

CY 2010 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, SERIES OF 2006

I. BACKGROUND

Administrative Order (AO) No. 10 (amended by AO No. 4 series of 2007 entitled, “Policy Guidelines for the Conduct of Studies/Researches in DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions” (otherwise known as the DSWD Research Protocol) was issued by former DSWD Secretary Esperanza I. Cabral in 2006. The DSWD research protocol aims:

1. To provide students and researchers opportunities to learn more about the DSWD and its operations and access to its data and facilities for purposes of research and education
2. To provide the DSWD with opportunities to share its data and facilities for purposes of research and education and to provide the DSWD with opportunities to learn more about itself for purposes of improving its delivery of service.

The issuance of the Research Protocol of the Department is with reference to the Executive Order (EO) 221 series of 2003 which mandated the Department to provide assistance to Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), other Non-Government Agencies (NGAs), Peoples Organizations (POs) and members of civil society in effectively implementing programs, projects and services through consultative services and development of programs, projects and services and development of programs and quality assurance measures.

It is also in line with EO 15 series of 1998 also known as “Redirecting Functions and Operations of the Department of Social Welfare” mandates the Department to undertake researches and studies and adopt policies to ensure the effective implementation of public and private social welfare and development programs.

Further, the DSWD Research Protocol is supportive of the Department Order 20 Series of 1998 also known as “Guidelines in the implementation of the Student Training Program” which allow DSWD to provide undergraduate and graduate students with learning opportunities through field study or research to improve the agency’s policies and programs.

II. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

A. Proposed Studies

In CY 2010, there were 36 studies proposed by students, other individuals and organizations (proponents), DSWD Central Office (CO) and Field Offices (FOs). Of this number, there were seven (7) studies returned by the Policy Development and Planning Bureau (PDPB) to the proponent and through DSWD FOs.

Returned studies are either with recommendations to enhance the research proposals or for compliance to the Research Protocol requirements of the Department.

Table 1 shows the statistical distribution of studies proposed/endorsed by the FOs for approval, studies approved by the DSWD Secretary and proposed studies returned by the Office of the Secretary (OSEC)/PDPB.

Table 1. Distribution of Research Proposals Endorsed, Approved or Returned

Region	Number of Studies Proposed/Endorsed	Number of Studies Approved	Total Number of Studies Returned
Central Office	9	7	2
Field Office NCR	14	14	0
Field Office III	1	0	1
Field Office IV-A	6	4	2
Field Office VII	6	4	2
Total	36	29	7

Table 2 presents the core subjects of approved studies at the DSWD sectoral constituencies/clients involved:

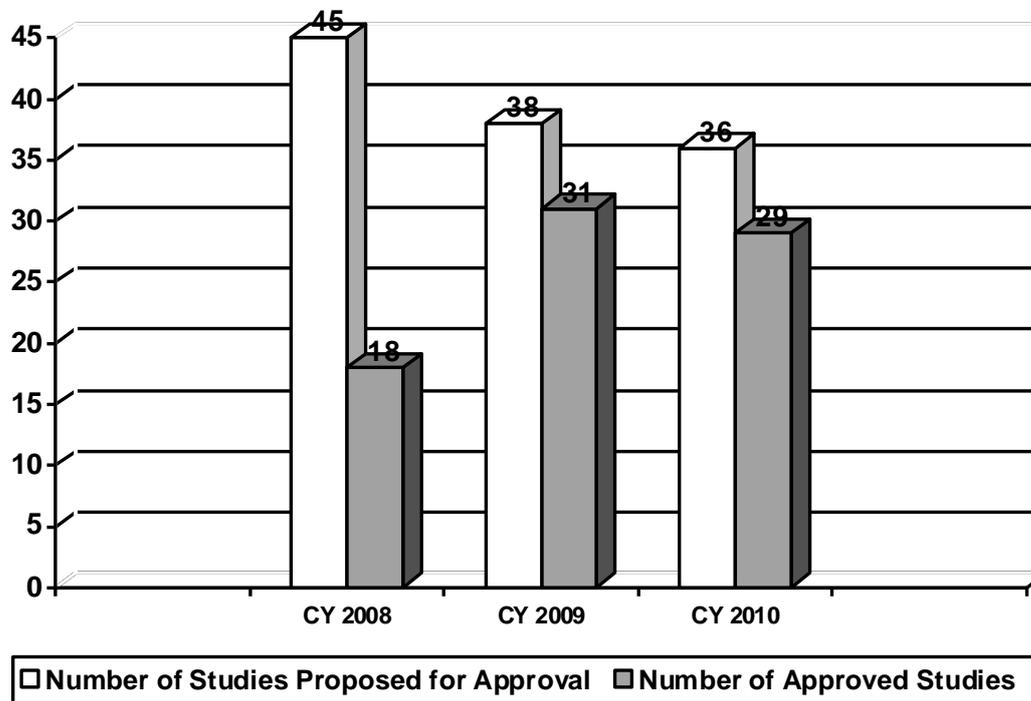
Table 2. Core Subjects of Approved Research Proposals

