

# Efforts of the Philippine Statistical System in Advancing Gender Statistics

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#### INTRODUCTION

**Better Statistics are needed for Better Development Outcomes** 

Specifically, Better Evidence and Data for Gender Equality.

In the Philippines,

The Philippine Statistical System (PSS) has institutionalized many initiatives towards improving the generation, dissemination and utilization of gender statistics in support of gender-responsive development.



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After many years on Gender Statistics, What Do We Have in the Philippines?

- A. Statistical Policies on Gender Statistics
- B. Coordination Mechanisms on Gender Statistics
- C. Gender Statistical Products and Services
  - Better Access to Gender Statistical Products and Services
  - Making Gender Statistics Meaningful on the Ground



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- A. Statistical Policies on Gender Statistics
- Resolutions passed by the NSCB Executive Board, e.g.
- B. Coordination Mechanisms on Gender Statistics
- Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP 2011-2017)
- 2. Interagency Committee on Gender Statistics (IACGS)



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- B. Coordination Mechanisms on Gender Statistics (cont.)
- 3. Framework Plan for Women
- 4. Celebration of the National Women's Month in March
- 5. National Convention on Statistics (NCS)
- 6. Millennium Development Goals Monitoring
- 7. Hosting of International Conferences
- 8. Cadre of Gender and Development (GAD) focal points in the different government agencies (Magna Carta of Women)
- Conduct of consultative meetings with data users and data producers to thresh out issues-established tradition in the PSS
- 10. International cooperation
  - Hosting of study visits (south-south cooperation) on the Philippine experience on the development and improvement of the country's gender statistics



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- C. Gender Statistical Products and Services
- 1. Online interactive gender database
- 2. Annual Factsheet on Women and Men-By Region
- Biennial Statistical Handbook on Women and Men-By Region
- 4. MDGWatch
- 5. Online interactive MDG database
- 6. NSCB web articles/products
- 7. Directory of Gender Statistics and Focal Points
- 8. Study visits/tours and technical assistance (south-south cooperation)



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- C. Gender Statistical Products and Services
  NEW GENDER STATISTICS IN THE PHILIPPINES
- 1.City and municipal level Gender Development Index
- 2.2009 Poverty statistics among women (and children/other basic sectors)
- 3.2008 Provincial Child Development Index
- 4.Estimation of women's contribution to the economy (including unpaid housework)
- 5. "Genderized" MDG at the local level (particularly in Region XI-Davao Region)
- 6.Data assessment of the proposed minimum set of gender indicators



#### ON MAKING GENDER STATISTICS MEANINGFUL ON THE GROUND

- Using gender/MDG statistics to raise public awareness of governance issues
- 2. Using/citing gender statistics in enacted laws/proposed bills

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#### **II.** Challengers and Opportunities



- Lack of resources allocated for gender statistics!
- There is very strong culture of collaboration/cooperation between the statistical agencies and the Philippine Commission on Women
- Stakeholders of gender and development have become more appreciative of statistics
- Continued engagement with/of the international community



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