,051,487	5	3	90	2,311
Central Luzon (III)	9,720,982	7	13	117	3,102
Calabarzon IV-A (IV-A)	11,743,110	5	14	128	4,011
Mimaropa(IVB)	2, 559,791	5	2	71	1,458
Bicol Region(V)	5,109,798	6	7	107	3,741
Western Visayas (VI)	6,843,643	6	16	117	4,051
Central Visayas (VII)	6,398,628	4	16	116	3,003

Eastern Visayas (VIII)	3,912,936	6	7	136	4,390
Western Mindanao (IX)	3,230,094	3	5	67	1,904
Northern Mindanao (X)	3,952,437	5	9	84	2,022
Southern Mindanao (XI)	4,156,653	4	6	43	1,162
Central Mindanao (XII)	3,829,081	4	5	45	1,194
ARRM	4,120,795	5	2	116	2,490
Caraga	2,293,480	5	6	67	1,311
Filipinos in Phil.Embassies/Consulates and Missions	2,279	0	0	0	0

B). Age (10 years) 2010 estimate

Age/Sex	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	31,156,600	15,914,900	15,241,700
0-4	10,984,800	5,619,400	5,365,400
5-9	10,370,300	5,289,200	5,081,100
10-14	9,801,500	5,006,300	4,795,200

C).Poverty Threshold and Poverty Incidence 2003 2006 2009

Annual Per Capita Poverty Threshold (In Pesos)	10,976	13,348	16,841
Poverty Incidence of Families (%)	20.0	21.1	20.9
Poverty Incidence of population (%)	24.9	26.4	26.5
Food Threshold and Subsistence Incidence			
Annual per Capita Food Threshold (In Pesos)	7,577	9,257	11,686
Subsistence Incidence of Families (%)	8.2	8.7	7.9
Subsistence Incidence of Population (%)	11.1	11.7	10.8

**Average income and Expenditure of Families by region at 2000 prices
2006 and 2009
(In thousand Php)**

Region	2006		2009	
	Average Income	Average Expenditure	Average Income	Average Expenditure
Philippines	125	107	129	110
NCR	221	183	227	197
CAR	137	108	136	108
Ilocos (I)	102	89	116	94
Cagayan Valley (II)	108	89	115	90
Central Luzon(III)	147	127	139	119
Calabarzon(IVA)	153	136	158	135
Mimaropa(IVB)	82	70	90	77
Bicol (V)	92	81	95	85
Western Visayas	97	86	99	89

(VI)				
Central Visayas (VII)	101	87	111	92
Eastern Visayas (VIII)	94	78	98	78
Zamboanga Peninsula(IX)	93	73	88	71
Northern Mindanao (X)	102	84	98	83
Davao (XI)	96	82	99	85
Soccsksargen(XII)	85	72	96	82
Caraga	86	73	88	74
ARMM	61	52	62	54

8. Education System: Number of schools and students per school year

Elementary	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Schools	42,620	43,584	44,140	44,691	44,846
Public	37,183	37,352	37,476	37,607	37,762
Private	5,437	6,232	6,664	7,084	7,084
Pre-school enrolment	911,899	961,397	1,002,223	1,175,101	1,474,644
Public	524,075	561,207	591,445	746,448	1,054,200
Private	387,824	400,190	410,778	428,653	420,444
Elementary enrolment	13,006,647	13,145,210	13,441,286	13,686,643	13,934,172
Public	11,990,686	12,096	12,318,505	12,574,506	12,799,950
Private	1,015,961	1,048,554	1,092,781	1,112,137	1,134,222
Secondary					
Schools	8,578	9,255	9,599	10,066	10,384
Public	4,908	5,078	5,207	5,359	5,677
Private	3,670	4,177	4,392	4,707	4,707
Enrolment	6,298,612	6,363,002	6,506,176	6,763,858	6,806,079
Public	5,013,577	5,072,210	5,173,330	5,421,562	5,465,623
Private	1,285,035	1,290,792	1,332,846	1,342,296	1,340,456

No. Of schools & enrolment includes data of laboratory, SUCs, CHED and TESDA.