Core Subjects of Studies and DSWD Sectoral Constituents Involved	Number of Studies	Office/Region
Interventions for: a. Mental Patients b. Abused Children c. Elderly d. Women	1 5 2 1	CO FOs NCR & IV-A FO IV-A FO VII
Information Technology	3	Central Office
Congress Pork Barrel Assessment	1	NCR
Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program	3	CO, FO VII
Coping Mechanism, Anxiety Level of children and women	2	FOs NCR & VII
Social adjustment, self-concept self-determination and case studies of PWDs	3	FOs NCR & VII
Survival strategies of street homeless	1	FO NCR
Emancipated young adult	1	FO NCR
Micro-finance	1	FO NCR
Factors associated to battered women's decision	1	FO NCR
Domestic Adoption	1	CO
Health Status	3	FO NCR
Total	29	

Annex A comprises more detailed Inventories of Researches/ Studies/ Approved / Undertaken at DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions in the Central Office, NCR, IV- A and VII.

Figure 1 shows the number of research proposals received by DSWD from 2008 to 2010. It is observed that research proposals reviewed before the approval of the Secretary decreases while the number of research proposals reviewed and eventually submitted to the Secretary and which were approved by the Secretary increases. This can be attributed to the increasing capacity of research focal persons at the CO and FOs to rigorously review and give technical assistance to researchers to comply with requirements of the Research Protocol.

Figure 1. Trend of Proposed and Approved Studies 2007-2009



The basis of PDPB/FOs in recommending studies for the approval of the Secretary is primarily the significance of the research proposal to the topics in the DSWD 5 year Research Agenda, the favorable results of proposals/documents reviewed and, the compliance of proponents to initial research requirements.

Furthermore, reasons for the returned research proposals to its proponents are either due to the failure of proponents to comply with the research protocol requirements and the need for the enhancement of proposals/ initial thesis manuscripts, data-gathering instruments and other relevant documents based on inputs of PDPB or FOs.

B. Studies Conducted

Not all studies approved for CY 2010 were pursued. Twenty (20) of the 29 approved studies in CY 2010 were conducted/implemented by the proponents based on the reports submitted from FOs NCR, IV-A, VII and CO.

Table 3. Number of Studies Conducted and Not Pursued

Region	Approved Studies	Approved Studies Pursued Conducted	Approved Studies Not Pursued/Conducted
CO	7	6	1
NCR	14	7	7
IV-A	4	3	1
VII	4	4	0
Total	29	20	9

The studies approved by the Secretary and pursued by the proponents were conducted at specific DSWD offices, centers and institutions in CO, NCR, II, IV-A and VII. The table below shows the distribution of researchers who conducted studies at specific offices and centers in the regions.

It was noted that the reasons for studies approved but not pursued and conducted by the proponents were disinterest and time constraints in view of the submission of the final thesis to their respective schools.

Table 4. Number of Studies Approved and Conducted at Specific Offices, Centers and Institutions for CY 2010

Region	DSWD Office, Centers and Institutions	Number of Studies Approved and Conducted
Central Office	Records Unit	1
	Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (Pasay, Agusan del Sur, NCR, CARAGA and Region X)	2
	Social Technology Bureau	1
	Standards Bureau	1
	HRMDS	1
	Sub Total	6
NCR	Field Office NCR	1
	The Haven: National Center for Women	1
	National Vocational and Rehabilitation Center	1
	Nayon ng Kabataan	2
	Haven for Children	1
	Jose Fabella Center	1
	Sub Total	7
IVA	Bahay Tuluyan	1
	Golden Acres	2
	Sub Total	3
VII	Regional Haven for Women	2
	Area Vocational Rehabilitation Center	1
	Pantawid Pamilya (Negros Oriental, Cebu and Bohol)	1

Region	DSWD Office, Centers and Institutions	Number of Studies Approved and Conducted
	Sub Total	4
Total	Grand Total	20

Throughout the conduct of the data gathering of the approved and pursued research by the proponents, the PDPB did not receive any report from FOs for proponents violating the Research Protocol Guidelines (AO 10 S. 2006).

C. Studies Completed

For 2010, 13 studies approved had been completed; output of which were forwarded already to the Central Office. **Table 5** below shows the number of studies completed, ongoing and with outputs for finalization/submission:

