

- ⇒ Conducted the “Incheon Strategy Mid-Decade Assessment and Data Generation Planning” for more than 40 stakeholders/partners to upscale quality data collection and reporting on Incheon Strategy Implementation and ensure agencies’ quality inputs to the UN ESCAP’s Survey on Incheon Strategy Implementation.



DICT Director Raul Nilo and NCDA Director Carmen Zubiaga led the signing of the Manifesto of Commitment during the 3-day planning workshop .

The participants signed a manifesto of commitment to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development on an equal basis with others.

- ⇒ Engaged with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in the ongoing crafting of the Philippine Development Plan in line with Executive Order No. 05 “Approving and Adopting the Twenty-Five Year Long Term Vision Entitled “Ambisyon Natin 2040” as Guide for Development Planning.

The NCDA provided technical inputs as a member agency of NEDA’s three (3) Sub-Committees, namely: (a) SC on Nutrition, Health and Basic Education; (b) SC on Social Protection; and (c) SC on Shelter Security.

- ⇒ Engaged with the CSC on the provision of reasonable accommodation to deaf CS examinees, wherein an additional one (1) hour is provided to the group during examination; and with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) for the provision of Sign Language interpreting inset in television networks for the 2nd Presidential Debate and similar future undertakings in response to the request of Deaf persons to have access to information to their political agenda.



Disability-inclusive information on the election (left). A sign-language interpretation (right) was provided during the 2nd Presidential Debate.

- ⇒ Engaged an expert for the conduct of the research on “Disability-Related Cost in Health, Education and Employment, the final result/research document is being reviewed and readied for a research forum. Related to this, the NCDA participated in the Baseline Study on 3D Printed Prosthesis Production Solution in the Philippines in partnership with the Nomura Research Institute, DOLE Employment Profile of Persons with Disabilities in selected regions and in the APEC Survey on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities

- ↗ Reviewed/prepared position paper/provided technical inputs on the following:
- IRR of RA No. 10121 “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010”, in coordination with the Office of Civil Defense and Save the Children and other NGAs/NGOs
 - RA No. 10905 “An Act Requiring all Franchise Holders or Operators of Television Stations and producers of Television Programs to Broadcast or Present their programs with Closed Captions Option, and for Other Purposes”;
 - Six (6) Senate/House Bills and one (1) proposed amendment to a bill:
 - HB No. 5813 “an Act Creating the Philippine Center for Autism and For Other Purposes” authored by Reo. Scott Davies Lanete
 - HB No. 209 “Mandatory Philhealth Coverage for all Persons with Disability not currently covered by any existing category”, authored by Rep. Micaela S. Violago
 - HB No. 656 “An Act Granting Additional Benefits to Persons with Disability, Amending for this Purpose RA No. 7277, as Amended by RA No. 9442” authored by Rep. Jerry P. Treñas
 - HB No. 438 on comprehensive system for registration and licensing of social welfare and development agencies and accreditation of social welfare and development programs and services”, authored by Res. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD and Sabiniano A. Canama
 - SB No. 1021 “An Act Providing Philhealth Premium Subsidy for all Persons with Disability”, authored by Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
 - HB No. 6428 “An Act Declaring the Filipino Sign Language as the National Sign Language of the Filipino Deaf and the Official Language of Government in all Transactions involving the deaf and Mandating its Use in Schools, Broadcast Media and Workplaces”, authored by Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
 - Proposed bill entitled “Vocational Rehabilitation and Disability Resource Center Act of 2016” amending RA 1179 “An Act to provide for the Promotion of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Blind and other Handicapped Persons and their Return to Civil Employment” of 1954, in coordination with the DSWD Protective Service Bureau
 - Conceptual Framework and Omnibus Policy Guidelines for Special Education Program (Version 3), specifically on sub-title “D. Learner Welfare and Development” up to sub-title “Types of Schools in the Provision of SPED Services” which will form part under “Policy Statements” of Roman number “IV” of the Guidelines.
 - Bill on the NCDA Reorganization from a Council to a Commission which has already been filed at the Senate
 - Enhancement of Philhealth Circular entitled “Children with Disabilities Benefit Package and their Packaged Rates for Assistive Devices and Rehabilitation Services” to include some recommendations for the benefit package. These included focusing on improving the functionality, participation and productive living of children with disabilities instead of reducing disability, use of disability-sensitive language and stating disability-related concerns on a positive note, the use of RA No. 7277 and WHO Global Disability Action Plan 2014-2011 as rationale for the policy, and inclusion of the transportation cost for children with disabilities availing of the rehabilitation services, among others.

