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FOREWORD

This Glossary on Violence against Women and Children and Other Related Concepts was developed to promote a common understanding and interpretation of statistics on violence against women and children. It consists of two parts: (1) Violence against Women; and (2) Violence against Children. Some of the terms included in the publication refer to both women and men, but were defined to refer only to women as victims.

One of the major activities of the Project on the Development of a Methodology to Generate Statistics on Violence against Women and Children (VAWC) is the standardization of concepts and definitions related to the generation of statistics on VAWC. As part of the terms of reference of the Task Force to Generate Statistics on Violence against Women and Children (TF-VAWC) created by the Project, the TF-VAWC reviewed and finalized this Glossary. The TF-VAWC is composed of members from the following agencies:

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The concepts and definitions presented in this publication conforms with the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and related Philippine laws on the rights of women and children, such as the Revised Penal Code (RPC), Republic Act (RA) 7877, RA 8353, RA 7610, and RA 7658. Also, each of the terms defined in this Glossary used various sources such as articles of the RPC as well as other relevant publications as basis in coming up with a final definition.

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GLOSSARY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OTHER RELATED CONCEPTS

I. Violence against Women

Basic Terms

GENDER – the socially learned behavior and expectations associated with the two sexes. It also refers to the socially differentiated roles and characteristics attributed by a given culture to women and men.

SEX – the genetic and physical or biological identity of a person, which indicates whether one is male or female.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – an act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life. It encompasses all forms of violation of women's rights, including threats and reprisals, exploitation, harassment, and other forms of control.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – physical, sexual, and psychological violence occurring in the family/household. It may be classified as wife battering, wife assault, woman abuse, marital violence, wife cruelty, and family violence.

SEX DISCRIMINATION - any distinction, exclusion, restriction or bias made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise of women of human rights and fundamental freedom in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.

VAW Forms

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE – an act of inflicting physical injuries, parricide, homicide, frustrated parricide, murder or homicide, infanticide, and abortion.

SEXUAL ABUSE – an act, which is sexual in nature, committed against a woman without her consent. Sexual abuses include but are not limited to the following: rape, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness; treating a woman as a sex object; making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks; physically attacking the sexual parts of her body; forcing her to watch pornographic video shows or see pornographic materials; catching the husband having sex with another woman in the marital bedroom; forcing the wife and mistress to sleep with the husband in the same room.

PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE – an act or behavior committed against a woman, which destroys belief in her self, demeans, disempowers, and causes mental and emotional disturbance. This includes but is not limited to: verbal abuse, economic abuse, accusation of infidelity, prolonged silence, taking children away from her, ordering the woman out of the house, infidelity of the partner, threats and coercion and sexual harassment.

Physical Violence

BATTERING – an act of inflicting physical harm on a woman resulting to physical and psychological/emotional distress preventing her from doing what she wishes or forcing her to behave in a manner that is unacceptable to her.

ASSAULT – an attempt or threat to inflict injury upon a woman, when coupled with an apparent present ability to do so and any intentional display of force such as would give her reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm. It may be committed without actually touching, striking, or doing bodily harm to her.

PHYSICAL INJURY –

- a) Serious Physical Injury - an act by any person who shall wound, beat or assault a woman, shall be guilty of the crime of serious physical injuries if the consequences of the physical injuries inflicted on the woman shall have caused any of the following: a) become insane, imbecile, impotent or blind; b) have lost the use of speech or the power to hear or to smell, or shall have lost an eye, a hand, a foot, an arm or a leg, or shall have lost the use of any such member, or shall have become incapacitated for the work in which she is habitually engaged; c) become deformed, or shall have lost any part of her body, or shall have lost the use thereof, or shall have been ill or incapacitated for the performance of the work in which she is habitually engaged for a period of more than 90 days; d) have caused the illness or incapacity for labor of the injured woman for more than 30 days;

- b) Administering Injurious Substances or Beverages - an act by any person who, without intent to kill, shall inflict upon a woman any serious physical injury, by knowingly administering to her any injurious substances or beverages or by taking advantage of her weakness of mind or credulity;

Less Serious Physical Injury - an act by any person who shall inflict upon a woman physical injuries not described in Articles 262-264, but which shall incapacitate the woman for labor for ten days or more, or shall require medical attendance for the same period;

- c) Slight Physical Injury and Maltreatment - an act by any person who shall inflict upon a woman physical injuries, which: a) shall incapacitate the woman for labor from one to nine days, or shall require medical attendance during the same period; b) do not prevent the woman from engaging in her habitual work nor require medical attendance; c) when the offender shall ill-treat another by deed without causing any injury.

MUTILATION – an act of intentionally depriving a woman, either totally or partially, of some essential organ of reproduction or any other part of her body.

