

COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
2016 Accomplishment Report

I. Introduction

The CWC's main goal is to ensure a responsive policy environment that would empower children and increase their access to basic services through policy development, research and development, advocacy, capacity building and plan and network development. To ensure that this goal is accomplished, the priorities of the CWC for 2016 are the following:

- Conduct of the Terminal Implementation Report of the 2nd National Plan of Action for Children
- Development of the 3rd National Plan of Action for Children
- Strengthening of the Regional Committee/Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC)
- Harmonization of the Subbaybay Bata Monitoring System (SBMS) and the Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System (RBME)
- Continuing advocacy for the development of Child Protection Policy in member and partner agencies

II. Accomplishments

A. Along 2016 Breakthrough Goals

The CWC has four strategic goals adopted and approved by the Council Board. These are:

- i. To ensure a responsive policy environment by increasing the number of partner/member agencies adopting policies on child rights and protection, from 5 to 15 by 2017.
- ii. Raise the level of functionality from Satisfactory to Very Satisfactory of the 17 RSCWC at the end of 2017.
- iii. Increase by 5% annually the number of LGUs conferred with the Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) from 2015 to 2017
- iv. AFD Strategic Goal: Enhance the CWC Secretariat systems and mechanisms to support the implementation of the 3 strategic goals

It is along these strategic goals that the following breakthrough goals and lead measures are developed. Below are the accomplishments along these breakthrough goals:

I. Increase the number of members/partner adopting the child protection policy

Lead Measures	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timelines)
1. Ensure that a standard format or outline of the child protection policy is disseminated to members and partners and solicited their commitment to issue their own child protection policy	PPD/PAIO	To date the following member and partner agencies have their own child protection policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD • DepEd • DOLE • DOH • DA • CWC Secretariat • CHR • NCDA
2. CWC to monitor implementation of child protection policy by member agencies	PPD/PAIO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates are being requested from member agencies during Board meetings.

II. Raise the level of functionality of the Regional Committee/Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC) from Satisfactory to Very Satisfactory

Lead Measures	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timelines)
1. Hiring of 17 RC/SCWC technical staff are and provision of appropriate capacity building activities	MED/AFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 18 regions hired a RC/SCWC technical staff that provided secretariat and technical support to the day-to-day activities of the RC/SCWC.
2. Ensure that RC/SCWC plan is developed, implemented and monitored every quarter	MED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 RC/SCWCs developed/formulated 2016 Work and Financial Plan • 6 RC/SCWC (Regions I, II, IV-A, XII, CAR & CARAGA) conducted capacity building as identified the work

Lead Measures	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timelines)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan, funded by CWC 18 RC/SCWC submitted quarterly accomplishment report

III. Increase the number of LGUs conferred with the SCFLG from 981 to 1036

Lead measures	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timelines)
1. Establish a functional Knowledge Management System (KMS) for the Child Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA)	MED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KMS mobile application is ready for use in 2017. <p><i>Note: The KMS mobile application is a program that will facilitate on-line submission of audit results and supporting documents to the Child Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA).</i></p>

2. Enhance CFLGA assessment tools and processes	MED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Group identified 20 indicators, categorized per core right of the child last 14 November 2016. CWC to endorse final set of indicators to DILG for finalization of computation, scoring, and rating system.
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IV. Enhance the CWC Secretariat business processes

Lead Measure	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timeline)
1. Establish the Financial	MIS/AFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMIS and HRMIS are already installed

Lead Measure	Responsible Person/Division	Status (as to targets and timeline)
Management Information System (FMIS) and the Human Resource Management and Information System (HRMIS)		in the respective workstations of the Admin and Finance staff and are ready for use in 2017.
2. Provide capacity building activities for the CWC staff	MIS/AFD	<p>The following were the capacity building activities that were conducted which were participated by the CWC staff (either individually or as a group):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWC Branding • Leave Admin. Course for Effectiveness (LACE) • Supervisory Devt. Course Track 1 • Staff Development cum tam building held at CAR • GAD Workshop • Health & Wellness lecture • Integrity Management Plan Workshop • Business Process mapping (2 phases)

