

Other substantial accomplishments along this area include the following:

- ♻️ Developed a National Plan of Action on Disability Data, in consultation with national government agencies through the support of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).
- ♻️ Facilitated the conduct of program and budget review of 15 national agencies which resulted to the identification of issues and concerns of the sector of persons with disabilities in order to ensure that programs and services for persons with disabilities are adequately provided, especially to those who are in the rural areas, for inclusion in their annual budget. This undertaking was conducted in order to include in the Work and Financial Plans of local government units priority areas in consonance with the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)** and the **Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.**
- ♻️ Developed the supplemental manual for Basic Instructions Guide (BIG) in training communities on disaster risk reduction to make it disability-inclusive. This was piloted in three (3) local government units in selected areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao in partnership with the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD), Department of National Defense and Handicap International, a French-based international non-government organization.
- ♻️ Conducted six (6) consultative dialogues with representatives of local governments and major stakeholders in the final drafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10070 entitled **‘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 Republic Act No. 7277, Otherwise Known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”, as Amended, and for Other Purposes**, also known as the PDAO Law.
- ♻️ Finalized the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10524 entitled **“An Act Expanding the Positions Reserved for Persons with Disabilities”** (2013) in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment to fast track its implementation.
- ♻️ Collaborated with legislators who authored a legislative measure seeking to exempt persons with disabilities from the value-added tax (VAT) which was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate entitled **“An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability (PWD), amending for this Purpose Section 32 of Republic Act 7277, Otherwise Known as the ‘Magna Carta for Persons with Disability’, as Amended, and Section 35 (B) of RA 8424, Otherwise Known as the ‘National Internal Revenue Code of 1997’, as Amended.”**
- ♻️ Facilitated the preparation of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) and the Rotary Club of San Juan del Monte for the installation of Braille map for the blind and in