## 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
<ul> <li>Pastors and church workers</li> </ul>	34	
Ormoc City Social Welfare	50	
		165 Family Support Groups
• DSWD – 4Ps staff and personnel:		
Provincial Links and SWO	20	
• MLs	616	