- Administrative Orders/Rules and Regulations of member implementing agencies:
 - Department of the Interior and Local Government(DILG)'s Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2015-145 "Reiteration of LGUs' Role and Functions in the Implementation of RA No. 10354" and MC No. 2016-01 on the "2016 Seal of Good Local Governance"
 - DSWD AO on the "Revised Standards on Residential Care Service"
 - DOH AOs on the "Guidelines on the Certification or Licensing of Family Planning Clinics" to be issued by the RPRH National Implementing Team and the "Constitution and Designation of Members of the RPRH Law TWG" and on the "Institutionalization of Inter-Agency Advisory Council for the Implementation of RA No. 9502, otherwise known as "Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008"
 - DOTr Rules and Regulations on the "Grant of Privileges for Students, Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens"
 - Maritime Authority draft Rules and Regulations on the "Mandatory Compliance with Minimum Service Standards and Other Services On-Board Ships Passengers in the Inter-Island Shipping Trade"
- Manual on the following: (a) Programs and Services for Blind Persons/Persons with Print Disabilities" of the National Library of the Philippines, and the (b) "Lahat Handa Manual on inclusive Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management."

The NCDA likewise participated in the "Trainers Training on the Lahat Handa Manual" organized by Handicap International and NCDA.

- "Development of Modules for PWDs Caregivers and Community Service Providers" as part of the DSWD's project "Community Action and Resources for Accessible, Better and Leverage Environment (CARE-ABLE) on Persons with Disabilities"
- "Stakeholders' Consultation on the Benefit Package for Children with Disabilities" spearheaded by the Physicians for Peace with the United Nations Children's Fund assisting the DOH and Philhealth to improve access to assistive technology and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities.
- Anti-Rape Law, Solo Parent Act (RA No. 8972 " Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 and Providing Benefits and Privileges and Thereunder", HB No. 77 "AFP Derivative Retirement Pension for Children/Survivors Act of 2014", proposed tax exemption for purchase of mobility aids, and LTO Administrative Order No. AVT-2015-029 "Revised Rules and Regulations governing the issuance of Professional Drivers Licenses"
- Proposed first Filipino voice engine for the blind development, in coordination with Bookshare, PUP Library and other PUP college
- Draft MC of the Department of Justice on the provision of sign language interpreters to Deaf during preliminary hearings.
- CBM Five (5)-Year Philippine Country Plan (2016-2020) Logframe
- Resolution/Manifesto of Commitments and a Consolidated Framework for Future Directions of Asia Pacific Blind Masseurs adopted at large by participants

- Harmonization of the Youth Development Materials and the Youth Development Sessions (YDS) of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the DSWD to include “Inclusive Facilitation” in the YDS modules, as well as the Training Regulations for Massage therapy-NC II, in coordination with the Department of Health and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
- Use of Guide/Service Dogs in public transportation and public places spearheaded by the DOTC. A Joint MC between the DOTC, Department of Agriculture (Bureau of Animal Industry) and DOH will be crafted regarding issuance of a permit to use service animals in public transportation and public places, provided they are used in compliance with the guidelines that will be drafted.
- “Fully Abled Nation” PWD Electoral Summit held in Cebu City, in coordination with the Philippine Accessible Deaf Services, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Asia Foundation, Fully Abled Nation and other cooperating agencies; and in “Enhancing Collaboration for Disability Inclusive Election” project of the Alyansa ng Maykapanasanang Pinoy, Asia Foundation, Australian Agency for International Development and the Commission on Election held in selected regions in January-March 2016. Likewise, provided technical assistance in the “ Voters’ Education and Empowerment Training” of Ateneo Human Rights Center where five (5) Disabled People’s Organizations and the City Governments of Marikina and Taguig were invited



Marvelous Jorda (left photo standing), Blind, a [Fully Abled Nation](#) volunteer attending and assisting PWD and Senior citizen voters at the accessible polling place. Right photo shows persons with disabilities durin the registration of voters in Cebu City.



PWD Help Desk in Cebu City (above). Express Lane for PWD's and Seniors and Pregnant Women during the National Election at the Barangay of Roxas City, Capiz.



