

Department of Social Welfare and Development
Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAC)

NAC Resolution No. 17
Series of 2014

Amendment to NAC Resolution No. 6

ADOPTION OF THE MODIFIED CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER UNDER THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM TO INCLUDE RESPONDING TO THE SITUATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilya implementation supports the Millennium Development Goals addressing the following:

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- Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger;
 - Achieve universal primary education;
 - Reduce child mortality;
 - Improve maternal health;
 - Promote gender equality and empower women;

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilyang National Advisory Committee (NAC) is an interagency body that provides policy directions and guidelines to the National Program Management Office (NPMO) on matters pertinent to program implementation;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371 or the "Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997" (IPRA) declared that the state shall recognize and promote all the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities Indigenous Peoples (IPs) by ensuring their economic, social and cultural wellbeing, respecting the right of IPs to preserve and develop their cultures, traditions and institutions and assuring maximum participation of IPs in the direction of education, health and other services in order for such to be responsive to the needs of IP communities.

WHEREAS, the DSWD issued Memorandum Circular no 1 series of 2009 known as Indigenous Peoples Policy Framework (IPPF) which articulates DSWD's recognition of the unique situation of the IPs and the historical circumstances leading to their being marginalized and deprived of adequate basic social services and, that "majority of the services are not sensitive to IP cultures as these were developed in accordance with the norms of the majority"; and the DSWD in "implementing poverty alleviation and developmental programs and being true to its mission of providing social protection and promoting rights and welfare of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, is committed to ensure the promotion and protection of the rights of all indigenous people in the Philippines towards poverty alleviation and empowerment."

WHEREAS, the IP household beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in various focused group discussions and consultations raised their concerns over the lack of responsiveness of the program to their geographical and cultural context, and the apparent non recognition of their right to exercise prior consent; .

WHEREAS, the NAC Resolution No. 6 provides for the adoption of a Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT) program under the Pantawid Pamilya to respond to various characteristics of disadvantaged group of individuals and families and community such as Families in Need of Special Protection, Pantawid Households no longer having 0-14 years old, Persons with Disabilities and Indigenous Peoples.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the members of the NAC to approve the adoption of a Modified Conditional Cash Transfer program for Indigenous Peoples under the Pantawid Pamilya, thus approving the policies, as follows:

1. The Amendment of NAC Resolution No. 6 Series of 2012 entitled the "Adoption of the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program", to read as follows:

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4. Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT) Program for Indigenous Peoples

a. Target Beneficiaries

The MCCT for Indigenous Peoples shall cater to indigenous communities in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) within or outside their ancestral domains and homeless IPs in urban areas. The pilot phase is expected to happen in 2014 with a target of 116,000 IP households.

b. Amount of grant to be provided

The cash grant shall be computed such that each child beneficiary is allotted a monthly cash grant of 500 for health and 300 for education for 10 months. All IP children in communities that are in geographically isolated areas in the spirit of universal education shall be included as beneficiaries.

c. Conditionalities

1. The details of the education and health conditionalities including the FDS shall remain as conditionalities but will be worked out and finalized with the IP community during the social preparation stage. The FDS sessions may be called in another name by the tribe.
2. The responsibility of the IPs in maintaining and sustaining the environment and their domains consistent to the provisions in the IPRA form part of the conditionalities.
3. Livelihood shall be considered as conditionality because its importance in sustaining the education and good health of children more than just the improvement of economic status.
4. Other conditions arising from the series of discussions and reflections with the IPs that can lead to bringing about healthy and educated children and address maternal health shall be considered and form part of the agreement that shall be drawn between DSWD and the Indigenous cultural community.

d. Allowed Additional Inclusions on the program package

With the understanding that the Pantawid program shall be more of a facilitating or referring agent to access support or facilitator of convergence of players who can provide

the IPs' needed support, the dialogue between the program implementers and the community during the social preparation stage shall define inclusion of other services but not limited to the following:

1. Livelihood that builds on existing resources of the community that will not threaten but strengthen the protection and nurturance of the ancestral domain (natural resources)
2. Projects that are included in the community's Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development Protection Plan (ADSDPP), or an equivalent IP community plan, as the case maybe
3. Educational support for the youth to pursue higher education focused on knowledge and skills relevant in developing the community
4. Capability building interventions that can help the IP household members of the community acquire the skills and knowledge to be able to interface effectively with the mainstream society and technology
5. Support on the documentation of Indigenous Knowledge & Practices and Indigenous Political Structures of the IP community
6. Other interventions that can help the IPs understand and promote their rights and fulfill their responsibilities as spelled out in the IPRA.

e. Implementation Plan / Piloting Phase

The social preparation for the piloting of the modified CCT for IPs shall run parallel to the development of the modified CCT to be piloted.

As the major activities to solicit and consolidate the inputs of the different indigenous groups are ongoing for the development of an IP appropriate program on human investment intervention, the MCCT shall be conducting the social preparation on the ground.

The social preparation shall be conducted within a period of three to six months thru a DSWD hired staff or a partner CSO. Considering the context of the IP households, community organizing shall be used as the main strategy in engaging the IP communities. Initial activities shall include community consultations to resolve the IP's right to exercise free and prior informed consent to any activity that can affect their way of life. This period provides a space for a dialogue between the program implementers and the IP community. The main output of these dialogues would be a memorandum of understanding between the community and the DSWD where the former formally agrees (or disagree) to participate and cooperate with the latter in implementing a human investment program (i.e. CCT) with the end goal of ensuring the education of children and the health of children and pregnant and lactating women.

The main conditionality during this social preparation period shall be attendance to the Family Development Sessions (FDS) or the community consultations. The FDS shall be conducted twice during the first two months, and once a month for the succeeding months. Thru the FDS, community profiling can be conducted so that an accurate profile of children in need of schooling and health services can be established and made available to the DepEd and the DoH for appropriate intervention. The conduct of the FDS whenever possible shall be done in sync with the traditional practices in the community (i.e. thanksgiving rituals where the community members congregate, etc.)

The MCCT shall work closely with the Pantawid's Indigenous Peoples Unit (IPU) and the Family Development Unit (FDU) to ensure that appropriate and relevant activities are conducted, to prepare the IPs for the implementation of the pilot model.

The model CCT for IP shall be piloted for a year within which the IPs are able to understand and participate in evolving the appropriate modes of delivering social services appropriate to them and their children. In the same manner, it provides space for DSWD to develop with the IPs systems and processes towards an effective and efficient program implementation.

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Adopted this 26th day of February, Two Thousand and Fourteen, in Quezon City.



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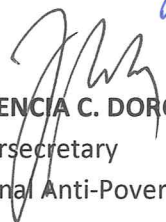
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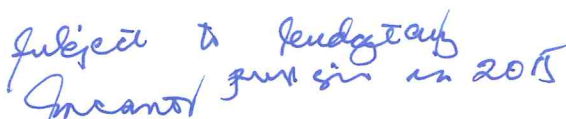
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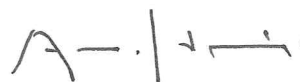
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