B. Along core functions/major final outputs

The CWC's major final output is **Child Welfare Policy Services**. The following are the accomplishments of the CWC for 2016 along this MFO:

I. Policy Formulation

1. Issuance of the following Council Board Resolution

1	Adopting the winners for the 2015 Presidential Award on the Child Friendly Municipalities and Cities
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2	Adopting the Legislative Agenda for Children for the 17 th Congress
3	Adopting the recommendations of the NBS VAC study
4	Adopting the VAC advocacy theme "WE ARE RESPONSIBLE"
5	Adopting the 2016 Child Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) Results and Conferring the Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG)
6	Adopting the 2 nd National Plan of Action for Children Final Implementation Report
7	Adopting the CWC Harmonized Monitoring and Evaluation System for Children
8	Adopting the Operational Guidelines for the Convergence of Councils and Committees on Children (Four Cs)

2. Development of the Legislative Agenda for Children for the 17th Congress

In keeping with its mandate and in line with the opening of the 17th Congress, the CWC had developed the Legislative Agenda for Children for the 17th Congress. This agenda enumerates the priority issues and concerns needing legislative action based on the concluding observations and recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (ComRC) and assessment made on the progress of the 16th Legislative Agenda for Children. These legislative agenda for children are as follows:

- a. Anti-Corporal Punishment (*Promoting Positive and Non-Violent Discipline of Children*)
- b. Minimum Age of Sexual Consent (*Increasing the Age of Statutory Rape*)
- c. Removing the Distinction/Discrimination Against Illegitimate Children
- d. Strengthening of the Council for the Welfare of Children
- e. Special Protection of Children in Armed Conflict
- f. Protection of Children with Disabilities

Taking into consideration the legislative agenda of the current administration, the following will be added:

1. Minimum age of criminal responsibility
2. Oplan Rody
3. Oplan Tokhang and Oplan Double Barrel

3. Development of the Guidebook on Child Participation (children's version)

The National Committee on Children and Youth Participation (NCCYP) initiated the development of a child-friendly version of the Guidebook on Child

Participation - a guidebook that is intended form programme managers and stakeholders working directly with children to ensure consistent, high quality, safe and meaningful child participation.

The child-friendly version is meant for use of children, for them to understand what is child participation and how this can used; it is also meant for program managers to inform them of how the guidebook can be used with different children including children with disability.

4. Operational Guidelines for the Convergence of Councils and Committees on Children (Four Cs)

The Operational Guidelines for the Convergence of Councils and Committees on Children (Four Cs) was developed to serve as a companion document to the Memorandum of Agreement which articulated specific guidance on how the Agreement that were forged among Councils and Committees will be operationalized. It basically lays down the mechanics for implementing the commitments of parties concerned and presents a blueprint for achieving its provisions.

The guidelines spells out ways of achieving a convergent process toward a more coherent, effective and functional system of inter-council work and collaboration among the Councils and Committees mandated to demonstrate positive impact in realizing the rights of Filipino children.

The guidelines was presented, approved and adopted by the Board during its 4th quarter meeting held on December 12, 2016.

5. Conducted policy session on the area responses on child and adolescent pregnancy

A round table discussion on child and teenage pregnancy was conducted on March 30, 2016 at the Hive Hotel, Quezon City. This was mostly participated by representatives from the NGOs that have programs and services for child and teenage pregnancy and some representatives from the national government agencies. The objective of the activity is to be updated on the initiatives/programs and services of government agencies to respond to the issue and solicit recommendations on the areas for needing government intervention/action and collaboration between the government and NGOs.

The output of the activity is a list of issues and recommended actions that the Secretariat reviewed and forwarded to responsible agency/ies.