- 8th Visually Impaired Sports Training and Advocacy (VISTA): Sports Without Limits” Games, in coordination with the Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired, Inc. which helped break down the barriers that once stopped people with disability from participating in sports such as on track and field events, adaptive table tennis, swimming, goal ball and chess.
- 13th World Blind Union Asia Pacific Regional Massage Seminar, in partnership with the Philippine Blind Union and the Philippine Chamber of Massage Industry for the Visually Impaired and Resources for the Blind
- Terms of Reference and a Joint MC on KASALI Inclusive Education Project as a member of the National Technical Working Group of “Save the Children”, along with the DILG and Department of Education (DepEd).
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education standards to address the DepEd’s lack of framework on approaching the Reproductive Health being spearheaded by Dr. Esperanza Cabral of the National Implementation Team of RA No. 10354 entitled “Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law”
- DOH Workshop on Eligibility on Issuance of PWD ID where the tool on “Criteria for Determining Eligibility for the Issuance of the PWD ID” was pre-tested; as well as on the DOH’s Health and Wellness Program for Persons with Disabilities.

- ⇒ Conducted a 3-Day "Policy Development Writeshop on Accessible ICT for Persons with Disabilities" where a Joint MC of NCDA and Department of Science and Technology/Information and Communications Technology Office (now the Department of Information and Communications Technology) was crafted to promote an inclusive ICT, in compliance with Article 9 of the CRPD.
- ⇒ Facilitated the issuance of circulars by CSC, DILG, CHR and DepEd on the observance of several disability-related celebrations.

B. Capacity Building for Stakeholders and Partner Agencies

- ⇒ Facilitated the following which resulted to an increase in the number of stakeholders compliant to disability-related policies, laws, programs and services:
 - Twenty-three RCDA Consultation Meetings in all regions



RCDA Chairpersons DSWD Director Evelyn Macapobre (left) of Region VII and Director Marcelo Nicomedes Castillo (3rd photo from left) of Region I extended full support to the RCDAs. Below photo shows the participants of Cluster I.

- Eighty-eight LGU-compliers from the National Capital Region, Nueva Viscaya, Zamboanga del Norte, Davao del Norte, Calamba Laguna, San Jose del Monte and Region 2 to disability-related policies, laws, programs and services
- Thirty-two Provincial/City/Municipal Policy Forum in the implementation of the UNCRPD and other disability-related laws and policies in different regions of the country



- ⇒ Conducted seventeen (17) trainings and/or consultations to capacitate stakeholders in the implementation of disability-related laws and formulation of the National Disability Strategy and plan of action, which resulted to:
 - Forty six disability-related structures from different regions, supported with ordinances, resolutions and Executive Orders created/strengthened
 - Fourteen Regional Plans of Action of RCDAs based on the Incheon Strategy
 - Two hundred seventy-four Disabled People's Organizations/PDAO Officers/Civil Society Organizations consulted

➤ Led in the provision of support services to persons with disabilities, their families, support groups and advocates with the following beneficiaries:

- Seventy-four marginalized persons with disabilities from different regions provided assistive devices and other support services including three (3) laptops and screen readers. Forty six wheelchairs were donated by the Korean Community Association in the Philippines.



- Nineteen Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) from different regions provided fund augmentation under Social Enterprise amounting to P950,000.00, six (6) DPOs from NCR, Regions 1 and 4B given financial augmentation for wheelchair, transportation/medical assistance, financial and other logistics totalling to P17,500.00 and four (4) other DPOs from different regions provided assistance in their accreditation and registration
- One hundred fourteen persons with disabilities from different regions referred to other agencies for educational, livelihood, medical/rehabilitation/financial, social services, training, transportation, employment, and other forms of intervention/assistance.

➤ Conducted the "Workshop on the Enhancement for the NCDA Communication Plan on the Incheon Strategy Framework for Persons with Disabilities" with the NCDA Committee on Advocacy members at the helm. The activity aimed to come up with an enhanced communication plan that will promote the Incheon Strategy Goals and Targets.

➤ Conducted "Trainers' Training for Speakers Bureau on Disability Rights Promotion" in the cities of Pagadian City, Zamboanga Del Sur and Koronadal City, South Cotabato which equipped persons with disabilities, mostly leaders, with communication skills for them to advocate their rights and issues.



Active workshop in developing disability awareness communication plan for the Zamboanga del Sur led by the Provincial Social Welfare Officer with active participation of leaders with disabilities from the municipalities.

