

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Policy Development and Planning Bureau (PDPB) continuously monitors the status of implementation of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 09, Series of 2019 or the “Guidelines for the Conduct of Research and Evaluation in the DSWD” otherwise known as the DSWD Research and Evaluation Policy. As part of the monitoring, a database of the Department’s research and evaluation studies (i.e. planned, on-going, and completed) is maintained by PDPB. A report on the studies undertaken by the DSWD-Offices, Bureaus, Services, and Units (OBSUs), including external researches, capturing all approved proposals and/or final reports should be submitted to PDPB on an annual basis in order to ensure that the database is maintained and updated.

At the same time, with the issuance of the MC No. 10, Series.2019 or the “Protocol for the Conduct of Research Studies in DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions, Amending AO No. 19, Series of 2011 including Request of SWD Data/Information”, otherwise known as the DSWD Research Protocol, the DSWD Central Office (CO) and Field Offices (FOs) should adhere to the aforementioned guidelines in providing assistance to researchers in conducting research and evaluation (R&E) studies in DSWD Offices, Centers, and Institutions.

Internal R&E studies undertaken by DSWD include studies initiated by the CO and FOs, whether conducted in-house, joint, or fully outsourced. On the other hand, external R&E studies facilitated refer to those proposed by external researchers and assisted by the CO and FOs. Presented below are the highlights of the inventory of R&E studies that were undertaken and facilitated by the Department in CY 2021:

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY DSWD CENTRAL OFFICE

1. The number of completed R&E studies undertaken by the DSWD Central Office-Offices, Bureaus, Services (CO-OBS) significantly dropped from six (6) in CY 2020 to four (4) in CY 2021.
2. In the CO-OBS, only the Policy Development and Planning Bureau (PDPB) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program-National Program Management Office (SLP-NPMO) have reported R&E studies undertaken and completed in CY 2021.
3. Most of the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBS in 2021 were concentrated in the first two (2) Organizational Outcomes (OOs) of the Department, namely OO 1: Well-being of poor families improved, and OO 2: Rights of the vulnerable sectors promoted and protected.
4. The most common sector explored by the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBS in CY 2021 was family and community at 40% to total.
5. Majority of R&E studies conducted by CO-OBS in CY 2021 were descriptive in nature.
6. Majority of the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBs in CY 2021 were in-house.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY DSWD FIELD OFFICES

1. A total of five (5) R&E studies were undertaken by DSWD Field Offices (FOs) in CY 2021.
2. As to sectoral distribution, majority of the facilitated R&E studies focused on the family and community corresponding to three (3) studies, children and youth and organizational with 1 each.

3. Majority of the FO-initiated R&E studies for CY 2021 were already completed, corresponding to 60% (3 out of 5) while there are 40% (2 out of 5) that are still ongoing and expected to be completed in CY 2022.
4. The most common sector explored by the DSWD FOs in CY 2021 was family and community.
5. Case study and impact assessment were accounted to have an equal number of R&E studies undertaken by the DSWD FOs in CY 2021.
6. All of the R&E studies undertaken by DSWD FOs in CY 2021 were in-house.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES FACILITATED BY THE DSWD CENTRAL OFFICE AND FIELD OFFICES

1. From 75 reported facilitated external R&E studies in CY 2020, it significantly increased to 97 studies facilitated by DSWD in CY 2021.
2. The CO received the most number of research requests facilitated in CY 2021 corresponding to 17 or 17.52% of the total 97 requests facilitated by DSWD.
3. The most common sector explored by the external researches in CY 2021 was family and community corresponding to 38.14%.
4. OO1 and OO2 were accounted to have the most number of external researches requests facilitated with a total of 50 or 51.55% on OO2 and 32 or 32.99% for OO1 out of the total of 97 external research requests facilitated.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Ensure to maximize the Online R&E portal for both CO-OBS and FOs to facilitate regular updating and monitoring of the facilitated researches.
2. Continue to advocate and popularize the research-related policies and PDPB to conduct technical assistance as may be necessary.
3. Strengthen the implementation and monitoring of the Client Satisfaction Measurement Survey to serve as the basis for evaluating the feedback of the researchers on the assistance provided.
4. Ensure proper dissemination of the findings of the facilitated studies to relevant stakeholders.
5. Ensure compliance of the external researchers to other policies of the Department, particularly on the ethical standards and child protection policy, among others.
6. Ensure that electronic and hard copies of either preliminary or final R&E report or manuscript were submitted by external researchers to the approving office of the Department.

BACKGROUND

The DSWD MC No. 09, s. 2019 or the “Guidelines for the conduct of research and evaluation in the DSWD”, otherwise known as the *DSWD Research and Evaluation Policy*, was issued to:

1. Institutionalize the formulation and monitoring of the DSWD Research and Evaluation Agenda; and
2. Provide standards and criteria in the conduct of researches and evaluation studies in the Department.

The policy covers all DSWD Offices, Bureaus, Services, and Units (OBSUs) in the Central and Field Offices tasked to conduct research and evaluation studies on the DSWD policies, programs, and projects. This shall include the development, management, and implementation of any research and evaluation study initiated by the Department, regardless of execution (i.e., in-house, joint, or outsourced).

Additionally, the policy applies to external stakeholders who partner with the Department in the conduct of researches or evaluations related to or involving the DSWD, such as local and international research institutions, the academe, independent researchers, other national government agencies, local government units, and DSWD attached agencies.

With the growing interest on research studies in the Department, DSWD MC No. 10, s.2019 or the “Protocol for the Conduct of Research Studies in DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions, Amending AO No. 19, s.2011 including Request of SWD Data/Information”, otherwise known as the *DSWD Research Protocol*, was also issued to:

1. Provide the standard protocols in conducting research studies in the Department and providing SWD data/statistics;
2. Define the role of the Central Office and Field Offices including external researchers in the processing of research request; and
3. Reduce the processing time for approval of research studies conducted by external researchers on DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions.

This policy covers the following individuals/groups:

1. All DSWD Offices, Bureaus, Services, and Units in the Central and Field Offices, including Centers and Institutions tasked to provide data and assist external researchers in the conduct of research and studies.
2. External researchers such as students, academe, other government agencies including members of other branches of government, local and international organizations or research institutions, and other independent researchers who intend to conduct research studies related to or involving the Department.
3. Above-mentioned researchers seeking to acquire primary data from the Department including clients/beneficiaries currently at its Centers/Institutions, and on-going DSWD programs, projects, and services wherein their main subject of research study involves DSWD as an organization.
4. Academe, media, and general public who are not researchers but requesting current and secondary SWD data and statistics from the Department including clients/beneficiaries currently or served and programs, projects and services of the Department.
5. DSWD personnel conducting researches in DSWD Offices, Centers and Institutions, for the purpose of pursuing higher academic education.

With the issuances of the two (2) memorandum circulars, the PDPB is responsible to maintain an inventory of research and evaluation studies undertaken and managed by the DSWD, including external researches approved and facilitated by DSWD through the Central Office-OBSUs and Field Offices. This report presents a summary of the inventory for CY 2020, provides highlights of research and evaluation studies undertaken and facilitated, as well as recommendations to further promote the culture of research and evidence-based policy formulation in the Department.

