Safeguarding Children’s Rights
Vision

All children enjoy their rights to survival, development, protection and participation in a peaceful, safe, gender-fair and sustainable environment

Mission

We commit to lead civil society efforts towards strengthening government accountability for children’s rights through systematic monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
Budget appropriations for child protection in both areas are low while there is no budget allocation for child participation. **CSOs play key roles in advocating for and implementing programs focused on child protection and child participation, as well as in enhancing capacities of front liners.**
Recommendations

1. Advocate for the increase of budget allocation and appropriations for child protection and child participation.
2. CSOs should prepare to also engage in all phases of the budget cycle. CSOs can also strengthen capacities of children in participatory planning and budgeting.
3. Invest and strengthen prevention programs. Budget for prevention programs must also be integrated in the budget under development and survival.
4. Regular monitoring and evaluation of programs and budget will facilitate gathering of lessons learned and improving programs and services for children.
5. Budget reporting for child-related allocations are good practices of both LGUs. The budget reporting can be further improved by reflecting actual expenditures (utilization) by programs, activities and projects (PAPs) against the budget to determine spending performance. The key budget indicators used in the study can be used to review the allocations and relative shares of child-focused PAPs to ensure progressive increase and better sharing of resources based on need.
6. The study also recommends regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the situation of children, particularly VAC through cost-effective survey (e.g. CBMS) and focused researches.
7. Set a benchmark for child protection
2019: 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC
Philippine Plan of Action to End Violence Against Children (PPAEVAC) 2017 - 2022

2019:
- PPAEVAC Localization Project in collaboration with the Council for the Welfare of Children and UNICEF
- Project areas: one city, one municipality, one province
- Conducted separate consultations with children, parents and guardians planning workshop with members of the Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC) in both areas.
- Engaged other CSOs working in the project areas
- Planning workshop sessions: Child Rights Situational Analysis, Gender, Child Participation, General Measures of Implementation, Public Investment in Children
- 2nd Round of workshop: M&E, Costing and Budgeting
Localization of the Philippine Plan of Action to End Violence Against Children

• Engaging different stakeholders (training team and participants)
• Introducing concepts and frameworks – INSPIRE, Budgeting for the Realization of Children’s Rights (GC 19), Standards of Meaningful Participation (GC 12)
• Understanding the context of children in different cities/municipalities/provinces
• Mapping of existing interventions and programs for children (prevention, response, rehabilitation programs)
• Engaging children and parents

Next Steps:
• Develop a localization guide
• Present the localization guide to members of CRC Coalition and relevant government agencies
• Roll out the PPAEVAC localization thru the Council for the Welfare of Children and CRC Coalition members
Maraming Salamat! Thank you!