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GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 27 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CY 1996 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (R.A. NO. 8174) ON GENDER RESPONSIVE PROJECTS

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the implementing guidelines to operationalize Section 27, General Provisions of R.A. No. 8174, CY 1996, General Appropriations Act.

1.2 To provide guidance for agencies to mobilize government resources to mainstream and operationalize gender and development in their programs, activities and projects (PAPs).

2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

2.1 Gender and Development (GAD) shall refer to the development perspective which recognizes the equal contribution of women and men in all aspects/sectors of development. Such a perspective involves the process of searching for new and innovative initiatives which help transform unequal gender relations into opportunities which equally/equitably benefit both men and women.

2.2 GAD-PAPs may be categorized as follows:

2.2.1 Gender Mainstreaming PAPs. These are efforts which integrate the GAD perspective in the development process such as (1) policy research which supports the formulation of gender-responsive policies and plan; (2) review of the gender-responsiveness of plans, policies, rules and procedures; (3) review and redesign of PAPs toward gender responsiveness; and (4) review of monitoring and evaluation procedures and indicators for gender-responsiveness.

2.2.2 Institutional Mechanisms for GAD. These include the establishment and or strengthening of agency mechanisms which integrate GAD in their functions and processes such as the establishment of gender-responsive database system, the conduct of gender sensitivity and gender-responsive planning and training and GAD Focal Point activities.

2.2.3 Women-Specific PAPs. These are efforts which directly benefit women including those which improve their access to basic services such as health education, credit, livelihood, housing and other services.

3. GENERAL GUIDELINES

3.1 Identification of GAD-PAPs

GAD projects and activities to be implemented by agencies shall be identified from their existing PAPs. For priority GAD projects and activities, agencies may refer to the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development 1995-2025 (PPGD) and the Philippine commitments in the Fourth World Conference on Women/Beijing Platform of Action. All GAD-PAPs identified must be consistent with agency functions and activities.

3.2 Budget

Agencies shall set aside a minimum of five (5) percent of their total appropriation to implement GAD projects and activities. The five (5) percent shall be aggregated from the total budget appropriated for the PAPs identified as gender responsive or component thereof, whichever is applicable. No additional fund shall be released to agencies for the purpose.

3.3 Evaluation and Monitoring

The list of GAD-PAPs identified shall be submitted by agencies to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for evaluation and monitoring.

4. *SPECIFIC GUIDELINES*

4.1 Identification of GAD-PAPs

Agencies shall review their existing PAPs and identify specific PAPs or component thereof which are GAD-responsive. The identification process shall be guided by the three GAD-PAP categories identified in item 2.2 hereof.

Agencies shall mainstream GAD in all phases of the development cycle from planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This could be introduced in any one of the major agency programs preferably the centerpiece program of the agency and those supportive of the Social Reform Agenda. GAD mainstreaming PAPs may include the following:

4.1.1 Review of Plans, Policies, Rules and Procedures

Agencies could mainstream GAD in the formulation/updating of agency or sector plans. This will involve the study of differentiating effect of plans, policies, rules and procedures on women and men and determine whether such inadvertently exclude women participation or their benefiting therefrom.

This should result to the conduct of activities geared towards formulating or reformulating plans, policies, rules and procedures which would correct such gender bias.

4.1.2 Review and or Redesign of Programs and Projects

Agencies could review existing programs and projects to determine their gender-responsiveness. The process should ensure that programs and projects will be made to address gender issues and concerns within the sectoral concern of the agency.