STATUS OF CY 2020 CENTRAL OFFICE-INITIATED COMPLETED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES

For CY 2020, a total of six (6) CO-initiated Research and Evaluation Studies were completed and have the following status:

01	<p>Reassessing the Impact of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program: Results of the Third Wave Impact Evaluation Proponent: 4Ps-NPMO</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing of the three social protection reform projects: (i) Second Social Welfare and Development Reform Project-Additional Financing (SWDRP II-AF) (ii) Expanded Social Assistance Project (ESAP), and (iii) Philippines Beneficiary FIRST Social Protection Project. • Updating the 4Ps framework for capacity building, gender mainstreaming, communications, and risk management. • Development of program-based initiatives like the Bata Balik Eskwela (BBE) Initiative as well as Batang Malusog 0-5 years old FDS Module. The BBE Initiative won as Best M&E Initiative during the 5th DSWD Annual M&E Conference awarded in 13 September 2019. • Preparation (and prioritization of resources) during Work and Financial Planning Workshops in 2019 and 2020. • Providing responses to legislators' requests for clarifications, issues raised during budget hearings; presentation of presidential/administration accomplishments. • Popularized, through various fora and conferences including NPMO M&E Forum, National Systems Conferences, Regional Program Management Conferences, Regional Program Coordinators' Meetings, Development Partners' Meetings, Missions, National/Regional Advisory Committee Meetings, Program Review and Evaluation Workshops.
02	<p>Gender Mapping Research under the Women Economic Empowerment and Leadership (WEEL) Project to Enhance Gender Outcomes of the DSWD Modified Conditional Cash Transfer for Indigenous People (MCCP-IP) and Regular Conditional Cash Transfer (RCCT) Programs in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) Proponent: 4Ps-NPMO</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study was used as basis in one of the modalities interventions for the Enhanced Support Services Intervention (ESSI) which is "Eco-Cultural livelihood assistance and income generating project. • The Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership (WEEL) Manual of Gender and Social Safeguard was used/provided to researchers as reference to their policy brief entitled "POLICY BRIEF: Assessment of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in Cultural Communities and Ways Forward."
03	<p>Impacts of the Sustainable Livelihood Program's Microenterprise Development Assistance with Seed Capital Fund on poor households in the Philippines Proponent: SLP-NPMO</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comparative analysis between group and individual projects/enterprises was already included in the SLP's Research and Evaluation Agenda. The SLP under

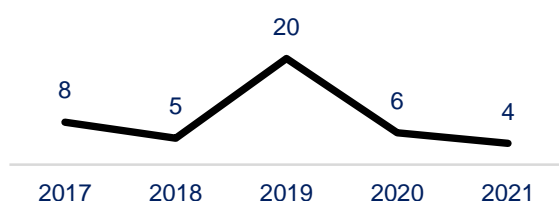
	<p>the PSMEU has already develop a concept note for this activity and will be included as one of the SLP In-House Studies to be conducted this CY 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous exploring of partnership engagement with potential partner which can provide possible employment opportunities e.g., GRAB, SM Foundation Inc. (SMFI), DDT Konstruct. • The SLP-NPMO has already forged partnership with DPWH namely Trabahong Lansangan Project (TLP). • Ongoing partnership proposal with DOLE and PESO-MAP on "Partnership for Gainful Formal Employment (PAGE) of SLP Participants. • Conducted series of consultation meetings with Field Offices (through respective Training Officers) on potential and proactive measures and tools to respond to mentioned needs on the required and/or appropriate skills and capabilities of program participants. • The study on the utilization of sorting tool may be undertaken by 2023 due to the limited budget and the PSMEU have two (2) evaluation studies to be prioritized this 2022. • The PSMEU reiterated the importance of the data/information generated from the Organization Assessment Tool in the scheduled quarterly meeting with Regional and Provincial monitoring and Evaluation Officers conducted last April 2021. • Provision of technical assistance to concerned staff of the SLP Regional Program Management Office may be undertaken by the Focal Persons of the Operations Division particularly on the processes of MC 22-2019 should the FOs will use the aforementioned guidelines for their CY 2022 targets.
04	<p>Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices Study Proponent: SMS</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The result of the study was used as baseline in crafting the Strategic and Regional Communication Plan.
05	<p>Process Evaluation of the Supplementary Feeding Program Proponent: PDPB</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The result of the study was endorsed to the Program Management Bureau (PMB) and was used by the PMB in the enhancement of existing guidelines and can be also utilized for program development. • Likewise, this was also presented during the research forum conducted by PDPB in June 2021 which were attended by Field Offices focal persons. • The full research report was also uploaded to the PDPB website for reference.
06	<p>Rapid Assessment of Devolved Emergency Programs Proponent: PDPB</p> <p>Utilization of the Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The result of the study was used as reference in the preparation and finalization of the Devolution Transition Plan of the Department. • As part of the information dissemination, the result of the study was presented during the research forum conducted by PDPB in June 2021 which were attended by Field Offices focal persons. • The full research report was also uploaded to the PDPB website for reference.

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CENTRAL OFFICE-INITIATED STUDIES

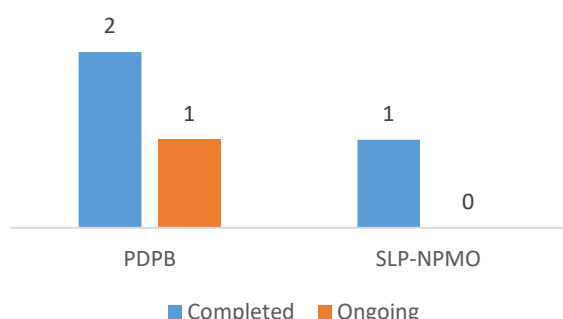
The number of completed research and evaluation (R&E) studies undertaken by the DSWD Central Office-Offices, Bureaus, Services (CO-OBS) significantly dropped from six (6) in CY 2020 to four (4) in CY 2021. Only 4 R&E studies were completed by CO-OBS in 2021 based on the reports received. This can be attributed to underreporting of the completed studies by the DSWD CO-OBS and limitations in the movement of personnel to conduct data gathering and other research related activities due to continuous restrictions in some areas brought about by the pandemic

Figure 1: Number of Completed Studies Undertaken by DSWD CO-OBS: CY 2017 - 2021



It may be observed that since CY 2019, the reported completed R&E studies is constantly decreasing. The increase on the other hand in CY 2019 compared to CY 2017 to CY 2018, may be attributed to the significant strides of the Department to strengthen R&E efforts particularly establishing an integrated and comprehensive policy on R&E through the MC No. 09 series of 2019.