Table 5. Number of Studies Completed

Region	Studies Completed
CO	3
NCR	4
VI	1
VII	4
IX	1
Total	13

Table 6. Studies Undertaken in CY 2007 to 2009 and Completed in 2010

Region	Completed Studies	Period Approved/Undertaken
Central Office	Pressing Identity: Perception of the Media's Use of Press Card Among Police Officers and Employees of Government Agencies Quezon City	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Identifying Key Challenges	1 st Semester of CY 2010
	Community-Based Rehabilitation Project for Mentally Ill A Case Series on the Development Management Experience in Barangay Cararayan, Naga City Philippines	2 nd Semester CY 2010
NCR	Empowering the Battered Women Through Counseling	2 nd Semester of CY 2007
	The Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Functioning of Six Children with Mild to Moderate Intellectual Disability After a Dance Movement Therapy Intervention	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	The Effect of Psychodrama Sessions on the Optimism Level of Institutionalized Individuals from Nasyon ng Kabataan	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	The Psychological Well-being of Children in Institutional Care: Basis for Creative Arts Intervention Program	1 st Semester of CY 2009

Region	Completed Studies	Period Approved/Undertaken
VI	The New Kids in Town...What Lies Ahead? A Glimpse in the life of the Selected Reintegrated Children from the Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth VI	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
VII	Factors of Vulnerability and Prospects for Reintegration of Former Victims of Trafficking in Regional Haven and Home for Girls	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	A Proposed Redevelopment of the Area Vocational and Rehabilitation Center	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	Borderline Personality Symptomatology Among Children with Trauma Towards the Developmetn by Rape Victims in the DSWD Field Office VII	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
	Perceived Level of Fear and Psychological Symptoms Experienced by Rape Victims in the DSWD FO VII	2 nd Semester of CY 2009
IX	Life Histories of Filipino Deportees from Malaysia Changes in Dimension of Life	1 st Semester of CY 2008

Given the data above, it is observed that nine (9) studies were approved and undertaken in CY 2009 but completed in 2010. A number of studies were undertaken in 2007 and 2008 but completed in 2010.

Attached to this report are the CY 2010 Inventories of Researches/Studies Completed at DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions in the CO, Regions NCR, VI, VII and IX specifically for studies both approved/undertaken and completed in CY 2010 (Please see Annex B)

D. Researchers Provided Secondary Data

For CY 2010, the PDPB received request from twenty (20) foreign and local students/researchers for secondary data/information to support their studies being conducted. The data provided are information on DSWD Profile, Accredited Non-Government Organizations, Manuals for Regional Rehabilitation for Youth, Area Vocational and Rehabilitation Center, Reception Study for Children Center, Programs and Services of DSWD and Statistics of beneficiaries served. Cases on women and children are the most requested data of the researchers.

E. Utilization of the Research Agenda for CY 2010

Of the 20 studies approved and conducted, four (4) studies were considered relevant to the Research Agenda of the Department, as shown in **Table No. 7**.

Table No. 7 Utilization of the Research Agenda for CY 2010

Research Area	Research Agenda Category	Research Agenda Sector/Topic	Title of the Research Study Conducted
Faster and Better Social Protection Programs	High	Community : Evaluation of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program	The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program: Identifying Key Challenges

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-do-	High	Community : Evaluation of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program	The Implementation of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Toward Developing Human Capital In Identified Pilot Areas
-do-	High	Women: Impact Assessment of Micro Projects for Women in the Informal Sector	A Case Study on Philippine Micro Finance As a poverty Reduction Tool for Women
-do-	Medium	PWD: Employment of PWD as a Result of their Training at AVRC	Case Studies of NVRC Graduates Transcending Disabilities

PDPB constantly promotes the utilization of DSWD Research Agenda. Strategies to advocate the DSWD Research Agenda for CY 2010 - 2014 implemented are:

- Uploading the DSWD Research Agenda for CY 2010 – 2014 in the DSWD website
- Conducting regional consultation dialogue nationwide
- Dissemination of the DSWD Research Agenda to universities and colleges nationwide
- Propose guidelines to grant researchers/ proponents in conducting researches under DSWD Research Agenda

III. Issues/Concerns and Recommended Actions for CY 2010

Table No. 8 shows the issues and concerns encountered during the implementation of the Research Protocol of the Department for CY 2010 and corresponding recommended actions.

Table No. 8 Issues and Concern during the Implementation of Research Protocol with Corresponding Recommended Action for CY 2010

Issues and Concern	Recommended Action	Time Frame
1. Sluggish submission of completed researches by the proponents	In the proposed amended guideline of DSWD Research Protocol, a blacklisting of the researcher and the college department of the school or institution shall be enforce if the researcher fails to submit the research report within a month after conclusion of the study. Further, continuous follow-up of FOs and students on the submission of their completed studies is still being done. The FOs shall also be reminded to update blacklist of students and colleges.	April-May
2. Need for the proponent to present the research findings to the subject of the study	To avoid instances of misunderstanding or misinformation related to the conduct of data gathering activities an exit conference between the researcher/s	April

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before finalizing the research report. There was a specific instance where DSWD questioned the result findings of a completed study in 2010.	and the DSWD will be conducted. This procedure was incorporated in the proposed amended guideline of DSWD Research Protocol.	April
3. Lack of feedback from OBSUs, FOs, centers and institution on the utilization of researches/ low utilization of research	A research framework that includes the utilization of completed researches and feasible feedback mechanism on the same shall be developed.	May-June