- ⇒ Capacitated the member agencies of the Regional Committees on Disability Affairs (RCDAs) and LGUs on the use of the “Regional Reporting Template System” and the “Provincial Reporting Template System”. These structured program reporting systems developed by NCDA are designed to capture regional and provincial reports to assist the RCDA member agencies in the submission/ preparation of reports and in the generation and collection of disability data as basis for policy formulation and program development.
- ⇒ Conducted the “Convention of Local Government Units on Disability Inclusive Development” in Manila Pavilion Hotel, Manila to build the capacities of 40 LGUs from 18 regions of the country in the implementation of disability-related laws and programs and to promote Disability Inclusive Development as a tool to good local governance which include local policy formulation and program/projects development, among its objectives.
- ⇒ Conducted Capacity Building and Policy/Program Advocacy (Personality Development and Leadership Trainings for 90 Persons/Women with Disabilities in Naga City and Maguindanao, ARMM. The activity served as a good venue to advocate relevant concerns affecting persons with disabilities and to monitor the developments and efforts being done in relation to disability and for persons with disabilities. It also became an eye opening for the local government and focal persons on the needs, issues and concerns of persons/women with disabilities in Maguindanao Province.



Participants of the leadership training.



NCDA Dir. Carmen R. Zubiaga and RPC for ARMM Mike P. Limon met Maguindanao Province PPDO Department Head Engr. Nulfarid S. Ampatuan and Director for Women and Children Protection; and Focal Person for Persons with Disability Ramil Tiolo to roadmap programs and services for persons with disabilities

- ⇒ Held the “Proposal Making Workshop for Local/International Grants” for 50 PWD/PDAO leaders upskilling them on effective realistic and timely proposal making to fund high impact and developmental projects.
- ⇒ Conducted a “Trainer’s Training on How to Start on On-Line Business” for 22 ICT service providers from GOs, NGOs, online freelance experts and PWD inclusive ICT advocates which aimed to create an inclusive business community and opportunities.



Mr. Dandy Victa, TCD Asst. Chief, discusses the technical details of the training during the writeshop .

- ✧ Developed five (5) Manuals on the following as tools for technical assistance: (1) Right to Work and Employment, (2) Access Audit, (3) Access to Justice, (4) Framework on Disability Inclusive Sports, and (5) Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health for Persons with Disabilities.
- ✧ Conducted the “District Accessibility Audit Conference” and spearheaded the creation of Accessibility Monitoring Council in District I Batangas City which covers eight (8) LGUs to enhance the promotion of accessibility law and to ensure its implementation.
- ✧ Conducted the “Regional Consultations on Building an Inclusive and Non-Handicapping Environment for Persons with Disabilities of RCDA12” to strengthen the seven (7) District Monitoring Teams.
- ✧ Coordinated and hosted the screening of 15 AFS-KL YES PWD high school student applicants resulting to three (3) PWD finalists to the one-year student exchange program in the United States for 2017-2018, aimed to foster cultural exchange and develop PWD youth scholars as leaders, rights advocates and competitive members of the society’s critical mass.
- ✧ Collaborated with the DOH and DSWD on capacitating focal persons of each of the municipalities of the province, presidents of the municipal Federation, PDAO Heads and other officers of their organizations in the province of Agusan del Norte and Tagbilaran City through the “Hands-on Training on the Utilization of the Philippine Registry for Persons with Disabilities”;



NCDA RPC Florida Labanon (left) and Ms. Lennie Arcilla (right) spearheaded the training on PRPWD in Agusan del Norte where the participants (center) had hands-on to familiarize themselves on the on-line registration.

- ✧ Established seven (7) Disability Sections in institutional libraries/resource centers in Dagupan City, Quezon City (Escopa 3, Lagro, Payatas and Galas), National Teachers College and Lagro High School in Quezon City with signed Memorandum of Agreement to sustain the educational campaign on disability inclusive development and provide ready-reference materials on disability-related concerns for researchers, students and other stakeholders.
- ✧ Conducted the “Seminar-Workshop on Inclusive Education” which was participated by members of the Sub-Committee on Education and stakeholders implementing the education program for students with disabilities on basic and inclusive education, technical vocational education and tertiary education. Distinguished resource persons were tapped to discuss their respective topics, such as the “Overview and Legal Foundation of Inclusive Education”, “Inclusive Education Policies and Programs (Technical Vocational Education)”, “Models of Inclusive Education in Higher Education Institutions”, and “Curricular Accommodations and Modifications”.