6. Guideline on the Documentation of Child Friendly Good LGU Practices

A guideline on the documentation of Child-Friendly Good LGU Practices has been drafted by the Secretariat. The objective of the guideline is to provide

LGUs with the standard criteria on how to consider a project/program as good practice and to help them identify program/project that is/are ready for documentation.

The draft is subject for the endorsement of the Technical Management Group (TMG) for approval of the Council Board in 2017.

II. Plan Development

1. Development of the National Plan of Action on Violence Against Children (NPA VAC)

The Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) in collaboration with UNICEF, Department of Health, Institute of Health Policy and Development Studies - National Institutes of Health University of the Philippines Manila, Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation and Child Protection Network embarked on the first-ever National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children (NBS-VAC), a national household survey on the magnitude and extent of VAC in the country. This undertaking is part of the global initiatives to curb VAC. The results of the study was officially launched on December 6, 2016 in Manila Hotel.

As an off-shoot of the study, a National Plan of Action on VAC (NPA-VAC) has been drafted in the last quarter of 2016 which systematically translates the findings and recommendations of the study into action.

NPAVAC is a multi-sectoral road map designed towards a progressive reduction of violence against children in the country. This is part of the government's general commitment to build an enabling environment that respects, protects and fulfils the rights of all children in the country. It will brings together the individual commitments of all government agencies and institutions, local and international non-government organizations, civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, professional groups, the academe, private sector, parents, and children into a collective whole.

2. Development of the Advocacy and Communications Plan for Children Involved in Armed Conflict

The Inter-Agency Committee on Children in Armed Conflict (IAC CIAC) developed an advocacy and communications plan for children involved in armed conflict. This plan will guide the member agencies in their advocacy activities to raise awareness and generate support in addressing the issue. A workshop was conducted on February 10 – 12, 2016 at the Subic International Hotel, Subic Bay Freeport and was attended by the members of the IAC-CIAC. Mr. Paul Nuriev De Leon served as resource person and facilitator.

Alongside the development of the advocacy and communications plan is the development of key messages and collaterals. To date, these collaterals have already been produced (printed) and is ready to be deployed to pilot provinces.

3. Conduct of consultation workshops for the development of the 3rd National Plan of Action for Children

Preparatory activities were done for the development of the 3rd NPAC. It started with the CWC internal workshop held on September 29 & 30 until October 1, 2016 at the Hotel H2O, Manila. This process was borne out of the lessons learned from the previous 2 national plans of action for children where it is necessary to engage all the CWC staff in the development of the NPAC for same understanding of plan and commitment setting of respective Division's work.

This was followed with a series of separate consultation workshops with national government agencies, non-government organizations and the children to solicit their inputs in terms of setting the direction and priority agenda for the next mid-term plan.

An annotated outline has already been developed. The enrichment of the outline and adoption of the 3rd NPAC will be done in the 1st semester of 2017.

III. Research and Development

1. Study on Children Whose Parents are in Correctional Facilities

This is one of the research agenda in the 2nd National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC). The 2nd NPAC described children of imprisoned parents are left behind the custody of the un-imprisoned parent, relatives or other family members.

The research looked at the condition of children whose parents are in correctional facilities and the condition of the parents who are in prison, identify existing programs and services for both the children and incarcerated parent/s. A total of 23 service providers from the 8 correctional facilities were engaged in the key informant interview; a total of 84 inmates, 55 guardians, 49 children 6 to 11 years old and 30 children 12 to 18 years old were engaged in the FGDs.

Eight correctional facilities visited for the study - Correctional Institute for Women (Mandaluyong City); New Bilibid Prison (Muntinlupa City); Sablayan Penal Colony (Mindoro Occidental); Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (Puerto Princesa); Leyte Regional Prison (Southern Leyte); San Ramon Prison and Penal Farm (Zamboanga); Correctional Institution for Women – Mindanao

Davao Penal Colony (Davao del Norte; and Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center (Cebu City).

