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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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**RECONSTITUTING AND RENAMING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE
ON GENDER AND CHILDREN STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Gender Statistics (IACGS) was re-established through Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Memorandum Order No. 1, Series of 2014, to resolve issues, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of gender and other related statistics;

WHEREAS, during the consultation workshop and discussions on the preparation of the Update for the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) 2011 – 2017 Chapter on Statistics on Children and Gender and Development, the need to expand the terms of reference of the IACGS to include discussions on statistics on children was deemed necessary to address the concerns related to them, and to develop and improve the generation of indicators for children, hence, the recommendation for the expansion of the existing IACGS;

WHEREAS, in view of the expanded scope of the IACGS, it is imperative to reconstitute the membership of the IACGS to better avail of the expertise of the concerned sectoral agencies to ensure efficient workable scheme towards the production, dissemination and archiving of statistics on gender and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IACGS be renamed to Interagency Committee on Gender and Children Statistics (IAC-GCS);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the IAC-GCS shall have the following composition and terms of reference:

Executive Director
Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC)

Director
Policy Development and Planning Bureau
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

Director
Resource Generation and Management Service
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

Director
Social Development Staff
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Executive Director
Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)

Police Senior Inspector
Women and Children Protection Center
Philippine National Police (PNP)

Deputy National Statistician
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

The Chairperson or Co-Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the IAC-GCS shall be elected from among its members. Resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as the need for them arises.

The specific functions of IAC-GCS are as follows:

1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination, and use of statistics on children and gender;
2. Prepare statistical framework for gender, children and related indicators;
3. Discuss and identify statistical development programs on statistics on children and gender and formulate statistical frameworks and methodologies for inclusion in the PSDP;
4. Lead in the undertakings relative to the formulation of the PSDP, particularly on statistics on children and gender and development;
5. Propose and guarantee timely submission of write-ups, reports, and other outputs regarding PSDP;
6. Provide reference to cross-cutting concerns in the PSDP Chapters;
7. Coordinate with stakeholders (Philippine Statistical System agencies and other organizations) in the formulation of the PSDP, specifically in the monitoring of the progress of implementation of statistical activities/programs and preparation of chapter on statistics on children and gender and development;
8. Compare the original and revalidated Results Matrices to assess needed improvements, data gaps, and data demands apparent from the sources and indicators cited;
9. Undertake/lead in the prioritization of statistical requirements and situational assessment of children and gender and development sectors;
10. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders on statistics on children and gender and other related indicators in the PSS;
11. Address emerging issues and concerns (data revolution, open data, big data, etc.) and international commitments (Sustainable Development Goals) on statistics on children and gender and other related indicators;

12. Recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination, and archiving of statistics on children and gender and related indicators;
13. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures for the improvement of statistics, frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation and dissemination of statistics on children and gender and related indicators;
14. Prepare IAC-GCS accomplishment report and work program for presentation to the PSA Board every first quarter of the year; and
15. Perform other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for the improvement of statistics on children and gender and related sectors, or the PSS in general.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, through an IAC resolution. A corresponding Memorandum Order will be prepared by the IAC Secretariat for approval of the Undersecretary of PSA. Technical, secretariat and logistics support to the TWGs and TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member-agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit to the PSA Undersecretary its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IAC-GCS, the PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. For effective conduct of meetings, the identified IAC-GCS core group shall serve as basis for determining its quorum. The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IAC-GCS. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 18 October 2017.

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