Figure 2: Number of Studies Undertaken by DSWD CO-OBS by Status: CY 2021

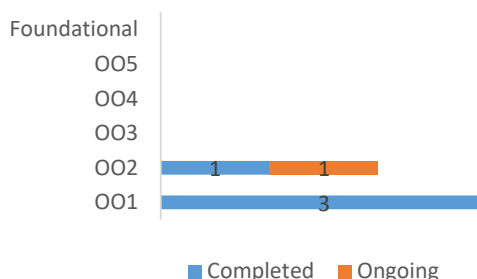


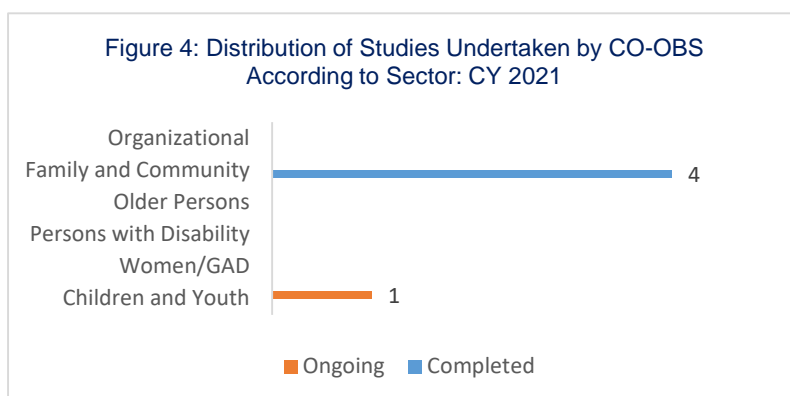
In the CO-OBS, only the Policy Development and Planning Bureau (PDPB) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program-National Program Management Office (SLP-NPMO) have undertaken R&E studies in CY 2021. Of the three (3) R&E studies conducted by PDPB, only two (2) or 66% was completed and the other one (1) is still ongoing. On the other hand, for the SLP-NPMO, two (2) of the R&E studies were both completed. Despite of the operational challenges during the height of the pandemic, the CO-OBS was able to undertake a total of four (4) R&E studies in

2021, most of which was completed within the year.

Most of the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBS in 2021 were concentrated in the first two (2) Organizational Outcomes (OOs) of the Department, namely OO 1: *Well-being of poor families improved*, and OO 2: *Rights of the vulnerable sectors promoted and protected*. Three (3) of the R&E studies were focused on the OO1 wherein all were completed in CY 2021 while the other two (2) were concentrated on OO2 in which one (1) was already completed in CY 2021 and the other 1 is still ongoing.

Figure 3: Distribution of Studies Undertaken by CO-OBS According to DSWD Organizational Outcomes: CY 2021

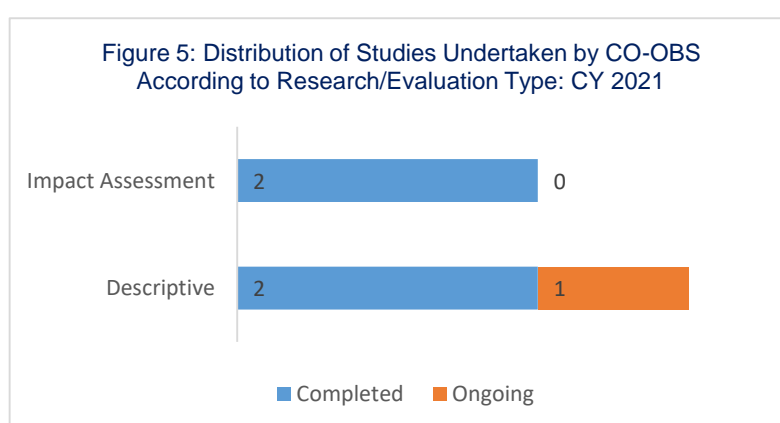




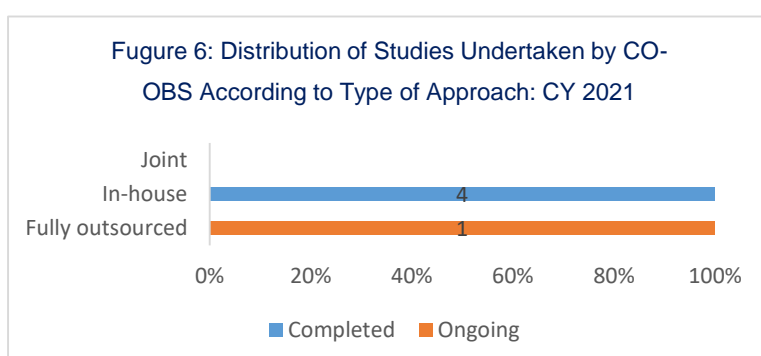
The most common sector explored by the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBS in CY 2021 was family and community. All of the R&E studies along family and community sector were already completed and the remaining ongoing study is along children and youth. There was no reported study undertaken for CY 2021 along

other sectors. For CY 2020, the most explored sector was also along family and community which was accounted at 40%.

Majority of R&E studies conducted by CO-OBS in CY 2021 were descriptive in nature. A total of three (3) studies were in descriptive form and there were two (2) studies on impact assessment. Based on DSWD R&E Policy, descriptive research examines situations in order to provide insights on the current situation/place/people/events and establish the current



norms, through scientific observation while the impact evaluation is the type of evaluation that seeks to answer the changes directly attributable to a program or the causal effect (impact) of a program on an outcome of interest.



Majority of the R&E studies undertaken by CO-OBS in CY 2021 were in-house. All of the in-house studies were completed in CY 2021 while the remaining one (1) which is fully outsourced is still ongoing. Similar to the CY 2020 R&E studies undertaken, majority of the completed researches were in-house.

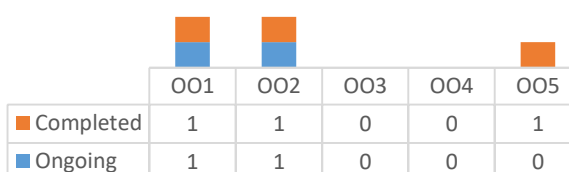
It is worthy to note that despite of the challenges encountered particularly in times of the pandemic, the Department continuously strive to ensure and intensify its functions along research and development, hence, the CO-OBS were able to undertake R&E studies for CY 2021.

FIELD OFFICE-INITIATED STUDIES

A total of five (5) R&E studies were undertaken by DSWD Field Offices (FOs) in CY 2021. Majority of (3 out of 5) R&E studies initiated by the FOs were completed in CY 2021. Four (4) out of the 5 R&E studies were from FO Caraga, while the other one (1) was from FO II. No reports on FO-initiated researches were received from the other FOs. It is worthy to note that these FOs (II and Caraga) were the only FOs with FO-initiated R&E studies even in CY 2020.

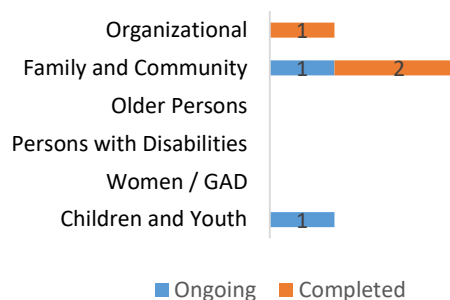
Out of the five (5) FO-initiated R&E studies, two (2) were along Organizational Outcome 2 (OO2), another two (2) studies focused on OO1 and the one (1) was along OO5. The R&E studies about OO1 both focused on the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) which explored the line of fit of the envisioned development of its programs for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and enabling components for pandemic management. On the R&E studies about OO2, it looked into the impact of the programs and services in the center-based facilities and readiness of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) clients on digitalization. While, OO5 R&E study focused on the assessment of the effectiveness of Electronic Learning (E-Learning) Technical Assistance (TA) provision of the FO to the Local Government Units (LGUs).

