**CONTRIBUTION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE OHCHR CALL FOR INPUTS PURSUANT TO ITS MANDATE IN**

**HRC RESOLUTION 43/L.34 ON STATISTICS AND DATA COLLECTION**

**ABOUT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)**

This refers to OHCHR Note Verbale No. OHCHR/TESRPRD/DESIB/HRESIS dated 24 August 2021 on its reporting mandate pursuant to HRC resolution 43/L.34 on a “study on statistics and data collection under article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) requiring contributions to be submitted to the OHCHR in an accessible format”.

The government of the Philippines is pleased to convey the information provided by the Philippines’ National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the national government agency mandated to formulate policies and coordinate the activities of all agencies, whether public or private, concerning disability issues and concerns. The NCDA is the lead agency tasked to steer the course of program development for PWDs and the delivery of services to the sector.

**Responses to Questions Prepared by the OHCHR**

1. **Laws, policies, plan, strategies or guidelines at any level of government relating to statistics and data collection about PWDs**

NCDA has adopted the Philippines National Action Plan for Operationalizing the Incheon Strategy Indicators that served as a roadmap to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the Asia-Pacific Region. The objective of this national action plan is to strengthen the national statistical system by integrating disability measure in its regular data collection tools and instrument.

1. **Legislative and policy measures taken to address data protection and the implementation of safeguards to ensure protection of confidentiality and respect for the privacy**

The Philippines has a Data Privacy law that protects the privacy of each individual. It also regulates the collection, recording, organization, storage, updating or modification, retrieval, consultation, use, consolidation, blocking, erasure or destruction of personal data.

1. **Collection, administration and use of disability data**

Most of disability data are administrative in nature, currently, the Department of Health has the Philippine Registry of Persons with Disability that captures data on disability Identification Card issuances of local government units. Moreover, NCDA is building its own ICT infrastructure to support effective disability data collection from local government units, national agencies, non-government organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities.

1. **Indicators, including on the Sustainable Development Goals, Covid-19, disaggregated by disability in general/non-disability-specific data processes**

Disability indicators are already included in the Sustainable Development Goals related programs of concerned agencies. With regard to COVID-19 related programs and projects, local government units through PDAOs are monitoring the inclusion disability indicators.

1. **Measures undertaken to share public data and ensure access to data for PWDs, including dissemination of statistics, questionnaires, and metadata in accessible formats**

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is regularly publishing results of censuses and surveys related to disability. Further, the Council is working with the Department of Information and Communications Technology through the Sub-Committee on Data Collection to establish a disability data sharing platform among government agencies.

1. **Role of PWDs and their representative organizations in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all measures relating to data collection, analysis, use and dissemination.**

Concerned persons with disabilities through their representative organizations are invited to be part of the membership of different NCDA sub-committees including those that deals with different disability data collection mechanisms. Moreover, through the various Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAOs) throughout the country persons with disabilities are taking part of different initiatives pertaining to disability data collection.

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