9. Health System: Number of Hospital in each region by classification

Area	C l a s s i f i c a t i o n			
	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Total
Region I	88	8	15	111
Region II	81	4	4	89
Region III	81	54	19	154
Region IV-A	82	118	33	233
Region IV-B	38	0	19	57
Region V	66	40	13	119
Region VI	34	38	15	87
Region VII	49	36	20	105
Region VIII	45	25	7	77

Region IX	37	37	6	80
Region X	80	33	18	131
Region XI	106	34	20	160
Region XII	46	25	3	74
ARMM	14	14	0	28
CAR	29	26	2	57
CARAGA	51	18	6	75
NCR	32	67	71	170
Total	959	577	271	1,807

Hospital classifications were defined as follows:

1. **Primary Hospital**- equipped with the service capabilities needed to support licensed physicians rendering services in the field of Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Minor Surgery.
2. **Secondary Hospital**- equipped with the service capabilities needed to support licensed physicians rendering services in the field of Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, General Surgery and other Ancilliary Services.
3. **Tertiary Hospital**- fully departmentalized and equipped with the service capabilities needed to support certified Medical Specialists and other licensed physicians rendering services in the field of Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, General Surgery and other Ancillary Services.

Source: Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration, Licensure and Operation of Hospitals in the Philippines.

**10). Major Industry (Number of people working for each industry)
1995 Philippines**

Major Industry	No. of Establishment	Employment
1. Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry	1,843	157,991
2. Mining & Quarrying	461	32,450
3. Manufacturing	97,841	1,252,906
4. Electricity, Gas & Water	955	71,754
5. Construction	1,771	122,369
6. Wholesale & Retail Trade	210,110	941,502
7. Transportation & Storages	7,117	295,185
8. Banking & Finance	25,432	501,264
9. Community & Social Services	152,316	958,970
Total	494,974	4,321,542

11). Employment Rate: 92.7% as of January 2010

Jobless Rate: 7.3% as of January 2010

II. Intellectual Disabilities

1. Laws concerned with Persons with Intellectual Disabilities:

***Republic Act No.7277 of 1992**

Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and its Rules and Regulation "An Act Providing for the Rehabilitation, Self-Development and Self-Reliance of Disabled Persons and their Integration into the Mainstream of Society and for Other Purposes"

***Republic Act 9442**

An Act Amending RA 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons as Amended, and For Other Purposes "Granting Additional Privileges and Incentives and Prohibitions on Verbal, Non-Verbal and Vilification against Persons with Disability."

***Republic Act 10070**

An Act Establishing an Institutional Mechanism to Ensure the Implementation of programs and services for Persons with Disabilities in every Province, City and Municipality Amending RA7277.

***Accessibility Law (BP 344) February, 1983**

"An Act to enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons By Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutions, Establishments and Public Utilities to install Facilities and other Devices."

***Proclamation #157**

"Declaring the month of February as National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month"

***Proclamation #1385**

"Designating the Period from February 14 to 20, 1975 and every year thereafter as Retarded Children's Week"

***Proclamation #1870**

"Declaring the Third Week of July Every Year as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week"

***Administrative Order #35**

"Directing all departments, bureaus, government owned and/or controlled corporations, government financial institutions, local government units, state universities/colleges and schools, and other government instrumentalities to promote and conduct relevant activities during the Annual Observance of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week

***Proclamation # 1157**

"Declaring December 3, 2005 and Every year thereafter as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Philippines".

2. Financial Assistance for PWDs/persons with intellectual disabilities

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) operates 17 CIUs nationwide, as its arm in providing indigent clients in crisis situation with financial and other forms of assistance including transportation and referrals for immediate medical interventions to other private and government agencies. A total of 80,558 clients including family heads and other needy adults, children and youth in need of special protection, women in especially difficult circumstances, PWDs, Ops and victims of disasters have been assisted nationwide.

3. Services including CBR available for persons with Intellectual Disabilities:

*Services extended by DSWD in the Work Center/Sheltered Workshop for High Functioning Mentally Challenged Persons/PWID such as:

> Health and Medical Service which includes medical evaluation of the high functioning mentally challenged clients/PWID to determine their physical condition/fitness.

> Vocational Service which provides the trainees with vocational skills.

> Psychological service involves the administration of psychological testing to determine the client's maximum functioning for social adjustment, vocational and other activities.

> Social and recreational service which includes group works, counselling, recreation and socio cultural activities.

The project provides training and employment to high functioning mentally challenged individuals, male or female whose mental age is from 50 and above with work potential and capable of achieving employment.