Figure 7: Distribution of R&E Studies Undertaken by DSWD FOs according to DSWD Organizational Outcomes (OOs): CY 2021



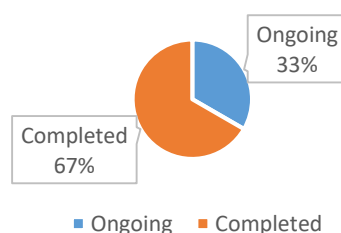
In terms of the sectoral distribution, majority of the facilitated R&E studies focused on the family and community corresponding to three (3) studies, children and youth and organizational with one (1) each. In the CY 2020 report on the sectoral distribution of FO-initiated R&E studies, the same rank of distribution was observed. There were no reported R&E studies conducted on women/GAD, persons with disabilities and older persons, both for CY 2020 and CY 2021 based on the encoded information by the FOs. Similar with the CO-OBS initiated R&E studies, most of the explored sector was also along family and community and no studies conducted for the rest of the sector.

Figure 8: Distribution of R&E Studies Undertaken by DSWD FOs according to Sector: CY 2021

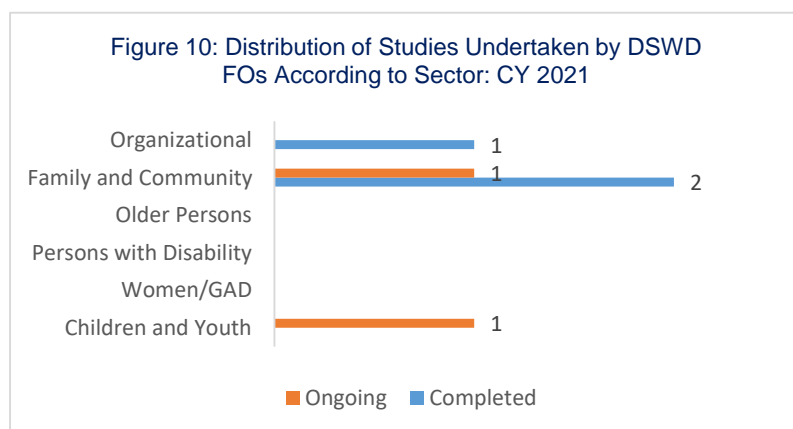


Majority of the FO-initiated R&E studies for CY 2021 were already completed, corresponding to 67% (3 out of 5) while there are 33% (2 out of 5) that are still ongoing and expected to be completed in CY 2022. Similar with the CY 2020 report, there were more completed R&E studies rather than the ongoing studies. It was observed that for CY 2021, the ongoing studies were those that were approved in the same year while the

Figure 9: Distribution of R&E Studies Undertaken by DSWD FOs according to Status: CY 2021

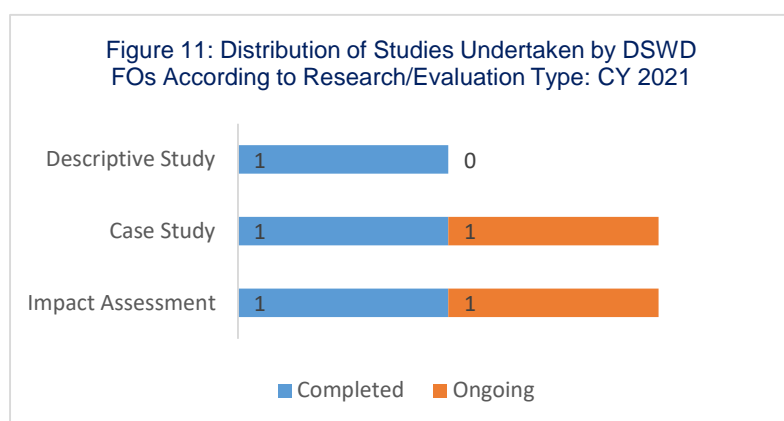


completed studies corresponds to those studies that were approved in the previous year (CY 2020). The status of the R&E studies being facilitated, even with CO will depend on the time that the research proposal was submitted and approved as well as the duration of the study.



The most common sector explored by the DSWD FOs in CY 2021 was family and community. Majority (2 out of 3) R&E studies along family and community sector were already completed with 1 ongoing. Studies along children and youth and organizational were both ongoing. Similar sectors were explored as reflected in the CY 2020 report of the DSWD

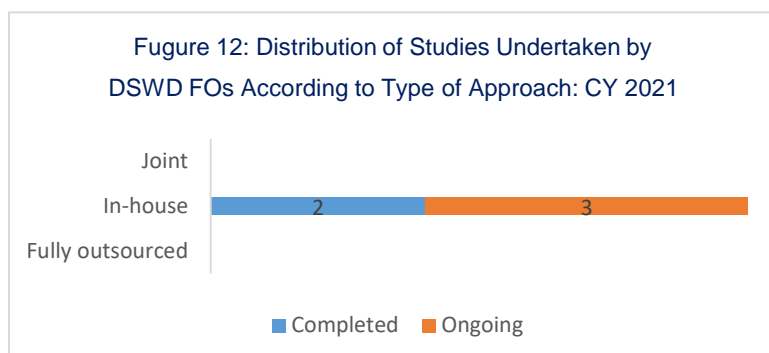
FO-initiated R&E studies in which the family and community was accounted to be the most number of researches conducted.



Case study and impact assessment were accounted to have an equal number of R&E studies undertaken by the DSWD FOs in CY 2021.

Descriptive study was also explored with 1 study. Case study as defined in the R&E policy refers to the in-depth investigation, which focuses on one or a few instances of a social phenomenon, e.g. a community, family, individual,

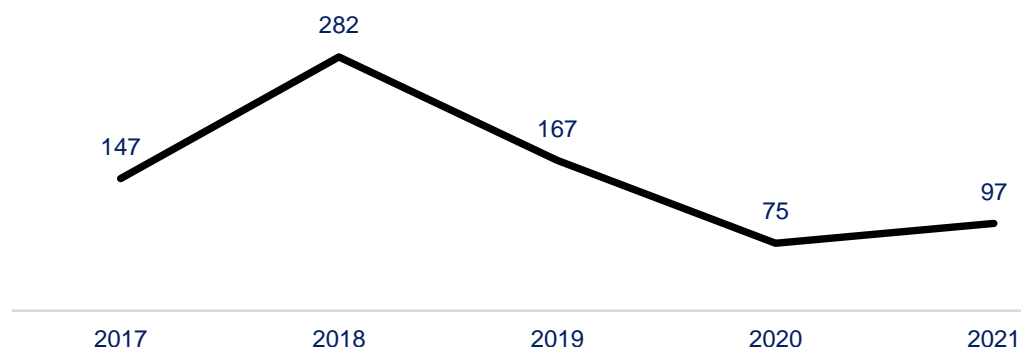
or historical period. Compared to CY 2020 DSWD FO-initiated researches, descriptive was accounted to have the most type of researches conducted.



All of the R&E studies undertaken by DSWD FOs in CY 2021 were in-house. In-house study was accounted to have the most explored approach even in CY 2020 studies undertaken by the FOs as well as with the CO-OBS. Though, it may be observed that majority of the studies were ongoing at the DSWD FOs.