The Board approved and adopted the results, key findings and recommendations during its 4th quarter meeting held on December 12, 2016.

2. Study on the Child Protection System Framework

Child protection remains to be a challenge in the area of child rights. Despite the complex nature of child protection issues, the approach remains to be issue-based and fragmented. The pervasive lack of coordination between child protection service providers, and between child protection and other sectors, means that opportunities are lost to provide more 'joined up' and effective support. As such, there has been a persistent call to look at the existing programs, services and processes and rationalize these to come-up with a cohesive policy that will bind all actors and stakeholders.

The Child Protection System Framework aims to develop the Child Protection System Framework and assess all child-protection related structures and mechanisms of the country at the national and local levels.

A draft report has already been submitted to the CWC; this is still subject for presentation to the Technical Management Group (TMG) and subsequent adoption and approval of the Council Board.

3. Conduct of the research forum cum soft launch entitled “Boys and Girls at Risks” (result of the National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children)

On March 31 to April 1, 2016, a research forum cum soft launch, entitled “Boys and Girls at Risks” was conducted. Presented in this forum was the result of the National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children. This activity was attended by representatives from national government agencies, NGOs, INGOs, academe, association of social workers, embassies.

The forum served as a venue to disseminate the results of the survey and experts to share their analysis and in-depth interpretation of the results of the survey.

4. Public launch of the National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children

The results of the first ever National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children (NBS VAC) in the Philippines was officially launched on 06 December 2016 in Manila Hotel. This activity was spearheaded by the CWC

and UNICEF in partnership with the members of the VAC Steering Committee.

The formal launch mainly featured the multi-sectoral Declaration of Commitment to End Violence Against Children in the Philippines from the officials and representatives of government agencies, NGOs, UN organization, academe, faith-based organization and the children themselves.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation

1. 2nd National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC) Final Report

The 2nd National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC) for 2011 – 2016 sets the agenda towards progressive realization of the rights of Filipino children. For this medium term plan, three goals have been identified – 1st goal, children and their mothers to have a better quality of life; 2nd goal, to ensure that children are safe and free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation; and 3rd goal, children are actively participating in decision-making process affecting their lives.

2016 was the final year of the 2nd NPAC. To determine the extent of implementation and accomplishment of the Plan, a terminal implementation review was conducted to come-up with the Final Report of the 2nd NPAC. The final report gave an analysis of the achievements or non-achievement of the goals, targets, policies and programs as elaborated in the 2nd NPAC and identified the unfinished agenda which can be carried-over in the next national plan for children.

2. Development of MRRS Database

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 138, s 2013, the CWC as focal agency for MRRS- GCRVSAC is mandated to establish a system which will serve as repository of all cases/ incidents received and reported to CWC. The system also aims to generate reports which will be used to comply with the reporting requirements which are being fulfilled by CWC.

Through a 3-month consultancy, the 1st phase of the development of the system was completed. The system will manage the information being reported to CWC and will initially be for internal use of CWC to test its applicability and identify adjustments, as needed.

The 2nd phase of the development process will include other IAC CIAC members not only on the verification/ investigation of incidents but also as users of the system. This will be done in 2017.

3. CWC Harmonized Monitoring and Evaluation System for Children

There were two monitoring systems that were developed and adopted by CWC, these were the Subwaybay Bata Macro-Monitoring System (SBMS) which looked at the reporting requirements of the CRC and the Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System (RbM&ES) which is tailored-fit to monitor the progress of implementation of the 2nd National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC).

In order to simplify, unify and streamline the reports submitted to CWC from its partner agencies and to avoid unnecessary duplication of submission, the two monitoring systems were harmonized. The harmonized monitoring system ensures that common indicators required by both the SBMS and RbM&ES are captured in one harmonized tool and in a single submission to CWC at the start of every ensuing year.

