Preventing and Eliminating Child Labor in the Philippines
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NSO 2011 SOC

Preliminary Results

Population
5-17 year old Children
29.019 M

Not Working
81%
(23.53 M)

Working
18.9%
(5.49 M)

Child Labor
58.4%
(3.21 M)

Not Child Labor
41.6%
(2.28 M)

Hazardous Child Labor
54.5%
(2.99 M)

Other Child Labor
(Permissible Work)
3.9%
(0.217 M)

Other Worst Forms of Child Labor
Philippine Program Against Child Labor

“Child Labor-Free Philippines”
The Philippine Program Against Child Labor works to transform the lives of child laborers, their families, and communities, towards their sense of self-worth, empowerment and development.

The PPACL, a network of mutually enabling social partners, works towards the prevention and progressive elimination of child labor through protection, withdrawal, healing and reintegration of child workers into a caring society.
Decent work for all
Community development
Inter-agency collaboration

PPACL Principles

- Child-focused action
- Rights-based approach
- Results-based management
- Gender-responsiveness
- Cultural sensitivity
- Sustainable development
- Children and youth participation
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**Philippine Program Against Child Labor**

**Child Labor-Free Philippines**

- **PREVENTION**
  - Children prevented from entering into child labor
  - Functional multi-level information system established

- **PROTECTION**
  - Child workers protected through direct services
  - Strategic partnership institutionalized and advocacy & action at all levels intensified

- **REINTEGRATION**
  - Child laborers withdrawn, healed and reintegrated to their families and communities
  - Access to quality and integrated services improved
  - Child labor agenda in development policies and programs at all levels mainstreamed
  - Enforcement and compliance with relevant laws and policies strengthened

**NGAYON DIN!**

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Anti - Child Labor Network

Government Agencies

Workers’ Organizations

Employers’ Groups

International Social Dev’t Organizations

Faith-Based Organizations

Media

Child Labor Sugpuin! NGAYON DIN!

Children

Communities

Parents

LGUs

NGOs/CSOs

Academe
Institutional Mechanism

National Child Labor Committee

- Knowledge Management Sub-Committee
- Sub-Committee on Strengthening Partnerships
- Sub-Committee on Improving Access to Services
- Sub-Committee on Mainstreaming and Advocacy
- Sub-Committee on Compliance to Laws and Enforcement

Program Management Coordinating Committee

ILO-IPEC

UNICEF

Regional Child Labor Committee

Provincial Child Labor Committee

Municipal/City Child Labor Committee

Barangay Council for the Protection of Children
GOAL 1
Functional multi-level information system established

- Child Labor Knowledge Sharing System (CLKSS) website www.clkss.org.ph
- 2011 Survey on Children
- Profiling of child laborers
- Development/maintenance of database system
- Baseline surveys
- Criteria for determining good practices
STATUS OF ATTAINMENT OF PPACL GOALS

GOAL 1
Functional multi-level information system established

Publications/Materials (TUCP)
• Anti-trafficking posters
• Primer on TIP law (English and Cebuano versions)
• Folio on Selected Documents to Implement the trafficking law

Videos
• Don’t be trafficked – a minute practical tips on how to prevent yourself and others from being trafficked
GOAL 2
Strategic partnership institutionalized and advocacy and action at all levels intensified

✓ National Child Labor Committee (NCLC) strengthened
  - through renewal of 1995 MOA

✓ Regional Child Labor Committees and Provincial/Municipal Child Labor Committees re-organized and/or strengthened
  - through signing of MOA and Manifesto of Support
  - through issuance of Executive Orders by local chief executives and signing of Commitment of Action against child labor
GOAL 2
Strategic partnership institutionalized and advocacy and action at all levels intensified

✓ Proposed Executive Order strengthening the NCLC
✓ NCLC Operations Manual
✓ Partnership strengthening workshops and technical learning sessions
Annual celebration of World Day Against Child Labor
World Day Against Child Labor celebrations

2013

2014
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✓ Various advocacy activities resulted in the following, among others:
  - commitment to re-activate and strengthen local structures for the protection of children
  - passage of local ordinances prohibiting child labor
  - formation of community watch groups
✓ Campaign for Child Labor-Free Barangays
GOAL 3
Access to quality and integrated services improved

✓ Livelihood assistance for parents of child laborers

✓ Educational support to child laborers
✓ Construction of school buildings

✓ Project Angel Tree
HELP ME Convergence Program to Address Child Labor

(Community-based Strategy)

**Health & Training**
- DOH, DILG/LGUs, NGOs, professional medical & dental associations
- DepEd, CHED, TESDA, DILG/LGUs, NGOs, ILO & other int’l orgns

**Education & Training**
- DOLE, DILG/LGUs (Barangays), NEDA, CWC & other partners

**Livelihood**
- DOLE, DA, DSWD, DILG/LGUs, DTI, DAR, NGOs, workers orgns, employers

**Monitoring & Evaluation**
- DSWD, DILG/LGUs, DOJ, DOLE, DENR, PIA, NGOs, faith-based orgns, ILO & other int’l orgns

**Prevention, Protection & Prosecution**
- DSWD, DILG/LGUs, DOJ, DOLE, DENR, PIA, NGOs, faith-based orgns, ILO & other int’l orgns
GOAL 4
Child labor agenda in development policies and programs at all levels mainstreamed


✓ DILG Memo Circular 2011-133 directing all local chief executives to “ensure that programs, projects and activities that will eliminate the worst forms of child labor are included in their respective local development plans and formulate local legislations/laws to address child labor concerns

✓ Inclusion of indicator “Absence of child labor or percentage reduction in child labor cases” in the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit
GOAL 5
Strengthened enforcement and compliance with relevant laws and policies

✓ Rescue of Child Laborers

✓ Closure of Establishments
✓ “Children Not Allowed Here” signage in the entrance and exit points of KTV bars and night clubs to prohibit owners from engaging the services of children.


GOAL 5
Strengthened enforcement and compliance with relevant laws and policies

- Child Labor-Free Establishment/Zone Seal
- Voluntary Code of Conduct on the elimination of child labor (sugar industry) and Pledge of Commitment to achieve a child labor-free plantation industry
- Capacity building for labor laws compliance officers, law enforcers, prosecutors, social workers, local government officials, community leaders and other stakeholders
- Review and updating of hazardous work and activities to persons below 18 years of age
Thank You