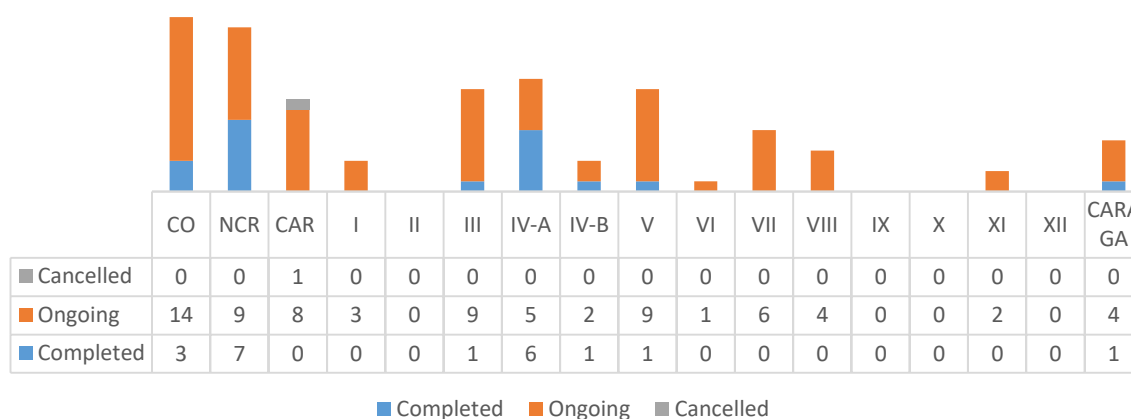
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Figure 13: Number of External R&E Studies Facilitated by DSWD: CY 2017 - 2021



It may be observed that from the CY 2017 reported facilitated external R&E studies, it was almost doubled in CY 2018 and constantly decreasing for the succeeding years. Prior to the pandemic, the significant decrease in the report may be attributed to underreporting while during the pandemic, strict imposition of quarantine protocols affected the conduct of studies due to the strict implementation of the quarantine protocols that restricted travels, face-to-face interventions and other regular activities. Nevertheless, the increase of at least twenty-two (22) in CY 2021 from CY 2020 may be attributed to the adoption of “new normal” wherein researchers can easily send their request via email and data gathering were administered online. Likewise, more researchers became interested to study the impact of the pandemic in the Philippines across all sectors.

Figure 14: Number of External R&E Studies Facilitated by DSWD CO and FOs: CY 2021



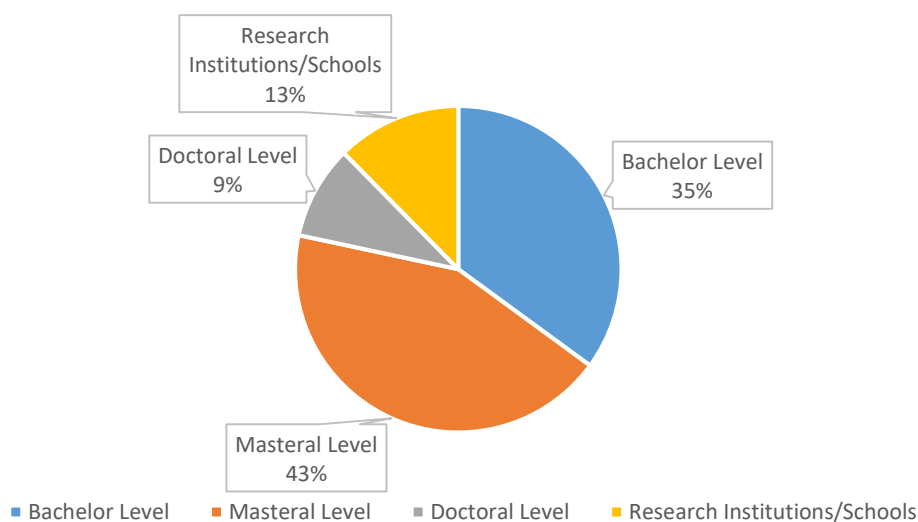
The CO received the most number of research requests facilitated in CY 2021 corresponding to 17 or 17.52%. A total of 97 were facilitated in which majority (76 or 78.35%) were ongoing; 20 or 20.61% were completed and; 1 or 1.04% cancelled. Among all the FOs, FO NCR was accounted to have the most number of research requests facilitated. Meanwhile, FOs II, IX, X and XII have no reported external requests facilitated in CY 2021. Of the total of 97 facilitated external research requests.

Figure 15: Distribution of External Research Requests Facilitated by DSWD According to Sector: CY 2021

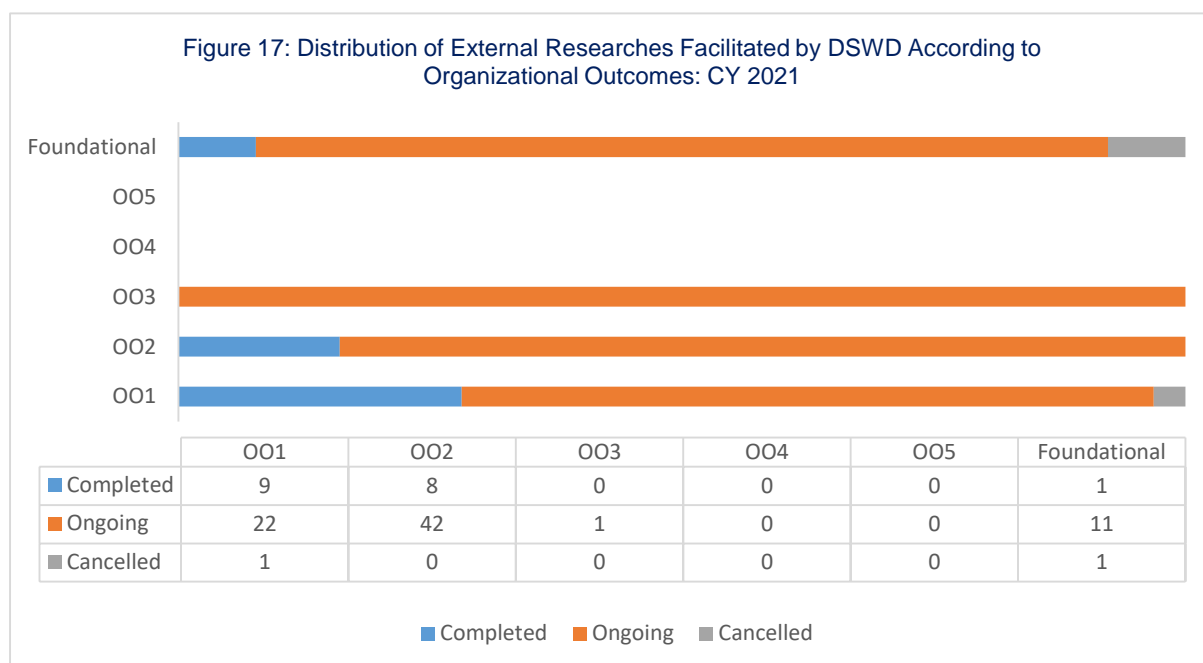


The most common sector explored by the external researches in CY 2021 was family and community corresponding to 38.14%. Organizational was accounted to have 33 or 34.02%, followed by children and youth which is equivalent to 17 or 17.52%, next is the Women/GAD with 7 or 7.21%, persons with disability with 2 or 2.06% and older persons with 1.03%. All of the sectors were explored, similar with the CY 2020 report with the family and community as having the most number of sectoral focus and multisectoral with the least number

Figure 16: Distribution of External Researches Facilitated by DSWD According to Proponent: CY 2021




A total of ninety-seven (97) requests from external researchers were facilitated. Most of the external researches facilitated were conducted for masteral level of education with 42 or 43%, followed by bachelor level of education with 34 or 35%, 12 or 13% for research institutions and 9 or 9.23% for the doctoral level of education. Even in the previous years, most of the proponents requesting for researches were for masteral level of education.