The harmonized monitoring and evaluation system for children was approved and adopted by the Board during its 4th quarter meeting held on December 12, 2016.

4. Child Friendly Local Governance Audit Results/Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) for 2016

The Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) is an annual audit based on verifiable and quantifiable results for children spearheaded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Education (DepEd). The CFLGA was implemented on 2014.

For this year, a total of 1,501 LGUs were audited out of the total 1,634 LGUs in the Philippines. Out of these audited LGUs, a total of 1,176 LGUS were presented as eligible for the Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG). This is 8% increase from last year (2015 conferees – 1,093).

The Board approved and adopted the results of the CFLGA and conferred the SCFLG during its 4th quarter Board meeting held on December 12, 2017.

5. Awarding of the 2015 winners for the Presidential Award for the Child Friendly Municipality and City

On September 26, 2016, the awarding ceremony for the 2015 Presidential Award for the Child Friendly Municipality and City was held at the Rizal Hall, Malacanan. It was graced by the President, Rodrigo R. Duterte, who handed over the awards to the following winners:

- Buenavista, Guimaras – 1st to 3rd class municipality category
- Dumalneg, Ilocos Norte – 4th to 6th class municipality category

- Ilagan City – component city category
- Santiago City – independent component city category
- Davao City – highly urbanized city category

The awarding ceremony was attended by delegates from the 22 LGU national finalists and representatives from the national government agencies, non-government organization and other partners and stakeholders of CWC.

6. Assessment of the tools and processes of the Presidential Award on the Child Friendly Municipality and City (PACFMC)

An assessment workshop was conducted last July 20 – 22, 2016 to review the validation tools and the processes of the Presidential Award on the Child Friendly Municipality and City at the One Tagaytay Hotel, Tagaytay City. This was participated by representatives from the Regional Committee/Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC) and members of the National Awards Committee (NAC). The 3-day workshop solicited inputs and suggestions on how to further improve the tools and processes of the PACFMC. The inputs that were generated from the workshop will be subjected to further discussion wherein the NAC will come-up with recommendations on the tool and processes and submit these to the Council Board for adoption and approval.

V. Advocacy and Partnership Building

1. Dissemination forum of the 2nd NPAC Mid-term Review Report

Following the Board directive to organize a forum to present the results of the mid-term review of the 2nd NPAC, a dissemination forum was conducted on February 26, 2016 at the B Hotel, Quezon City. The mid-term review is a built-in mechanism to assess and gauge the progress of implementation of the plan, and identify strategies to accelerate or fast track its implementation.

The activity was attended by representatives from national government agencies, NGOs and RC/SCWC NCR and MIMAROPA Region. The objectives of the forum were to present the findings and results of the mid-term review and draw agency commitments to respond to the recommendations of the mid-term review.

A mini-workshop was conducted to solicit the responses of the participants on how they will utilize the results of the MTR in their respective agencies/organizations. The output of the mini workshop was the commitment of the agencies/organizations not only in using the results of the MTR in making adjustments in their respective agency but also in the development of the 3rd NPAC.

2. Orientation of NGOs on the Monitoring, Reporting and Response System (MRRS) Protocol

An Orientation Workshop on the Monitoring, Reporting and Response System on Grave Child Rights Violations in Situations of Armed Conflict (MRRS – GCRVSAC) for NGO/CSO partners on June 22 and 23, 2016 at the H2O Hotel, Manila. This orientation workshop specifically targeted NGOs/CSOs in recognition of their potential contribution in the monitoring and reporting of incidences of grave child rights violations in situations of armed conflict given their presence and reach in the community. The protocol in monitoring, reporting and response system and the supporting issuances from DepEd, DSWD and AFP were presented to orient them on the system that were already introduced at the regional, provincial, municipal and city level to identify areas and roles along the monitoring, reporting and response to GCRV incidences/cases. NGO participants committed to re-echo the system to their respective networks at the regional and local level.

3. Observance of the Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW)

The Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW) is an annual event spearheaded by the CWC. For this year, the week-long activity was observed from February 8 to 13, 2016. The theme of the celebration is *“I am the Solution! (Ako and Solusyon!)”*. CWC worked hand-in-hand with the Sub-Committee on Sexual Abuse and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (SACSEC) in the conduct of the week-long activities.

The kick-off activity was held on February 8, 2016 at the Liwasang Aurora, Quezon City Circle for a morning activity. Honorable Mayor Herbert M. Bautista of Quezon City, Mr. Jarrett Davis, a social researcher and consultant, Director Pacita Sarino of DSWD and Executive Director Patricia B. Luna graced the occasion.

The activity was capped with a mini-concert, inter-active booths and on-stage performance by children in the afternoon.

4. One Million Lapis (Children’s Month Celebration)

The kick-off event for the 2016 National Children’s Month was held on November 5 at the SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City and was entitled “One Million Lapis” campaign. The highlight of the event was the attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Record for the Longest Line of Pencils which is currently being held by Nuremberg, Germany at 459.97 meters. More than 2,000 children ages 14-17 years old formed a pencil line of **858.58 meters**. This still has to be confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records.

As to the campaign itself, a total of 3,337,521 pencils were collected from various sponsors and donors. This figure surpassed the targeted 1 million

lapis. These pencils were officially turned-over to DepEd and will be distributed to selected schools all over the country.

The campaign is in partnership with SM Cares and AMSPEC Corporation.

5. Nationwide Post a Sticker on Child Road Safety Campaign

Another activity in line with the National Children's month is the **Post a Sticker on Child Road Safety Campaign** which was launched in partnership with Robinsons Land Corporation, LTFRB, LTO and AMSPEC at the Robinsons Fairview on November 24, 2016.

Campaign stickers carries the message "**Batas Trapiko'ySundin: Kaligtasan ng mga Bata Isipin**" and were given to drivers of motorcycles, tricycles, FX/UV Express, jeepneys and buses. The simultaneous distribution of stickers was also done in various Robinsons Mall throughout the country. The Campaign intends to remind drivers of private vehicle and Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) to observe caution in driving to ensure the safety and welfare of the passengers, specifically the children, on board these vehicles and on the streets.

6. NCM Activities at the Regional and School Level

The eighteen (18) Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC) conducted NCM activities such: Regional Children's Congress, Forum on the Right to Education, Lapis turn-over ceremony, among others.

Through the Department of Education Memorandum Circular No. 201 series 2016, elementary and high school NCM program/activities were conducted ranging from Poster and slogan, art contest, Festival on Talents, Forum on Current Issues on Children, among others.

7. CWC observance of NDPR week highlights Forum on Children with Disabilities

In observance of the 38th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) week, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) conducted a Forum on Children with Disabilities on 22 July 2016 at the DILG NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA, Quezon City. This year's celebration focuses on the theme "*Karapatan ng Maykapansanan, Isakatuparan . . . Now Na!*"

The forum aimed to heighten awareness on existing laws, rules and regulations and policies on disabilities; to advocate for inclusive disabilities towards a child-friendly environment for children with disabilities; and to tackle the situation issues/concerns on children with disabilities (CWDs) towards creating more rights, benefits and appropriate services for them.

8. Documentation of Good Practices

The second batch of documentation of the child-friendly practices of the awardees of the Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities was done last 4th quarter of 2016. It focused on the national awardees namely: Mandaluyong City; Santiago City; Ilagan City, Isabela; Buenavista, Guimaras; and Dumalneg, Ilocos Norte. This initiative was seen as an effective strategy to promote existing child-friendly practices at all levels of governance.

These five documentations on child-friendly practices comprise the 2016 Compendium of Good Child-Friendly Practices to be published by the CWC on the first quarter of 2017 and will be disseminated to the LGUs and partners across the country as another tool in promoting and advocating for a child-friendly local governance.

VI. Provision of Technical Assistance for Child Friendly Governance at all Administrative Levels of Government

1. Technical Management Group and Council Board strategic planning workshop

The Technical Management Group and the Council Board had its strategic planning workshop on February 16 and 17, 2016 at the Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City. This was participated by the following agencies: DILG, DA, DOJ, DOLE, NEDA, NNC, Mr. Leopoldo Moselina, CHR and Parenting Foundation Philippines. The objectives of the activity were to: a) revisit/review and/or validate/enhance/revise the CWC vision; b) assess the performance of the Board for the past 5 years; c) Identify successes and high points, good practices, lessons learned, and gaps and challenges; d) determine future thrusts and directions; and e) Identify core activities for the 1st strategic plan.

Concrete output of the activity was the identification of the goals and strategies that the Board, TMG and the Secretariat will have to focus on to perform their respective functions more effectively. These goals were approved by the Board during the special meeting held on February 18, 2016.

2. Conduct of the Philippine National Children's Conference 2016

The Philippine National Children's Conference (PNCC) is a mechanism to prepare children for their participation to the ASEAN Children's Forum. This year's PNCC was conducted on May 15 to 18, 2016 at the Lancaster Hotel, Mandaluyong City. This was participated by a total of 82 children and 52 mentors coming from various organizations all over the country. The output of this activity was the selection of the children delegates to the 4th ASEAN Children's Forum and the children's declaration. The children's declaration will be presented to the Council Board for their response and action.

3. Philippine participation to the 4th ASEAN Children's Forum (ACF)

The 4th ASEAN Children's Forum was held in Hanoi, Vietnam on June 19 to 24, 2016 with the theme "One ASEAN, One vision for children". The Philippines delegation was composed of three children (one boy, one girl and one with disability), two mentors and the CWC Executive Director (who also represented the Philippines ACWC Children's Right Representative).

The participation of children to the forum provided a venue for them to have a vast view on current situation and issues on children at the Regional level where they forwarded their recommendations towards solving not only issues at country level but at the ASEAN community as a whole.

4. Capacity Building for the Regional Committee/Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC)

Six capacity building activities were conducted. The capacity building were focused on enhancing the knowledge and skills of RC/SCWC members based on the functionality indicators in the Operations Manual.

5. Regional Committee/Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC) Island Cluster Conference

The annual RC/SCWC is conducted as a venue for the discussion of programme updates, accomplishments and challenges in the implementation of the RC/SCWC workplan and directions for 2017. Outputs of the cluster conference include the following: a) accomplishments for the 1st to 3rd quarter of 2016; b) RC/SCWC 2017 work and financial plan; and c) 2018 indicative plan.

The island cluster conference were conducted on the following dates:

- Visayas - November 15 to 18, Bacolod City
- Mindanao - November 22 to 25, Davao City
- Luzon - December 13 to 16, Manila

These were participated by the RC/SCWC Chairpersons, focal persons, technical staff and selected member agencies.

The following were the agreements that resulted from the consultations:

1. CWC to provide unified template for regional databank/database and regional situationer on children
2. DILG to issue memo for inclusion of DOH in the CFLGA-Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF)

3. RC/RSCWCs to strengthen child participation and invite more child leaders as representatives to the RC/RSCWCs; to utilize Guidebook on Child Participation
4. Cascade operating guidelines of Four Cs to regions
5. Conscious effort in partnering with private sectors and ensure they are child-friendly
6. Strengthen advocacy and provision of technical assistance to LGUs
7. RC/RSCWCs to maximize resource generation among members and partners to help ensure implementation of RC/RSCWC activities

6. Fund Support/Augmentation to RC/RSCWC Activities

Fund support and augmentation were provided to all RC/RSCWCs in the conduct of RC/RSCWC meetings and advocacy activities such as the regional awarding ceremonies for the SCFLG conferees and the celebration of Children's Month.

