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Department of Social Welfare and Development



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TO : ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

ALL PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICES, AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

SUBJECT : ENJOINING ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO USE THE SOCIAL PROTECTION (SP) HANDBOOK FOR LOCAL PLANNING, BUDGETING, IMPLEMENTING, MONITORING AND EVALUATING SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Executive Order No. 43, series of 2011, provides that Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster as part of the organized Cabinet Clusters shall pursue the goal of increasing social protection and engaging communities in their own development;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016 – Social Development considered social protection as one of the strategies to achieve the goal of reducing poverty and promoting inclusive growth and equitable access to quality basic social services, especially by the poor and vulnerable. It highlights the role of SP in reducing people's vulnerability to various types of risks.

WHEREAS, Social Protection as defined in NEDA-Social Development Committee (SDC) through Resolution No. 1, series of 2007 "constitutes policies and programs that seek to reduce poverty and vulnerability to risks and enhance the social status and rights of the marginalized by promoting and protecting livelihood and employment, protecting against hazards and sudden loss of income, and improving people's capacity to manage risks."

WHEREAS, a Sub-Committee on Social Protection (SCSP) under the SDC NEDA-Social Development Committee (SDC) was created through SDC Resolution No. 2, series of 2009 to lead in the formulation and operationalization of medium-term social protection plan and other social protection policies and strategies. This also paved the way for the development of the Social Protection Operational Framework and Strategy.

WHEREAS, social protection operational framework and strategy was formulated and adopted through SDC Resolution No. 3, series of 2012. The core of the framework is the underlying purpose and objective of social protection which is better and improved quality of life for its beneficiaries. This serves as the over-all framework for implementing social protection programs.

WHEREAS, the DSWD as Chairperson of the SCSP led the operationalization of the framework through the development of the Social Protection Handbook which will serve as the primary reference of local government units (LGUs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and government agencies in implementing social protection programs. The handbook shall likewise be a useful tool for providing social protection lens in the regular course of planning, budgeting, implementing, monitoring and evaluating social protection programs at the local level.

WHEREAS, through SDC Resolution No. 2, Creation of SCSP, the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) at the regional level shall determine the appropriate mechanism or committee to coordinate, monitor policies and programs and projects related to social protection.

WHEREAS, it is crucial that all stakeholders (government offices, local government units, civil society) have a common understanding on social protection as defined as well as reference for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating social protection programs to ensure mainstreaming of social protection.

WHEREFORE, all concerned are hereby enjoined to do the following, to wit:

1. Department of Social Welfare and Development

- a) Print and disseminate the Social Protection (SP) Handbook to local government units and concerned agencies at the national and regional level;
- b) Conduct training of trainers (TOT) at the provincial level, as well as the roll-out of SP Handbook at the municipal/city level;
- c) Appropriate funds for the conduct of the training of trainers and roll out activity for the utilization of SP Handbook;
- d) Provide technical assistance to the Local Government Units (LGUs) on the use of SP handbook at the local level;
- e) Encourage the Regional Development Committees (RDCs) to determine appropriate mechanism or committee to coordinate, monitor policies and programs and projects related to social protection;
- f) Coordinate with the Provincial Officers (PSWDO, PPDO & LGOO) regarding on the monitoring of LGUs utilization of SP Handbook;
- g) Coordinate with the SDC-Subcommittee on Social Protection (SCSP) on matters concerning social protection, particularly on the organization of activities such as fora and conferences as these can serve as venues for sharing of good practices and experiences on social protection;
- h) Draw up a mechanism between and among the various national departments and private sector for the mobilization, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of social protection programs; and

- i) Coordinate with DILG and suggest criteria which can be incorporated in the DILG's Seal of Good Governance and/or other DILG efforts to promote full participation of LGUs in mainstreaming SP at the local level.

2. Department of Interior and Local Government

- a) Enjoin all LGUs to utilize the SP Handbook as reference in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating SP programs, including the use of SP VAM in assessing risks and vulnerabilities, as well as the preparation of Social Protection Development Report (SPDR);
- b) Enjoin all LGUs to attend the Training of Trainers and roll-out of SP Handbook and assist DSWD in the conduct of these activities;
- c) Review the indicators of the Seal of Good Local Governance particularly along social protection considering the elements of social protection framework as recommended by DSWD;
- d) Review all related guidelines on local planning to consider social protection in coordination with DSWD and SDC Sub-Committee on Social Protection; and
- e) Disseminate this Joint Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within their respective territorial jurisdiction.

3. Local Government Units

- a) Utilize the SP Handbook including the use of Social Protection Vulnerability and Adaptation Manual (SP-VAM) for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating social protection programs and in assessing the risks and vulnerabilities of the locality, respectively, through issuance of local ordinance/resolution;
- b) Integrate social protection in the Comprehensive Development Plan to ensure that social protection permeates local development processes;
- c) Prepare the Social Protection Development Report (SPDR) which serves as reference for local development planning, budgeting and monitoring, as well as report of implementation of social protection programs for submission to DSWD Regional Office;
- d) Initiate, implement and monitor responsive and innovative social protection programs, strategies and initiatives that would reduce people's vulnerabilities and get them out of poverty; and
- e) Document good practices in social protection which can be shared through publications or during conferences and fora on social protection.

For compliance.


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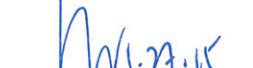
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