OO1 and OO2 were accounted to have the most number of external research requests facilitated. A total of 50 or 51.55% on OO2, followed by 32 or 32.99% for OO1, 13 or 13.40% along foundational, 1 or 1.03 for the OO3. No external researchers explored on OO4 and OO5. In the CY 2020 reported external researches facilitated, both by the CO and FOs, OO2 was accounted to have the most facilitated research requests from external researchers.

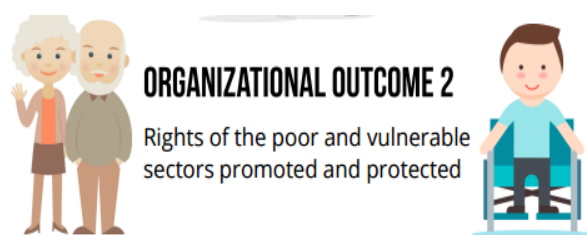
External Researches Facilitated by CO and FOs According to DSWD Organizational and Foundational Outcomes

Table 1: Areas of Study Covered in OO1

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME 1 Well-being of poor families improved		Area of the Study	No.
		4Ps implementation	11
		4Ps beneficiaries	16
		4Ps effectiveness and impact	1
		SLP implementation	3
		KALAHY-CIDSS implementation	1

Among all the topics under DSWD OO 1, the beneficiaries of 4Ps was the most common area of study. Researches in particular would like to explore on the knowledge, attitude, and practices of the program beneficiaries, as well as their compliance to the conditionalities of the program. In CY 2020, this area was also reported to have the most common area of study. On 4Ps alone, 8 or 28.57% were already completed by the external researches in CY 2021 while there were 19 or 67.86 ongoing and 1 or 3.57% cancelled. Most of the external researches were taking up their masteral's degree at 15 or 53.57%, bachelor's degree at 13 or 46.43%, doctoral degree at 1 or 3.57% and from corporates at 2 or 7.14%. The COVID-19 pandemic effect to the implementation as well as with the beneficiaries of 4Ps were explored by the external researchers.

On the other hand, researches on SLP implementation were all ongoing (3 out of 3) and the other one (1) on KALAH-CIDSS implementation was completed in CY 2021. Most of the external researches (3 out of 4) were in their masteral's degree and the other 1 is on doctoral degree.



Under OO2, studies on children and youth were the most explored focus of the study (36 out of 50 or 36%) and the least sectoral focus were on women and older persons. External researches in masteral's degree were among the highest number of research request facilitated for CY 2021.

Table 2: Areas of Study Covered in OO2

Area of the Study	No.
Children and Youth	18
Women	1
Older Persons	1
Persons with disabilities	2
Family and community	10
Residential care facilities	5
Others	13

Table 3: Areas of Study Covered in OO3

Area of the Study	No.
Disaster response amidst COVID-19 pandemic	1

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME 3
Immediate relief and early recovery of disaster victims/survivors ensured

Only one (1) external researcher explored on OO3. The research focused on the disaster response of the country amidst the COVID-19 pandemic which was conducted by a masteral's degree student from Field Office V.

FOUNDATIONAL OUTCOMES

Stress coping mechanisms, well-being, and satisfaction of employees were the most studied topics under the DSWD Foundational Outcomes.

Table 4: Areas of Study Covered in Foundational Outcomes

Area of the Study	No.
Human Resources	11
Financial Resources	2

ISSUES AND CONCERNS / RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

To ensure compliance with the research and evaluation policies of the Department, it is essential to address issues and concerns identified below towards strengthening monitoring and evaluation components of the DSWD programs and evidence-based program and policy enhancement.

Issues and Concerns	Recommendation
Limited conduct of research and evaluation studies from CO-OBS and FOs.	<p>PDPB-RED to ensure regular monitoring and feedbacking to the CO-OBS and FOs in accomplishing the Online R&E portal.</p> <p>National/Regional Research and Evaluation Technical Working Group (N/RE-TWG) to assist the PDPB in ensuring utilization of the portal in reporting the facilitated researches.</p>
Similar research topics from external researchers requesting the approval of the Department.	Thorough assessment of research requests particularly on repeated survey topics or interview requests particularly that target respondents are children from the residential care facilities of the Department.
No final report submitted to the approving office of the external researchers.	Ensure that electronic and hard copies of either preliminary or final R&E report or manuscript were submitted by external researchers to the approving office of the Department.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUREAU (PDPB)

The Policy Development and Planning Bureau (PDPB) as the lead Bureau on research and evaluation initiatives of the Department should take action on the following areas to ensure that the existing policies are strictly observed. Further, the National/Regional Research and Evaluation – Technical Working Group should assist PDPB in the operationalization of the R&E policy.

A. Internal Researches Undertaken by CO-OBS and FOs

- Ensure to prioritize the High Priority Research and Evaluation Studies as approved in the DSWD Research and Evaluation Agenda 2019–2022 (Administrative No. 22 series of 2019) and continue to monitor its implementation.

B. External Request for Research/Interview Study from Schools/Academe

- Ensure that electronic and hard copies of either preliminary or final R&E report or manuscript were submitted by external researchers to the approving office of the Department.
- Strengthen the implementation and monitoring of the Client Satisfaction Measurement Survey to serve as the basis for evaluating the feedback of the researchers on the assistance provided.
- Ensure compliance of the external researchers to research and evaluation policies and other issuances of the Department, particularly on the ethical standards and child protection policy, among others.

C. Other Needed Actions

- Conduct technical assistance to CO-OBS and FOs needing technical assistance in popularization of R&E related policies.
- Ensure to fully maximize the Online R&E portal for both CO-OBS and FOs to facilitate regular updating and monitoring of the facilitated researches.
- Ensure proper dissemination of the findings of the facilitated studies to relevant stakeholders for policy recommendations and program development and/or enhancement.

ANNEX A. LIST OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CENTRAL OFFICE

NO.	PROPONENT OBS	TITLE OF THE STUDY	STATUS	RESEARCH AREA	SECTOR	TYPE OF RESEARCH	APPROACH
1	CO-PDPB	Cost of Raising Children with Disabilities	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Descriptive Research	Fully outsourced
2	CO-PDPB	DSWD Social Protection Programs: A Focus on Indigenous Peoples	Completed	OO2	Family and Community	Descriptive Research	In-house
3	CO-PDPB	Study on the Assessment of Factors that Contribute to the Success of an SLP Participant in the Chosen-Track	Completed	OO1	Family and Community	Descriptive Research	In-house
4	SLP-NPMO	Assessment of the Sustainable Livelihood Program – Livelihood Assistance Grant (SLP-LAG) Implementation	Completed	OO1	Family and Community	Impact Assessment	In-house
5	SLP-NPMO	Monitoring Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 to SLP Participants	Completed	OO1	Family and Community	Impact Assessment	In-house

ANNEX B. LIST OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE FIELD OFFICES