COERCION -

- a) Grave Coercion - an act of violence, threat or intimidation done by any person who, without any authority of law, prevents a woman from doing something not prohibited by law, or compel her to do something against her will, whether it be right or wrong.
- b) Light Coercion - an act committed by any person who, by means of violence, shall seize anything belonging to a woman debtor for the purpose of applying the same to the payment of the debt

FORCED LABOR AND SLAVERY-LIKE PRACTICES - an act of extracting of work or services from a woman, or the appropriation of the legal identity or physical person of a woman by means of violence or threat of violence, abuse of authority or dominant position, debt-bondage, and deception.

FORCIBLE ABDUCTION - an act of taking away or grabbing a woman against her will with lewd designs.

WIFE CRUELTY - physical, sexual and psychological violence committed by a man against his legal wife, common-law wife, or live-in woman partner.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF – an act of causing damage to a woman obstructing her to perform public functions, or using any poisonous or corrosive substance on her.

Sexual Abuse

RAPE - an act committed:

- a. By a man who shall have carnal knowledge of a woman under any of the following circumstances:
 - i) through force, threat or intimidation;
 - ii) when the woman is deprived of reason, or otherwise unconscious;
 - iii) by means of fraudulent machination or grave abuse of authority; and
 - iv) when the offended party is under 12 years of age or is demented, even though none of the circumstances mentioned above be present

- b) By any person who, under any of the circumstances mentioned in par. 1 hereof, shall commit an act of sexual assault by inserting the penis into a woman's mouth or anal orifice, or any instrument, object, or any other part of the body such as fingers or toes into the genital or anal orifice of a woman.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT - any unwanted or uninvited sexual attention that creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment in the school or workplace. It usually occurs when the harasser is in a position of power or authority over the woman victim. It can also occur in the streets and public places when men ogle, whistle, or make obscene or degrading remarks and gestures directed at women and young girls.

ACTS OF LASCIVIOUSNESS - acts that are lascivious in nature, which include but are not limited to intentional touching, either direct or through clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks; or the introduction of any object into the genitalia, anus or mouth of a woman with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person; bestiality; masturbation; lascivious exhibition of the genital or pubic area of a person, etc.

SEXUAL ASSAULT - an act of causing or attempting to cause a woman to engage involuntarily in any sexual act by force, threat of force, or duress.

CONCUBINAGE – an act of keeping a mistress in the conjugal dwelling, or shall have sexual intercourse, under scandalous circumstances, with a woman who is not his wife, or shall cohabit with her in any other place, shall be punished by prison correccional in its minimum and medium periods.

SEX TOURISM - a program organized by travel and tourism-related establishments and individuals, which consists of tourism packages or activities utilizing and offering escort and sexual services of women as enticement for tourists. This includes such services and practices offered during rest and recreation periods for members of the military.

WHITE SLAVE TRADE - any person who, in any manner, or under any pretext shall engage in the business or shall profit by prostitution or shall enlist the services of any other for the purpose of prostitution.

PROSTITUTION - the sale, purchase and exchange of a woman's body for sexual exploitation for cash, profit or other considerations/favors.

INVOLUNTARY PROSTITUTION - refers to victims who were recruited for various forms of employment such as receptionists, waitresses, entertainers, dancers, household help who are later on forced into prostitution.

TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN - the act of recruiting and transporting a woman within and across national borders for work or services by means of violence or threat of violence, abuse of authority or dominant position, debt-bondage, deception or other forms of coercion.

MAIL-ORDER BRIDE SCHEME - the process of matching for a fee, profit or any material or economic consideration, Filipino women for marriage to foreign nationals through the use of the postal services, tri-media, new information technology, and various modes of recruitment and advertising activities.

Psychological Violence

ECONOMIC ABUSE - denial of access/control over economic resources. This includes but is not limited to: denial or withdrawal of financial support, prohibiting the woman to get a job, forcing the woman to get a job to support the family while her partner refuses to get a job of his own, control over conjugal finances, using family money for his vices, destroying household property, and other abuses that pertain to economic conditions.

VERBAL ABUSE - use of degrading or insulting words resulting to loss of self-esteem, public humiliation, and loss of public dignity.

THREAT -

- a) Grave Threat – an expression and manifestation to do an act constituting a crime against the personhood, honor, and property of the woman victim and her family.
- b) Light Threat – an expression and manifestation to commit a wrong, not constituting a crime, against a woman.

Other Related Terms

ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT - refers to victims who were recruited usually for a fee for various forms of local or foreign employment but ended up being victimized, i.e., no job placement were effected or who actually job-placed but under exploitative/oppressive conditions (low salaries, long hours of work, etc.) and have lost their jobs.

