



Beijing Platform for Action + 20 PHILIPPINES

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Women and Poverty

Numbers Speak

- ☺ Philippine economy growth reached 7.7% in the first quarter of 2013
- ☺ Poverty incidence declined to 24.9% in first semester of 2013
- ☹ Low probability of bringing down to 17.2% the portion of Filipinos earning less than a dollar a day by 2015
- ☹ One out of five Filipino families remained poor as of 2012 according to PSA

Key Policies and Programs Adopted

Convergence Strategy through harmonized complementary anti-poverty programs:

- National Community-Driven Development Program (NCDDP)
- Conditional Cash Transfer Program (CCT) also known as Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
- Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP)

Other anti-poverty programs targeting different vulnerable sectors:

- Kabuhayan Program (DOLE) with a total of 112,026 women beneficiaries or 27% of total beneficiaries as of Dec. 2013
- