

**COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN  
2011 Annual Report**

***CWC New Executive Director – A STRONG CHILD RIGHTS ADVOCATE***

Special mission to children and youth is where the heart of the new CWC Executive Director is. Her initial involvement in children's development started when she worked as an instructor at the Immaculate Conception College in Ozamis City in 1971. An opportunity to work for the government was given her as an assistant to the Regional Officer of the Commission on Population, Region X, Cagayan de Oro City in 1973. This was followed by her stint as a staff economist in 1974 at NEDA Regional Office X.

Her work as a Staff Economist in the NEDA Region X served as a ladder to move in to NEDA's central office in Manila. Working in the central office honed her skills in social development and programming. Her career kept soaring and in 1978 joined UNICEF as National Programme Officer, she handled UNICEF-Manila's programmes on the country's program on education focused on early childhood care and women in development. She managed also the Integrated Area-based Programme for Child Survival and Development in Maguindanao at many instances.

After her Philippine sojourn, in 1995 to 1999 she ventured to another UNICEF's assignment in Jakarta. She was a programme coordinator on the local government capacity building component. In the same capacity, she managed the Country Programme Cooperation for Women and Children at UNICEF-Ankara in Turkey from 1999 to 2002. Then, she was the Assistant Country Representative and head of the UNICEF Country Office in Tashkent-Uzbekistan from 2002 to 2004 where she led the formulation of the five-year Country Programme of Cooperation for Women and Children and advocacy for children's rights.

With all these achievements, she owed it to her education as a degree holder of Master of Arts in Teaching Economics at the Center for Research and Communications Manila (now the University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City) and at the Notre Dame University in Cotabato City in 1972. Numbers were also her forte as evinced with her baccalaureate on accounting at the Immaculate Conception College, Ozamis City in 1969, where she graduated as Magna Cum Laude.

A fulfilled professional and happily married to Efren B. Vigo with two daughters, a son and two grandchildren is Brenda Suezo Vigo...a zealous new CWC Executive Director.

***2<sup>nd</sup> NPAC- the Country's Response to the Convention on the Rights of the Child***

The Philippines's National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC) is the second medium term plan of Child 21 and a companion Plan to the Philippine Development Plan. This spells out the priority focus on policy and program development for children in the next 6 years. The processes in the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NPAC such as cluster consultations with the members of 17 Regional Committee/Sub-committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/SCWC) together with some government and non-government organizations, consultation with the children sector and consultative meeting with inter-agency councils and committees were hurdled through facilitation of CWC Coordinators.

As the country is moving on in creating a protective and caring society for children, the 2<sup>nd</sup> NPAC goals for children and mothers to have a better quality of life; that children are protected from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation, and children are actively participating in decision-making processes affecting their lives are meant to be achieved in 2016.

NPAC's unique features such as having specific targets for child protection and participation with a label of MDG plus (+) for child protection and MDG plus (++) for child participation and it distinguishes between results for children (outcome) and program results and a plan that reflects regional performance to provide guidance for policy formulation and program development marks an edge in improving the situation of Filipino children.

### **Prevalence Study on Violence Against Children**

The Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), in support to the achievement of the MDG goals, gears toward a National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children which aims to determine the magnitude of abuse among children and likewise look into the risk and protective factors towards policy and program initiatives. The CWC Board issued a resolution in September 2010, approving the conduct of the study with the National Network to End VAC as the National Steering Committee tasked to oversee its completion.

Supporting this study are the US Centers for Disease Control and UNICEF EAPRO which had already made two visits in the country. The first was a three-day meeting in June 2011 which discuss the overview of the Study and how it is seen to be conducted in the country, taking cues and lessons from the earlier prevalence studies done in Tanzania and Kenya. The second visit in September 2011 was to orient the NNEVAC on the Cognitive Laboratory Study which aims to "obtain information about the processes study participants use to answer survey questions as well as to identify any potential problems in the questions".

However, the NNEVAC/NSC will pursue fund raising to cover the cost of the study which has been estimated at US \$ 250,000.00 (approximately P10,750,000.00). UNICEF has assured US \$100,000.00.

### **2011 CWC Board Resolutions**

Three (3) resolutions were promulgated by the Board of the Council for the Welfare of Children. They are the following:

1. CWC Board Resolution No. 1, Series of 2011: ***"A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TECHNICAL MANGEMENT GROUP (TMG) TO PREPARE/SUBMIT POSITION PAPERS IN BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENATIVES"***

The Council Board of the CWC authorizes the TMG to prepare and submit on time position papers in their behalf to the Senate and the House of Representatives. This is in response to the concern that CWC as a council cannot submit position papers in time for the deliberations of the the Congress. The Board meets every quarter of the year.

2. CWC Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2011: **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROTOCOL TO REACH OUT TO STREET CHILDREN.”**

The CWC Board has approved a protocol or policy which provides a clear and comprehensive guide on the appropriate conduct of reach out to street children. While such conduct puts them away from the streets and dangerous environment, for their protection from further harm and abuse, it may result to violation of their rights and indiscriminate handling of them by service providers. An issuance of a joint circular of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to disseminate the Protocol is another feature of the said resolution.

3. CWC Board Resolution No. 3, Series of 2011: **“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE WINNERS AND THE HALL OF FAME AWARDEE OF THE 2011 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR THE CHILD FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES.”**

The CWC Board attested the following winners of the Presidential Awards for Child Friendly Municipalities and Cities for 2011:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| a. Mandaluyong City          | Highly Urbanized City Category              |
| b. Santiago City             | Independent Component City Category         |
| c. Vigan City                | Component City Category                     |
| d. Mariveles, Bataan         | First to Third Class Municipality Category  |
| e. Villaverde, Nueva Viscaya | Fourth to Sixth Class Municipality Category |

The Board also attested Vigan City as the Hall of Fame awardee for 2011 for having been a national level winner for three consecutive years from 2008, 2009 and 2011.

**A Gift to Children**  
**2011 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly LGUs**

A salute to the local government units for recognizing the Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities as a worthwhile endeavor. CWC managed the procedures for the Presidential Award starting from the call to entries up to the validation visits and declaration of awardees.

After a year of screening of the CWC National Awards Committee, 34 LGUs emerged as regional winners across five (5) LGU categories: fourth to sixth class municipality, first to third class municipality, component city, independent component city and highly urbanized city. 17 of these LGUs qualified as national contenders where the five Most Child-Friendly LGUs were selected from. Awardees are declared through the CWC Board through a Board Resolution (Board Resolution No. 3 series of 2011 dated October 18, 2011).

In a fitting awarding ceremony held at the Malacañan Palace on October 27, 2011, President Aquino personally conferred the 2011 Presidential Award to five Most Child-Friendly LGUs as follows: Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya; Mariveles, Bataan; Santiago City and Mandaluyong City. Vigan City garnered the Hall of Fame Award having been conferred the award from 2009-2011. The awarding ceremony culminated the 2011 Children’s Month Celebration which CWC annually spearheads.

A strong support from the country's leader, President Benigno Simeon Aquino III, was manifested through issuance of instructions to earmark funds for this **flagship** program of CWC starting CY 2011.

*An excerpt from the President's speech during the awarding ceremony echoed and will always serve as words of inspiration and challenge to improve the situation of Filipino children.*

*"Hangga't hindi po natin nararating ang ating kolektibong tunguhin,  
hindi po tayo hihinto sa pagsusulong sa mga karapatan ng  
kabataan at pagpapabuti sa kanilang kalagayan"*

### **Advocacy for Street Children, Families and the Bajaus**

The Council for the Welfare of Children, as member of the Technical Working Group, is taking the lead in the advocacy component of the Comprehensive Program for Street Children, Street Families and Bajau. In the last semester of 2011, advocacy initiatives of the project has been undertaken by the Council which resulted to gaining the support and complementation of the local chief executives of NCR, faith-based organizations, non-government organizations and other critical partners.

Specifically, the following advocacy initiatives were conducted:

The Advocacy Forum with Metro Manila LCEs and Partners in Safeguarding the Welfare of Street Children, Street Families and Bajaus conducted in August was participated in by 180 partners from national agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and the media. Secretary Dinky Soliman led this activity. A pledge of commitment to support and complement the implementation of the program was signed by LCEs present or their representatives from the 17 LGUs in NCR such as Mayor Alfredo Lim, Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian, MMDA Chairman Francis Tolentino, DILG Sec Jesse Robredo, representatives from UNICEF and others.

For the project to become successful, sustaining the Functionality of Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children was a vital mechanism. A pool of trainors for BCPC was organized from DSWD (NCR, 4A, 4B), DILG, PNP and CWC. Master trainors from Childhope conducted the 7-day training at the First Villa Cristina Resort and Hotel, Antipolo City. Capacity building for BCPCs in 10 priority areas was conducted at DAP and PHINMA Training Center, Tagaytay City. This is the first assignment of the trainors and 36 of 45 barangays attended the training with a total of 170 participants. Representatives from CSWDOs and CLGOOs of the 8 cities within the 10 priority areas also present. Areas that failed to send participants are Barangays 700 and 669 of Manila, Barangay Dona Josefa of Quezon City, Barangay 95 of Caloocan, Barangay Baclaran of Paranaque and Barangay 1,8,9,11,12,45 of Pasay. Technical assistance were done by their respective CSWDOs and DSWD-NCR to BCPCs that were not able to attend the training.

Incentives/Start up funds to 45 BCPCs in 10 Priority Areas in NCR were given in support for the sustainability of the BCPCs. Project proposal of BCPCs was done during the training. DSWD-NCR facilitated the disbursements of grant per barangay.

Other support activities include the Development of Key Messages for Street Children, “ *Mas marami ang gumanda ang buhay ng mga batang wala sa lansangan*”... for LCEs/ general public: “Your support for street children leads to progress”, consultation meeting with Faith Based Organizations on Street Children, Street Families and Bajau and the popularization of the Protocol to Reach Out to Street Children.

***“Para Sa Mga Batang Pinoy (PSMB): An Orientation-Workshop on the Role of Sangguniang Kabataan in the Protection of Children in the Community***

In preparation for the said activity, the CWC with PSMB Citizens Network conducted a core group meeting for this purpose on 12 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Councilor Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla of District II-Quezon City at the Legislative Building, Quezon City Hall, Quezon City. This orientation workshop was a prelude preparation specifically testing the PSMB Website for the Para sa mga Bata: Social Media vs. Child Abuse, An Online / Offline Forum to be conducted on November 26, 2011. Major discussions focused on the flow of activity, resource persons to be invited, participants, venue, and logistical requirements. Councilor Medalla approved that the SK Chairpersons of Novaliches-District II shall participate and she agreed to provide for the venue and food for the participants.

***Para sa mga Bata: Social Media vs. Child Abuse, An Online and Real Space Forum***

The extent of the observance of children’ month was carried through the conduct of online and real space forum on social media vs. child abuse on November 26, 2011 at Astoria Plaza Hotel, Pasig City. This is a joint activity of the Council for the Welfare of Children with Para sa mga Bata Citizens’ Network, PNP-Angel Net, DSWD, and NCCT. This ground breaking activity highlighted the powerful role of citizens in advocating for and educating the public in protecting and caring for children online and offline. Facebook, Twitter and other social media users from all walks of life such as mothers, bloggers, celebrities via video taped message, students, etc. were together for one whole day to interact with experts from government and the private sector to learn about the most important and critical issues related to the situation of Filipino children and how everyone can make a difference. Some of the topics featured in this event are the following: Social Media and Citizens Participation, Child Rights and Abuse, Children and Media, Cyber Bullying and Positive Discipline, Child Pornography, Trafficking and Child Labor, and Children in Conflict with the Law.

Objectives of this forum are: 1) To equip social media users with information on child abuse and facilitate their interaction wit experts from government and private sector through face-to-face interaction and online means such as live streaming, video uploads, etc; 2) To discuss ways and means for social media users to help in spreading awareness about child rights, child issues and addressing abuse; and, 3) To launch a website that will provide information on child abuse and links to services and other information that can address specific concerns.

Speakers invited were from the Commission on Filipinos Overseas - Office of the President of the Philippines, DSWD Central Office and NCR, Save the Children, DOLE-BWSC, PSMB and its partner (GMA News Online, Greenpeace SEA Philippines, NCCT, PNP, Ateneo de Manila, JJWC, a local government executive, Child Advocate from Pag-Asa Youth Association of the Philippines, Federation of Free Workers, and CPU-Net. Moderators and Documentors came from the major partners of the Council.

A series of simultaneous online discussions happened at <http://facebook.com/parasamgabatangpinoy> where the event was covered via live stream and live blog. Twitter fans were encouraged to use the hashtag #parasamgabata to tweet about highlights. Also, a special Para sa mga Bata website was launched on the same day.

The post evaluation done on December 16, 2011 recommends some further work of the CWC and partners with the Social Media Network (PSMB) for 2012 continued cooperation and an advanced preparatory work for the Children's Month Celebration in October.

***INSERT HERE THE CHILDREN'S MONTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

### ***RSCWC Steadfast on its role as Link with Local Government***

The Regional Committee/Regional-Sub Committee for the Welfare of Children (RC/RSCWC) continuous to be the major arm of CWC in policy formulation, promoting and coordinating rights monitoring and implementation.

For the first quarter of the year, the Annual RSCWC Conference focus on Catching up with MDGs was conducted in March 2-4, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Clark Freeport, Angeles City participated by 52 RSCWC members composed of RSCWC Chairpersons, Focal Persons and Regional Director of members agencies and National Committee Chairperson. The activity was graced by DSWD Secretary and CWC Board Chairperson Secretary Corazon Juliano Soliman. Sharing on RSCWC accomplishments, convergence program on MDG, MTP, 2<sup>nd</sup> NPAC and CPC 7, updates on recent policies such K to 12 and essential health packages, policy directions relative to street children and the Bajaus and formulation of action plan for 2012 were thr highlights of the said conference.

RSCWCs' significant advocacy efforts were focused on advocacy on policy and programs for children such as the Presidential Award for Child Friendly LGUs, Juvenile Justice Law, Forum on Children focus on street children and badjaus, Adoption Forum, campaign on 100% birth registration especially in Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino areas. Their major accomplishments are attributed to the institutionalized hosting of regular meetings by RSCWC members, complementation of resources and continuous linkage/partnership with partners such as the Provinces and Cities, media, academe and private sector.

### ***Child Participation Enhances Life Skills: Integrate Child Protection Measures and Policy in Child and Youth Participation Programmes***

CWC through its National Committee on Child and Youth Participation (NCCYP) commissioned a research to review and analyze the promotion of child participation in the Philippines. This was undertaken through four case studies of selected child participation interventions of member agencies of the NCCYP.

Research results show that the participation of children and youth in various activities concerning their own development has been able to create affirmative and encouraging impact among them particularly on the level of awareness of their rights, expressive skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. More particularly, the children's responses demonstrated strong emphasis on development and enhancement of their social-orientation and social skills (desirable social behavior).

The research was also able to surface that children are more in a position to protect themselves from potential abuse or exploitation. One major policy recommendation focus on integrating child protection measures and policy in child and youth participation programmes.

With the results of the study, CWC shall seriously look into emerging rights-based issues such as equity in child participation, child-friendly work environment, child participation intervention appropriate for children, rationalized representation of children in national fora, results indicators, etc. Institutionalizing child and youth participation into agency programme design, budget and structure, capacity building of

field workers, adequate orientation and training modules on CYP, integration of CYP in the monitoring and evaluation system, and sustainability and scaling up are also strongly recommended.

***48<sup>TH</sup> International Association of Traffic Safety Sciences (IATSS) Forum  
(held at Suzuka City, Japan on September 18- November 14, 2011)  
By: Adelaida G. Chavez***

Looking back when I appeared for the final screening interview on May 5, 2011 at the Traders Hotel, with DOST-Undersecretary Fortunato De La Pena, chairperson of the IATSS Forum and other members of the Philippine Secretariat Committee. Luckily, I was selected together with Professor Mervin Gascon of the University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City. The participation to this forum was supported by Honda-Japan Company.

For this 48<sup>th</sup> Forum, our batch motto was “MOTTAINAI” (a Japanese term) that refers to “Making good use of all resources”, on the theme Sustainable Environment. We were 21 participants from different ASEAN and other countries of the world namely: Cambodia, Indonesia, LAO-PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, China, Brazil and United States of America. A group study process was the major activity exposure of the forum because this was the venue where all participants experienced the main objective of how is “Learning and Thinking Together”. Having gone through the process, it was really challenging and educational because of the varied professional point of views but agree on one project as a group to be implemented as a pilot in one participating country. So far, three major projects have been presented and approved with minimal funds during the closing ceremony session on November 12, 2011, these projects were:

- Project Cooling in Cambodia ( to address the increasing house hold consumption of electricity;
- 3R for 3G (to address the waste problem of Vietnam); and
- Tree Planting (to address the deforestation phenomenon of Vietnam)

Hand in hand with the implementation of the project, each participant committed also to do some personal contributions in terms of doing some personal eco system ways in order to support some environment interventions, just to start a change of habit, these include: use of water wisely, eliminate use of plastic materials, unplug electrical equipment when not in use, eat / buy only items that are needed and important, as among others.

The other side of the forum was also a venue where we had the chance to visit some historical places of Japan for the conduct of seminars, country presentations and encountered some Japanese cultural traditions and practices.

All the memories and experiences I had because of my attendance to this activity will always be used as I continue my work as advocate in promoting the rights of the Filipino Children. Thank you so much for the opportunity that was given to me by the Office. Likewise, my warmest thanks and appreciation to all the sponsors, professors, officers and staff of the IATSS Forum with the leadership of Mr. Akira Haga, Manager.

DOMO ARIGATO GOSAIMASTAH (Thank you very much).

## **CWC STRENGTHENING**

The Council for the Welfare of Children Secretariat has concretely started its organizational transformation as part of the CWC Strengthening in May 2011. The goals of CWC strengthening are as follows: **1) to develop a flagship program with the end in view of increasing CWC visibility 2) ensure that the momentum for action on attitudinal change is sustained and 3) to prepare a legislative measure envisioned to expand CWC mandate and organizational structure.**

Strengthening activities were then conducted with the assistance of a Consultant to facilitate the process. On May 26-28, 2011, CWC Strategic Planning Workshop was done and as a result of a *core group on CWC Flagship Program and Strengthening was constituted*. Among the major functions of the core group are: **a) sustaining internal attitudinal change and shift in mindset of CWC personnel and b) facilitating conduct of focus-group discussions among CWC Secretariat and structures as part of sustaining the CWC strengthening efforts.**

Follow through strengthening activities were then conducted such as consultations, workshops, lectures integrating topics on the Theory of Change, Leadership skills/organizational leadership and values reorientation. These sessions indicated the need for change in several areas of CWC endeavor.

Most importantly, the need for change is recognized by the CWC-Secretariat, management and staff which led to other follow through sessions on Change Management, setting the tone for changes to be done.

A parallel but connected effort on CWC- Secretariat strengthening was the conduct of a series of sessions on building an advocacy and programming framework on Protective and Caring Environment for Children (PCEC). This deepens the understanding and commitment of the staff to promote a **“Child-Friendly Philippines”: A Caring and Protective Society for Children”** which has been adopted as the framework for advocacy in promoting children’s rights.

So far, the activities conducted focused on moving the organization forward towards a detailed pathway to change through a backward mapping process derived from the Theory of Change. These provided insights to officials and staff on what are the current status of CWC as an organization and what are the desired outcomes/long term goals.

The Theory of Change series of sessions/processes further led to the identification of long-term outcomes for the organization. **That “By 2016, CWC is the recognized lead advocate and monitoring body for child rights”.**

Given the above-mentioned challenges, priority activities would be the **capability building of the CWC staff and to conduct activities for continuing improvement as a team working for the cause of children.**

## ***CAPABILITY BUILDING OF STAFF***

It is worthy to note that on May 14 to 16, 2011, a training on Public Sector Ethics and Accountability was conducted for all CWC staff to further strengthen their commitment as public servant. Specific topics discussed were R.A. 6713: Code of Conduct & Ethical Standards, Accountability in Government and Society, Budgeting, Accounting & Auditing Procedures.

The training also incorporated a special session by Mr. Paolo Martin-Trinidad on Pinoy Laughter Yoga, its Concept and Health Benefits toward strengthening commitment to work by managing stress.

The CWC continued its support to the attendance of staff to local and foreign fora, trainings, seminars and workshops. For the year, three (3) staff were sent to participate in the following foreign trainings/workshops : a) Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Children and Youth (April 20 to July 3 - The Netherlands ), b)Leadership Training (August 29 to September 5-Japan) and c) Regional Child Protection Workshop (March 2 to 5 - Vietnam).

## ***CWC Supports NNC's Search for Outstanding LGU Nutrition Programs***

The Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) extended support to the 2011 nutrition awards of the National Nutrition Council by joining as members of the inter-agency National Nutrition Evaluation Team (NET). CWC served as NET member for two nutrition awards, namely the Search for National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Recognition of Outstanding LGUs in nutrition program management and implementation.

As the lead advocate and monitoring body in the promotion and fulfillment of child's rights, CWC ensures participation on child rights monitoring and program evaluation processes of its member-agencies. The active participation of CWC during the evaluation process provides opportunities for CWC to assert its oversight function.

For 2011, CWC was able to evaluate the nutrition program management and performance of Batanes and South Cotabato, the municipalities of Numancia, Aklan, and Tubigon, Bohol and Tagaytay City vying for the Green Banner Award, Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN), Nutrition Honor Award (NHA) and the National Outstanding BNS.

The National Nutrition Council is a member-agency of the CWC Board while CWC is a member of NNC's Technical Board.

## ***CWC Chairs the Sub-Committee on Strengthening Partnerships***

In 2011, the National Child Labor Committee (NCLC), in which CWC is a member and chaired by DOLE, was reorganized into five sub-committees in order to better respond to the plight of child laborers

and their families. The reorganization was a result of the assessment of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) in 2010. These are:

- Sub-committee on Knowledge Management;
- Sub-committee on Strengthening Partnerships;
- Sub-committee on Improving Access to Services;
- Sub-committee on Mainstreaming and Advocacy; and
- Sub-committee on Compliance to Law and Enforcement

The categories of these sub-committees were in accordance with the five strategic directions of the PPACL. These sub-committees are under the NCLC's Program Management Coordinating Committee (PMCC) which provides them coordination and cohesion.

Recognizing the Council for the Welfare of Children's strength in building alliances and establishing partnership with different sectors, it was identified to Chair the Sub-committee on Strengthening Partnerships, which has the following functions:

1. Facilitate mobilization of broad-based alliance of stakeholders;
2. Identify mechanisms for harnessing and nurturing partnerships;
3. Provide support to the movement towards child-sensitive families and communities; and
4. Identify training needs and capacity building activities for stakeholders, policy makers, children's groups, program implementers and other social partners.

Aside from CWC, other members of the sub-committee were identified which are as follows:

1. NCSD (as co-chair)
2. BWSC
3. DepED-BSE
4. ERDA Foundation
5. TUCP
6. FFW
7. ECOP
8. Visayan Forum
9. ILO-IPEC

The sub-committee had the following accomplishments for 2011:

1. Reviewed and finalized its functions, membership and workplan;
2. Identified priority activities for 2011;
  - a. Inventory of Regional Child Labor Committees;
  - b. Toolkit for partnership activities or practical guides which will assist and provide uniformity for RCLC standardization;
  - c. Capacity building (team building) for NCLC and sub-group members; and
  - d. Conduct of regular sub-group meetings; and
3. Conducted inventory of child labor structures at the regional and local levels.

The sub-committee is finalizing its plan of conducting capacity building activity for the NCLC members. ***STRATEGIC WORK PLANNING on 'Emerging Challenges, Development Priorities and Implications on Child Rights Monitoring and Reporting.'***

On July 12-14, 2011 at Hacienda Gracia Resort and Hotel, in Lubao, Pampanga, the Council conducted STRATEGIC WORK PLANNING on 'Emerging Challenges, Development Priorities and Implications on Child Rights Monitoring and Reporting.' It was conducted in response to consider recent global and domestic developments which add significance to challenges such as: (a) devastating effects of natural disasters and climate change, (b) vulnerability of OFWs and families to the 'labor export policy', (c) lack of national consensus on reproductive health in light of its poverty and development impacts, (d) slow progress in achieving MDGs, such as eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, increasing access to primary education and reducing maternal mortality ratio, (e) armed conflicts in some parts of the country, (f) low tax effort to meet the state's expenditure obligations to the people, and (g) lack a national Human Rights Action Plan as committed during the last Universal Periodic Report (UPR) with the UNHRC.

Participants were from key NGAs, LGUs and CSOs and are responsible for development planning, public policy and M&E in their respective organizations and sectors. The agencies represented included DSWD, DoH, DepEd, DoJ, DILG, DoLE, JJWC, NNC, Climate Change Commission, POEA, DDB, PhilHealth, ICAB, PNP, BJMP, Office of Civil Defense-DND, NDRRMC, CHR, TESDA, PNP, BJMP, ICAF, NCMF and NSO-Vital Stat.

Objectives of the workshop, participants have: Attained a higher level of appreciation of some of the leading development issues facing the country; Identified the implications of these issues on children and women, having applied gender, human rights, MDG and disaster risks reduction approaches; Formulated results chains which relate inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes for children and mothers (including indicators) in response to the identified issues, and, Identified milestones in 2011-2016 which can enrich CWC's policy and Subabay Bata Macro Monitoring System.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The approved budget of CWC for CY 2011 is P23,411,000 broken down as follows: Personal Services, P10,539,000.00, MOOE, P11,672,000.00 and Capital Outlay, P1,200,000.00. The CWC received a total budget of P26,016,072.00 under F101 to include other releases from Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund. P25,854,828.01 or 99.38% were obligated in 2011.

Likewise, the CWC received cash assistance from UNICEF amounting to P10,630,698.00. This amount covers the following activities:

➤ MRM Orientation	PhP 923,000.00
➤ Disaster Management Contingency Fund	PhP1,904,500.00
➤ HIV and AIDS Activities	PhP3,718,418.00
➤ Social Policy and Local Development	PhP1,131,300.00
➤ Young Facilitators' Training	PhP 288,480.00
➤ CWC Strengthening	PhP 150,000.00
➤ Philippine National Children's Conference	PhP1,200,000.00
➤ BCPC Study	PhP1,315,000.00

P6,158,463.27 or 57.93% were obligated for activities conducted per approved WFP by UNICEF. The unutilized portion will be used for carry-over activities in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012.

The Administrative and Finance Division supported the over-all operations and programs of the Council in terms of providing administrative support in all activities conducted.