VII. Other Assigned Function Related to Mandates

1. Baseline Study on Child Participation in the ASEAN and Member States

The Philippine Representative for Children's Rights to the ACWC is the lead implementer of the project on child participation as indicated in the ACWC workplan. As such, a project called "ASEAN Consultation on Creating an Enabling Environment for Child Participation" was launched by the ACWC Philippine Representative, in collaboration with CWC, Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia) and UNICEF. This project aims to conduct a research and situational analysis of the extent of child participation across the ASEAN Member States with the intention of advocating for regional level policy and framework.

In preparation for the conduct of the project, two activities have been convened in the Philippines to ensure the support of the ASEAN Member States:

1. Project Advisory Committee Meeting

A Project Advisory Committee Meeting was done on April 13 to 15, 2016 at the Heritage Hotel, Manila to assist in the development of the research design of the ASEAN Baseline Study, the terms of reference of the regional researcher and the agenda for the preparatory meeting. The Project Advisory Committee was composed of the ACWC Children's Representatives from the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia. Also in attendance were representatives from ASEAN Secretariat, Philippine's Department of Social Welfare and Development, CWC, UNICEF, Plan International, Save the Children,

World Vision, ChildFund, Philippines NGO Coalition CRC, EU READI Human Rights, and CRC Asia.

2. Preparatory Meeting for the Baseline Study on the Status of Child Participation in the ASEAN and Member States

The Preparatory Meeting was conducted last May 23 to 26, 2016 at the Heritage Hotel, Manila. This was participated by both adult and children representatives from the ASEAN Member States (AMS). The adult participants were composed of the following: ACWC Representatives for Children's Rights, policy makers from each ASEAN Member State and representatives from the civil society. A total of 19 children participated in the simultaneous children's session.

2. Provision of Technical Support to the ACWC Children's Representative

The CWC, as designated by DSWD to provide the technical support to the ACWC Children's Representative, participated in the following ACWC meetings, dialogue and training:

- a. Regional dialogue on the Baseline Study on Child Protection System in ASEAN Member States and Setting Performance Standard on ASEAN Integrative Child Protection System held on March 21 to 22, 2016 at Tangerang, Indonesia
- b. ACWC Special Meeting held on June 26 to 29, 2016 at Chiang Mai, Thailand
- c. Meeting of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) with the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) held on July 2, 2016 at Chiang Mai, Thailand
- d. ASEAN Secretariat Human Rights Training: Human Rights Mechanisms/Systems and Disability Awareness held on December 7 to 9, 2016 at Jakarta, Indonesia

3. Participation in the East Asia and Pacific Regional Round Table Discussion on Child Protection

As the lead government agency in the conduct of the National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children, CWC participated in the East Asia and Pacific Regional Round Table Discussion on Child Protection. This activity was held in Beijing, China on April 26 & 27, 2016 with the following objectives: a) review experience, best practices and lessons learned on the implementation of national VACS in Asia; b) deepen analysis of findings amongst East Asian countries that have completed surveys; c) exchange views on current methodological debates and advances in measuring and monitoring violence against children at the global level; and d) inform future national data collection exercises on violence against children in East Asia

and the Pacific. The Philippines shared its experiences in the data gathering of the National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children.

C. Financial Accomplishment

In terms of total obligations, out of the total allocation of Php 54,341,719.00, total obligation is Php 54,067,741.59 or 99.49%.

In terms of MOOE, out of the total allocation Php of 35,811,016.00, total obligation is Php 35,633,569.57 or 99.5%. Breakdown of which is as follows:

- for GAS = total allocation is Php 11,474,000.00; total obligation is Php 11,310,430.86 or 98.57%
- for Operations = total allocation in Php 24,337,016.00; total obligation is Php 24,323,138.71 or 99.9%