NO.	PROPONENT OBS	TITLE OF THE STUDY	STATUS	RESEARCH AREA	SECTOR	TYPE OF RESEARCH	APPROACH
1	FO II	Impact Assessment on the Different Programs and Services Provided to the Three (3) Managed DSWD FO2 Center Based Facilities	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Impact Assessment	In-house
2	FO Caraga	The Line of Fit Between the Envisioned Development of the KALAHI-CIDSS IP-CDD Program and the IP Communities: The Case of Three Indigenous Communities in Caraga Region	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Case Study	In-house
3	FO Caraga	Enabling Components for Pandemic Management: The Case of Selected KC-NCDDP Municipalities in Caraga Region, Philippines	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Case Study	In-house
4	FO Caraga	Perceived Feasibility and Readiness of AICS Clients for Prospective Transition to Digital Processing and Payment Schemes at DSWD FO Caraga, Butuan City	Completed	OO2	Family Community and	Descriptive Study	In-house
5	FO Caraga	Assessment on the Training Effectiveness of E-learning Technical Assistance (TA) Provision of DSWD FO Caraga to the Local Government Units (LGUs)	Completed	OO5	Organizational	Impact Assessment	In-house

ANNEX C. LIST OF EXTERNAL RESEARCHES AND EVALUATION STUDIES FACILITATED BY DSWD

NO.	OFFICE	TITLE OF THE STUDY	STATUS	RESEARCH AREA	SECTOR	TYPE OF RESEARCHER
1	CO-PDPB	Survey for Reconstructing the post COVID-19 society in the Health Sector	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
2	CO-PDPB	Comprehensive Mapping, Assessment, and Enrichment of the DSWD Case Management Systems and Practices	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
3	CO-PDPB	Compliance to the Ease of Doing Business Implemented by the DSWD Central and Luzon Field Offices: An Evaluation to Improve Service Delivery System	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Master Level Education
4	CO-PDPB	Understanding Experiences of the Victim Identification Process for Survivors of Human Trafficking	Ongoing	OO2	Survivors of Human Trafficking	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
5	CO-PDPB	Online system on domestic adoption applications: A streamlined strategy of the DSWD on domestic adoption process	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
6	CO-PDPB	Case Management on Children in Residential Care: Ensuring	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education

		Children's Permanence Placement				
7	CO-PDPB	Nimble Experimentation on Digital Financial Inclusion	Ongoing	OO2	Family Community and	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
8	CO-PDPB	Working With Involuntary Clients in Residential Care: Social Case Management of Women Survivors of Trafficking in Persons	Ongoing	OO2	Women / GAD	Master Level Education
9	CO-PDPB	Policy Evaluation on the Implications on Human Security with the Full Devolution to LGUs of DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program in Marawi City	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
10	CO-PDPB	Monitoring and Evaluation of eFDS-MaPa Integration of the Masayang Pamilya Program into the 4Ps e-Family Development Session	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
11	CO-PDPB	Examining the Mandatory Programs of Anti-Mail Order Spouse Act (R.A. 10906) Through the Lens of Involved Governmental Agencies: Basis for New Policies and Programs	Ongoing	Foundational	Women / GAD	Bachelor Level Education
12	CO-PDPB	Situating Empowerment Among Women in	Ongoing	OO1	Women / GAD	Bachelor Level Education

		Households: An Evaluation of the Philippines' Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)				
13	CO-PDPB	Conduct of a Baseline Study for the Strong Network of Care Project in the Philippines	Ongoing	OO2	Family and Community	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
14	CO-PDPB	Contextual Analysis on the Root Causes of Trafficking in the Philippines	Ongoing	OO2	Family and Community	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
15	CO-PDPB	A Study on Investment and Costing the Social Service Workforce to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Children	Completed	OO5	Children and Youth	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
16	CO-PDPB	Monitoring Digital G2P payment delivery to improve customer experience and financial inclusion outcomes in the Philippines	Completed	OO2	Organizational	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
17	CO-PDPB	Evaluation of UNICEF Philippines' Child Protection Programme from 2017 to 2020	Completed	OO2	Children and Youth	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
18	NCR	Retention and Turnover Intervention of Social Workers: A Method Approach	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Bachelor Level Education
19	NCR	Growing City: The Effectivity of Community	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education

		Gardens in Mitigating Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in Quezon City				
20	NCR	Satisfaction of Parent Leaders of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of Pasig City	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Master Level Education
21	NCR	Work Related Stress and Well Being of Selected Filipino Registered Nurses Working in Nursing Homes in Metro Manila	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
22	NCR	A Comparative Study of the Factors contributing to the Success and Failure of Monitored Children of 4P's Families in Brgy. 101, Vitas, Tondo, District 1, Manila	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education
23	NCR	Adverse Childhood Experiences and Coping Style as Predictors in Development of Compassion Fatigue of Homelife Service of DSWD	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
24	NCR	Efficacy Rate of 4Ps Funds Utilization and Level of COA Auditors Engagements	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education
25	NCR	Limandaang Pisong Ayuda Para Kay Lolo at Lola: A Case Study on	Ongoing	OO2	Senior Citizen	Master Level Education

		the Implementation of Social Pension Program in the City of Manila				
26	NCR	Parenting to Institutionalized Children with Special Needs: Orphanage Caregivers' Stress and Coping	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Master Level Education
27	NCR	Challenges and Action Plan on Child Protection of Children at DSWD, City of Manila	Completed	Foundational	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
28	NCR	Demographics and Job Satisfaction As Correlates to Burnout Syndrome Among Mental Health Professionals: Basis for Wellness Program	Completed	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
29	NCR	Integrating and Authoritative Model to Care by Utilizing Self-Efficacy Theory and Foucault's Theory of Power to Revitalize a Residential-Based Facility for Street Children	Completed	OO2	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
30	NCR	Community Development and Organizing among Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Beneficiaries	Completed	OO1	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education

31	NCR	Effectiveness of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program and Recipients' Academic Achievement, A Re-Orientation Program	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
32	NCR	Job Satisfaction as Correlate to Burnout Syndrome Among Mental Health Professionals: Basis for wellness program	Completed	Foundational	Organizational	Master Level Education
33	NCR	Prescriptive Analysis for Determining Qualified Recipients for Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in Muntinlupa City	Cancelled	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education
34	CAR	Adversity Quotient and Competencies of Crisis Interventionists	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
35	CAR	Enhancing the Oral Communication Skills of the Social Care Workers	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Doctoral Level Education
36	CAR	The Perceived Stigma among Children in Conflict with the Law	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
37	CAR	Multi-stakeholders 'Needs and Priorities: A Basis for Criminal Justice Research Agenda	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Doctoral Level Education
38	CAR	Telecommuting Preferences of	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions

		Government Workers in the Philippines				
39	CAR	Title of Research: Work Stressors and Coping Strategies as Related to Job Satisfaction Among Houseparents in Residential Care Facilities	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
40	CAR	Household-Level Food Insecurity of 4Ps Beneficiaries during COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case of Cordillera Administrative Region	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
41	CAR	The Philippine Government's Financial Assistance During the Covid-19 Pandemic	Ongoing	Foundational	Family and Community	Master Level Education
42	CAR	Requiring Conduct of Study Criminological Research 1/College of Criminal Justice Education	Cancelled	Foundational	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
43	I	Evaluation on the Existing Rewards and Recognition Systems of DSWD Field Office 1	Ongoing	Foundational	Organizational	Master Level Education
44	I	Realities of Underprivileged Learners Toward a Community Guidance Program	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
45	I	Examining the Concept of Hope and Aspirations	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education

		of Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)				
46	III	An Evaluation to Residential Care Service: A Guide for an Efficient Supervision of DSWD Lingap Center-Home for Boys in Tarlac	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Master Level Education
47	III	Assessment of the Socio-Economic Outcomes of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Among Beneficiary Households in Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Field Office Initiated
48	III	A Human Centric Approach and Cost-Effective Design for the DSWD-Regional Haven for Women	Ongoing	OO2	Women / GAD	Bachelor Level Education
49	III	The Social Welfare and Development Programs For Girl Children Survivors of Human Trafficking, Conflict with the Law and Armed Conflict	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Master Level Education
50	III	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in the Municipality of Hagonoy Bulacan as Community Organizing and Its Implications for Social Development	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education