*Social and Vocational Rehabilitation Program for PWDs where the services provided includes:

Social Adjustment, Vocational Guidance and Psychological Assessment, Medical Service, Vocational Training, and Selective Employment

*Developed Community-Based Programs for eventual absorption by local government units (LGU) for their sustainable implementation such as Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal Project (TAWAG), Community based day care for children with disability

*Discounted fare for persons with disability using transportation identification card

*Institutionalization of SPED Programs in all schools thru the inclusion of children with special needs (CSNs) in regular schools

*Scholarship Program for SPED Teachers on Hearing Impairment and Children with Intellectual Disability

4. Number of services and beneficiaries:

*SPED Program- inclusion of 12, 456 PWIDs/MR in the regular school year 2004-2005 (DepED)

*Non-Residential Care Services

A total of 2,428 persons with disabilities/clients availed of various services in seven (7) DSWD NRCC which include the 4 National/Area Vocational Rehabilitation Centers (N/AVRCs), 1 Rehabilitation Sheltered Workshops

(RSWs) and 1 Center for the Handicapped/PWDs and 1 INA Healing Center for bereaved mothers.

- Tarlac City Early Intervention and Rehabilitation Learning Center for Differently Abled Persons – 778 PWDs (118 PWIDs for SY 2005-2010) (LGU)
- Implementation of Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal by some LGUs
- Residential Care Services for PWDs/PWID (DSWD)
 - Elsie Gaches Village 2,581 children with special needs (CSNs)
 - Field Office III institutions 58 PWIDs (RSCC 8, Amor Village 22, HFGT 23, TLC 5)
- National Registration of PWDs by NCDA- In Region III a total of 42,890 PWDs were registered as of May 2, 2007 where 5,355 are considered PWIDs.
- Promotion and advocacy on Mental Retardation Week Celebration by PSWDO, Bulacan
- Strengthening Community-Based Approaches to the prevention, disability, rehabilitation and empowerment of PWDs by the local government units
- Observance of the Annual Celebration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week by the Regional Council Disability Affairs with the involvement of the Local Government Units and self-help group of PWDs regionwide.

III. DSWD Organization

By virtue of Executive Order No.15 signed by then President Joseph Ejercito Estrada on August 20, 1998 the functions and operation of the DSWD was redirected from direct service provider to technical assistance provider. As amended by Executive Order No.221 the Department was mandated to implement statutory and specialized programs directly lodged with the DSWD and those not devolved to the local government units in addition to its steering role such as policy formulation, standard setting, monitoring and technical assistance. In addition, the Department intensified its role as enabler partner of local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and the people's organization (Pos) in promoting social welfare and development.

Vision: A society where the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged families & communities are empowered with an improved quality of life.

Major programs implemented in the 17 regions of the country, in partnership with NGAs LGUs, NGOs and POs. number of beneficiaries

1. Registered 2,600 SWDAs/SWAs; licensed 953 SWAs and accredited 635 SWD organizations engaged in implementing SWD programs and services.
2. Issued Authority for 25 national and 77 solicitation permits in the region.
3. Endorsed 34 non-governments for duty free entry of donated goods.
4. Prepared 15 position papers on legislations and congressional resolutions.
5. Conducted 32 policy advocacy thru fora, dialogues and orientations.
6. Conducted 563 training activities to 14,948 social development workers (9,006 LGUs, 505 NGOs, 1,765 Pos, 1,139 other government offices, 61 from academe and 2,472 community volunteers).

7. Served 111,987 individual clients through center-based and community based type of services. There are 62 residential care facilities managed by DSWD that serve 32,693 clients (2,476 PWDs in Elsie Gaches Village). There are 7 non-residential facilities that serve 2,428 clients (6 facilities catering to 2,288 PWDs.) A total of 76,866 individuals benefitted from DSWD's community based services such as preventive, rehabilitative and developmental programs (177 PWDs).
8. Provision of technical assistance/support to service providers of other stakeholders in the implementation of auxiliary services for PWDs.
9. Provision of augmentation support to LGUs in a form of financial, material/assistive devices for PWDs.

