ICDP IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PHILIPPINES



A Parenting Program for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Facilitator Guide

Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program

The Philippines' conditional cash transfer initiative

Covers 4.4 million households, 20 million people (20 % of the population)

Purpose - to reduce intergenerational transfer of poverty by keeping children healthy and in school

4Ps is already a law. SCP was part of the crafting of its Implementing Rules and Regulations

New strategy since 2020- social case management of families by social workers to support families to come out of poverty



Why introduce a parenting program for 4Ps beneficiaries?

Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP)

a Save the Children (SC) global initiative to strengthen government social protection programs for increased impact on child development.

4Ps- some of the known impacts on children

- Improved school attendance
- Increased health check-ups
- Improved dietary diversity
- but progress is uneven and impact on child development remains a challenge (World Bank, 2018, 2021) also within 4Ps households (ADB, 2020)

Parents are the cornerstone of child development!

- SC commissioned a **parenting study** in 2016 in areas surrounding Ormoc:
 - Parents see obedience, education, and provision of basic necessities as good parenting.
 - Limited understanding of the importance of spending quality time with children, to listen to and praise children, to engage with them, and how this will stimulate children's development.



Integrating a parenting program into the Pantawid Program

- SCP used the Family Development Sessions (FDS) as a platform to introduce a robust parenting program
- The parenting program is now part of the FDS 7-Year Transformative Learning Path (TLP)
- Within a 4-year period the regional government aims to cover 272 175 parents
- 700,000 parents for the 4Ps national for seven years period



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The parenting program

Focus

- Strengthen skills of parents to promote social, emotional and cognitive development of children (International Child Development Program)
- Improve family budgeting practices
- Nutritious food
- Enhance gender equality, engage fathers

Impact (various studies)

- Reduced maltreatment of children
- More loving and caring behavior towards children, more empathetic
- More shared decisions between husband and wife
- Improved marital relations, men more engaged in household chores
- Fathers more engaged with children





Implementation strategy

ICDP Module implementation

- Clustering approach of approximately 16 participants in one parenting group
- Weekly and graduated parenting sessions with home visits
- Parenting Sessions as compliance to FDS in agreement with DSWD – Region VIII (at the start)
- Formation of Family Support Groups
- Refresher sessions
- Special Parenting sessions for fathers/men caregivers



ICDP IMPLEMENTATION MODE AND STRATEGIES

Capacity building to Partners

Government:

- DSWD Region VIII (as social laboratory field)
- Ormoc City Social Welfare Department
- Department of Education Ormoc City Division
- LGU Mondragon, Northern Samar (MSWDO)
- Barangay Officials
- DSWD National (national scale up)

Civil Society Organizations

- NACPhil (National Alliance Chaplaincy Philippines)
- Parents Teachers Association Federation of Ormoc City
- MOLAHUTAY, Inc (federation of ICDP Facilitators)

Community leaders

- Parent Leaders
- Barangay Health Workers
- Child Development Workers
- Community volunteers



Save the Children



Implementation strategy

Capacity Strengthening and Updating

- Regular meetings and mock sessions
- "Care for Carers"
- Area Shepherding approach of facilitators (coaching and mentoring)

Sustainability

- Federation building of facilitators per province
- Formation of facilitators into CSO implementing partners:
 - MoLAHUTAY, Inc
 - Samar Mobilizers Inc.
- Formation of parents/caregivers into Family Support Groups (FSG) then to provincial and regional federation of FSG's









Who have we trained so far on the parenting program?

Parenting Facilitators		Parents who participated in the program
Total - 790 (97 are certified)		
Community based facilitators:		19,995 parents/caregivers
Parent Leaders	65	
Barangay Officials	5	Region VIII
 Pastors and church workers 	34	
Ormoc City Social Welfare	50	
		165 Family Support Groups
• DSWD – 4Ps staff and personnel:		
Provincial Links and SWO	20	
• MLs	616	



