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

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ADOPTION OF THE MODIFIED CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER UNDER THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM

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

- 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 Project Management Office on matters pertinent to project implementation;

WHEREAS, as part of its role in ensuring effective and efficient program implementation, the NAC in its regular meeting on May 29, 2012 deliberated on the immediate need to implement a Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program to respond to various characteristics of disadvantaged group of individuals and families and community that at present is not directly addressed or responded to by the Pantawid Pamilya Program such as the following:

- Growing number of children and families migrating to cities in search of economic opportunities who are exposed to the hazards of living in the streets and grow without attaining any education at all;

- Displacement of poor farmers and fishermen and other vulnerable sectors due to manmade and natural disasters and calamities

- A number of households every year are delisted in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program due to no longer having 0-14 years old children in the household; these are the households who are unable to complete the 5-year program period;

- Strengthening provision of education for all by embarking on a significant reform of the education system, which is geared to increase academic and technical skills of Filipino children by increasing the length of the school cycle to 12 years after the compulsory kinder grade for 5 years olds (K to 12 initiative). Hence, Kindergarten and 12 years of quality basic education is a right of every Filipino, therefore they must be and will be provided by government and will be free.

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the members of NAC recognize the need to provide stop gap measures to address the aforementioned circumstances and to further pursue the rights of the children beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilya for education;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved by the members of the NAC in a special meeting approved the adoption of a modified conditional cash transfer program under the Pantawid Pamilya, specifically:

A. The Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program

1. The Conditional Cash Transfer Program for FNSP— Families in Need of Special Protection (FNSP)

The Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Families in Need of Special Protection (CCT for CNSP) will cater to families in need of special protection such as homeless street families and/or families with street children, migrant families, IP families, displaced children and families due to manmade and natural calamities and families with child laborers, out-of-school youth, orphaned, abandoned, abused and other children in difficult circumstances. The families shall be those poor households in need of special protection and with 0-14 year old children.

The CCT for FNSP will provide eligible households/families with Php300.00/month per child for education grant for a maximum of three children and PhP500.00/month per household for health grant. The household or family may receive a maximum of Php of 1,400 per month. Health and education grants shall be released monthly subject to compliance to conditionalities. The conditionalities of the CCT for FNSP shall be as follows:

a. Household beneficiaries must stay in permanent residences after identification, relocation and/or provision of shelter for them.
b. Parents to ensure that their children do not stay or work in the streets or in hazardous occupation.
c. Children should be attending any mode of learning – regular school, Alternative Delivery Mode, School on Wheels, Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP) and similar activities.
d. Parents/Guardians shall bring their children to health centers for immunizations, weight and height monitoring and preventive check-ups.
e. Parents/Guardians shall participate in the Family Development Sessions conducted in their locale.

The program package for CCT for CNSP shall include provision of health and education grants, Balik-Probinsya and Relocation Package, Self-Employment Assistance and Specialized Training/Counseling and other support services for the children and family members of the Children in Need of Special Protection. These shall also be part of the budget of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

2. Modified CCT through Alternative Delivery Mode in Education

IP household beneficiaries composed almost 18% of the total household beneficiaries of the program in the Pantawid database, and a great majority of them are in

villages/barangays or sitios geographically isolated and inaccessible and which are too far from existing education facilities. Most often they are exposed to hazards especially during rainy season because the water from the river overflows and flood occurs.

Persons with disabilities of different types such as impairedness on hearing, visual, orthopedic and speech and multiple disabilities accounts to almost 5% of the 3 million household beneficiaries of the program. Children with disabilities or persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others (Article 1 of UNCRPD).

For the children with disabilities, their impairments may cause them not to meet the required conditions on education due to the following: inability to go to school regularly especially when the school facilities are very far, health condition are easily affected especially during rainy seasons, and lack of available special education program.

These circumstances affect the IP children and children with disabilities particularly in meeting the conditions on education; hence, the Alternative Delivery Mode in Education shall be used to enable these special clientele groups such as the IPs, PWDs and other children with special needs avail of education services and their rights for education be fulfilled.

The conditionalities though on education using the Alternative Delivery Mode shall be modified in agreement with or as established with the Department of Education.

3. Modifed CCT for Pantawid Pamilya Households No longer Having 0-14 Years Old thru Extending the Coverage to 15-17 years old

Children of current (and future) Pantawid families aged 15-17 years of age in secondary education, according to Pantawid data are estimated at about 3.2 % for 2012. These are the household beneficiaries unable to complete the five-year program period considering that their youngest children when they enrolled in the program are already in the ages of 11 years old and above.

Further, the implementation of K-12 initiative which will require additional two years to secure senior high school diploma will be too costly for the household beneficiaries of the program and the poor may not be able to participate as well as reap the benefits of added school years school years.

Hence, Expanded CCT shall be provided to households no longer having 0-14 years old and who were not able to complete the 5-year period as designed by the program. The Expanded CCT shall provide Php. 500 pesos per child per month to a total of 5,000 per year, which is almost twice the current benefit in elementary education (in most other CCT programs, benefits in secondary are almost twice as large as those in elementary) considering that the direct costs increases (travel, books, supplies) and

the opportunities costs increase because children are older and can make more money when working.

Health grant though shall no longer be provided considering that the focus will be on education only and compliance to 85% attendance on education shall still be followed. These households shall likewise be prioritized in the provision of Sustainable Livelihood Program as part of Transition Strategy. Overall cost of implementation shall form part of the overall budget of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

Expanding the CCT to children 15-17 years of age shall provide better quality education for all and enable the Pantawid children to participate and reach the highest levels of education which they will benefit from added education spending of the government.

Adopted this 29th day of May Two Thousand and Twelve, in Quezon City.

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