Position: Chief, Technical Assistance Division (TAD)

Duty: Provides over-all leadership and supervision in the technical and administrative operation of the Technical Assistance Division in accordance with the following functions; namely:

1. Rationalize and reconcile the Social Welfare and Development (SWD) Situation with the Regional Development Plan and the Philippine Medium-Term Development Plan;
2. Manage and promote a unified, self-organizing regional network of intermediaries that will be effective partners in the accomplishment of SWD plans, policies, programs and services;
3. Assist in the identification, development and evaluation of programs and projects;
4. Provide technical assistance and resource augmentation to intermediaries to mobilize and generate resources and deliver quality social services;
5. Monitor internal/regional implementation of SWD programs;
6. Enforce social welfare laws and standards, including registration and licensing and;
7. Upgrade regional data bank on SWD to respond to change.

IV. Community Development Program which includes PWID issues as one of the activities in Region III.

Due to lack of required facility to respond to the community based rehabilitation needs of differently abled persons (DAPs) in Tarlac City, its local government unit (LGU) prioritized the construction of a two floor building which was operationalized on July 25, 2005. It is the only existing rehabilitation learning day care center operated by an LGU for DAPs in the region and recognized as Tarlac City Early Intervention and Rehabilitation Learning Day Care Center for DAPs. This center has been considered not just a center for DAPs but also an extension of their home where the necessary love, care and attention were felt by them. It has already served a total of 788 DAPs; 426 males and 362 females; where 112 of them were categorized as PWIDs since its operation in 2005 to 2010. Part of the programs implemented inside the center aside from the conduct of daily sessions and assessment/evaluation of DAPs; organization of DAPs parents and guardians; training of parents on how to care and manage their children with intelligence disability; provision of skills training to PWIDs parents for them to

earn a living to support their families and children/members with disability such as: cosmetology, food processing, cellphone repair, computer literacy and others in partnership with both local and national government agencies like the Provincial Employment Office (PESO) and Technological Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

There are nine (9) LGU paid staff hired to work with the registered PWDs in the center headed by a SPED teacher holding a doctorate degree on SPED. The sessions conducted are based on individual capacities and capabilities for beginners, non-educable and trainable/ready for mainstreaming in regular classes. To date, the center has already mainstreamed 40 DAPs to regular classes in primary and secondary schools. The center is also compliant to the accreditation standards of the DSWD in the delivery of quality service to its differently able clientele group.

Alternative Learning Programs through assessment and exposure to various vocational and technical skills among young people with disabilities by the Inocencio Magtoto Memorial Foundation Inc. (IMMFI)

Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal implementation in some day care centers of LGUs for children with disabilities.

V. Situation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

1. Professionals responsible for diagnosis

Psychologist, Developmental Pediatrician, Occupational or Physical therapist, Special Educator, Social Worker, Nurse.

2. Special Education and/or Integrated Education

- 7 SPED Centers
- 256 public schools with SPED program
- 12 private schools with SPED program

3. Vocational Training and Job Opportunity

The Area Vocational and Rehabilitation Center (AVRC) located in Region I is serving PWDs from three regions of the country namely; Regions I, II and III. This facility is providing services through social adjustment, vocational guidance and psychological assessment, medical service, vocational training and selective employment.

4. Support Organizations

a).Government Organizations: DepEd, TESDA, DOH, LGUs, DSWD, JICA, DILG, DTI, Local Government Units (LGUs)

b). NGOs concerned with Intellectual Disabilities- Inocencio Magtoto,
Liliane Foundation

VI. Based on the information above, what are the issues to solve to conduct effective supports for persons with intellectual disabilities?

1. Implementation of programs and services for PWID is not a priority concern. To continue advocating and lobbying for the implementation of laws for PWDs/PWID and data for PWID should be established as basis for planning, fund allocation and program implementation and monitoring and evaluation at the regional/local level since there's a very limited available data on PWIDs.
2. Active participation/involvement of organized local/regional structures for PWDs should be strengthened especially on the issues concerning PWIDs.
3. Regular monitoring and provision of technical assistance in the implementation of social welfare programs and services for PWIDs at the local government units and non-government organizations service providers including organizations of PWDs and parents of PWIDs if deemed necessary.
4. Capacity building for both internal and external staff in the conduct and management of cases of PWIDs.
5. Strengthen advocacy measures/efforts in the enforcement/implementation of the provisions of the laws for PWDs/PWIDs.
6. Availability of data on PWIDs should be made for planning/budgeting, program implementation, monitoring and technical assistance and evaluation purposes.

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