MAIL-ORDER BRIDE - Filipino women matched for marriage to foreign nationals for a fee, profit or any material or economic consideration, through the use of the postal services, tri-media, new information technology, and various modes of recruitment and advertising activities.

TRAFFICKING THROUGH RECRUITMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT – the acts involving fraudulent recruitment and transportation of a woman within and across borders for work or employment resulting in slavery-like conditions and or sexual servitude.

II. Child Abuse

Basic Terms

CHILD - a person below 18 years of age, or over 18 years of age but is unable to fully take care of herself/himself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition.

CHILD ABUSE – the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of a child, which includes any of the following:

- a) Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
- b) Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
- c) Unreasonable deprivation of the her/his basic needs for survival such as food and shelter;
- d) Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of her/his growth and development or in her/his permanent incapacity or death.

Forms of Child Abuse

CHILD LABOR - the illegal employment of children below 15 years old, or those below 18 years old in hazardous occupation.

PEDOPHILIA – an act of psycho-sexual perversion deriving gratification from child sexual abuse.

Child Sexual Abuse

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - the employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of a child to engage in or assist another person to engage in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, or the molestation, prostitution, or incest with children.

RAPE - an act committed:

- a. By a man who shall have carnal knowledge of a child under any of the following circumstances:
 - i) through force, threat or intimidation;
 - ii) when the child is deprived of reason, or otherwise unconscious;
 - iii) by means of fraudulent machination or grave abuse of authority; and
 - iv) when the offended party is under 12 years of age or is demented, even though none of the circumstances mentioned above be present.
- b. By any person who, under any of the circumstances mentioned in par. 1 hereof, shall commit an act of sexual assault by inserting the penis into a child's mouth or anal orifice, or any instrument, object, or any other part of the body such as fingers or toes into the genital or anal orifice of a child.

INCEST - sexual abuse committed against a child by a person who is related to her/him within fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity and who exercises influence, authority or moral ascendancy over her/him.

COMMERCIAL/SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN – the hiring, employment, persuasion, inducement, or coercion of a child to perform prostitution and in obscene exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in publications or pornographic materials, or to sell or distribute said materials.

CHILD PROSTITUTION - a practice where children, whether male or female, who for money, profit, or any other consideration, or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or group, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct.

CHILD TRAFFICKING - the act of trading or dealing with children, including but not limited to, the buying and selling of children for money, or for any other consideration, or barter.

ACTS OF LASCIVIOUSNESS - acts that are lascivious in nature, which include but are not limited to intentional touching, either direct or through clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks; or the introduction of any object into the genitalia, anus or mouth of any child whether of the same or opposite sex with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person; bestiality; masturbation; lascivious exhibition of the genital or pubic area of a person, etc.

SIMPLE SEDUCTION - an illicit sexual intercourse committed against a child who is over 12 but under 18 years of age committed by means of deceit and persuasion.

QUALIFIED SEDUCTION - an illicit sexual intercourse committed through persuasion of a child over 12 and under 18 years of age by a person in public authority, priest, home servant, domestic, guardian, teacher, or any person, who, in any capacity shall be entrusted with the education or custody of the child seduced.

Other Forms of Child Abuse

CRUELTY - an act by word or deed which desists, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being. Discipline administered by a parent or legal guardian to a child does not constitute cruelty provided it is reasonable in manner and moderate in degree and does not constitute physical or psychological injury as defined herein.

PHYSICAL INJURY - an act that includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe injury or serious bodily harm suffered by a child. This may be classified into slight physical injury, less serious physical injury, or serious physical injury.

PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY - harm to a child's psychological or intellectual functioning which may be exhibited by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or outward aggressive behavior, or a combination of said behaviors, which may be demonstrated by a change in behavior, emotional response or cognition.

NEGLECT - failure to provide, for reasons other than poverty, adequate food, clothing, shelter, basic education or medical care so as to seriously endanger the physical, mental, social and emotional growth and development of the child.

Other Related Terms

PEDOPHILE - person with psycho-sexual perversion deriving gratification from child sexual abuse.

WORKING CHILDREN - those below 18 years of age, who are employed in any public or private establishment whether or not they are directly under the responsibility of their parents.

SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILD – a victim or survivor of child sexual abuse.

CHILDREN IN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES (CEDC) OR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION - children who are abandoned, neglected, abused and exploited, disabled, victims of prostitution and pedophiles, runaways, delinquents, youth offenders and

drug dependents, street children, working children, children in situation of armed conflict, children in cultural communities, and children victims of natural disasters.

CHILDREN IN SITUATION OF ARMED CONFLICT (CSAC) - children who are: a) members of displaced families as a result of armed conflict; b) physically weakened, orphaned or disabled as a result of armed conflict; c) combatants and those mobilized for other armed conflict-related activities; and d) disrupted from schooling due to armed conflict.

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