51	III	A Mobile and Web-Based Application for Residential Centers and Institutions of DSWD for Records Management and Automated Incident	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
52	III	Lived Experiences of Adolescent Fathers: A Basis for a Proposed Intervention Program	Ongoing	OO2	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education
53	III	The Influence of Social Preparation stage of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Sustainable Livelihood Program and Poverty Alleviation in the City of Malolos, Bulacan	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Master Level Education
54	III	Social Workers' Experiences in Implementing Social Amelioration Program During Pandemic in the City of Malolos, Bulacan	Ongoing	OO2	Women/GAD	Master Level Education
55	III	An Evidenced-Based Study in the Role of Menstrual Cycle and Estradiol among Filipino Women with PTSD	Completed	OO2	Women / GAD	Master Level Education
56	IV-A	Pagbangon: A Proposed Bacoor Youth Rehabilitation Facility	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
57	IV-A	Future of the Nation: An Analysis on the	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Master Level Education

		Particular Causes of Juvenile Delinquency Among Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) in Relation to the Intervention Programs of DSWD in conformity with R.A 10630, Particularly in National Training School for Boys (NTSB) in Tanay, Rizal				
58	IV-A	Implementation of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in Angono, Rizal	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education
59	IV-A	Factors Influencing the Financial Socialization among Family of 4Ps in Taal, Batangas	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
60	IV-A	Gender-Based Violence and its Impact on Physical and Mental Health of Selected Women from Batangas Province	Ongoing	OO2	Women / GAD	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
61	IV-A	Court Experiences of Corroborative Witnesses: Basis for a Debriefing Program	Completed	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
62	IV-A	Quality of Life of Compliant and Non-compliant Mothers on a Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Magdalena, Laguna	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education

63	IV-A	Aspirations and Future-oriented Decisions of the 4Ps Beneficiaries in Bay, Laguna	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
64	IV-A	Work Environment Analysis of the Program Implementers of Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development- San Juan, Batangas	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
65	IV-A	The Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic to the 4PS Parent (Beneficiaries) of Barangay Mayao Crossing, Lucena City	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education
66	IV-A	Perceived Effects on Gender Roles of Gender Sensitivity Training for Male Spouses of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in Selected Barangay of Candelaria, Quezon, Philippines	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education
67	IV-B	Biodiversity Conservation through Local Policy in Science Education: A Pragmatic Research Design	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Bachelor Level Education
68	IV-B	An Analysis on the Pantawid Pamilyang	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education

		Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the Philippines				
69	IV-B	E-Governance Readiness from the Perspective of DSWD MIMAROPA Region Employees under KALAHI-CIDSS Program	Completed	OO1	Organizational	Master Level Education
70	V	Correlation Between the Educational Profile of Camarines Norte Municipal Links and Their Level of Work Performance	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Doctoral Level Education
71	V	SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM: Its Perceived Effectiveness in Alleviating Malnutrition	Ongoing	OO2	Family Community and	Doctoral Level Education
72	V	The Status of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Individual Garden Project in Virac, Catanduanes	Ongoing	OO2	Family Community and	Master Level Education
73	V	Tropical Cyclone Disaster Response amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: The case of the Philippines during Typhoons Molave, Goni, and Vamco of 2020	Ongoing	OO3	Family Community and	Master Level Education
74	V	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in	Ongoing	OO1	Women / GAD	Bachelor Level Education

		Promoting women Empowerment among Head Grantees				
75	V	Adapting to the New Normal: Roles, Challenges, and Coping Strategies of Municipal/City Links in Albay Province during COVID-19 Pandemic	Ongoing	OO1	Organizational	Master Level Education
76	V	The Status of Graduated Beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (A Case Study)	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Bachelor Level Education
77	V	The Psychological Effect of COVID-19 among Frontline Social Workers in the Province of Albay	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Bachelor Level Education
78	V	Establishing an Integration Framework for PhiSys and Listahanan in the Provision of Social Welfare Services to CCT Beneficiaries in Region V	Ongoing	OO1	Family and Community	Master Level Education
79	V	Food Security, Dietary Diversity and Nutritional Status of 4Ps Member Households in Sto. Domingo, Nabua, Camarines Sur	Completed	OO1	Children and Youth	Bachelor Level Education
80	VI	Demographic and criminogenic factors	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Master Level Education

		associated with the criminal acts committed by the CICLs at RRCY				
81	VII	The Application of Don Norman's Emotional Design Theory Through Contemporary Interior Design for Area Vocational and Rehabilitation Center II	Ongoing	OO2	Persons Disability with	Bachelor Level Education
82	VII	DSWD FOVII HR Portfolio	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Doctoral Level Education
83	VII	The Lived Experiences of Section Heads of DSWD Field Office VII - Human Resource Management and Development Division during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Bachelor Level Education
84	VII	Challenges and Stress among Frontline Social Workers: The Moderating Effect of Social Support	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
85	VII	Philippine Government Interventions on Inclusive Education in Response to Article 24 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (UNCRPD)	Ongoing	OO2	Persons Disability with	Doctoral Level Education
86	VII	Perceived Stress Level and Coping Mechanisms	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education

		of Social Workers Delivering the Social Services during the COVID-19 Quarantine Period				
87	VIII	Schools Readiness and Effectiveness on Distance Learning Modality as Perceived by 4Ps Parent-Recipients: The Case of Barangay Elementary Schools in Taft District, Eastern Samar	Ongoing	OO2	Family Community and	Master Level Education
88	VIII	Compliance to the Health Grant Conditionalities of 4Ps recipients in Eastern Visayas	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education
89	VIII	The DSWD Job Order Employee Work Stressors: Inputs for Intervention Formulation	Ongoing	OO2	JO workers of DSWD	Master Level Education
90	VIII	Proposed Youth Rehabilitation Center in Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte	Ongoing	OO2	Children and Youth	Corporate/Organization/Research Institutions
91	XI	Exploring the Experiences of the Not-Attending School (NAS) Indigenous People 4Ps Beneficiaries in Marilog, Davao City	Ongoing	OO1	Children and Youth	Master Level Education
92	XI	Development of Government Property	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Bachelor Level Education

		Management Index for National Government Agencies				
93	CARAGA	Satisfaction and Employee Performance in Social Welfare Agency	Ongoing	OO2	Organizational	Master Level Education
94	CARAGA	Project Post-Implementation and Client Satisfaction of Crisis Intervention Section in Butuan City	Ongoing	OO2	Family Community and	Doctoral Level Education
95	CARAGA	Assessing the DSWD Assisted Sustainable Livelihood Project in Cagwait, Surigao del Sur	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Master Level Education
96	CARAGA	Level of Implementation, Challenges and Effects of Social Case Management of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Butuan City: A Case Management Enhancement Program	Ongoing	OO1	Family Community and	Doctoral Level Education
97	CARAGA	Stories of Houseparents' in Managing Children in Conflict with the Law in Caraga Region	Completed	OO1	Family Community and	Bachelor Level Education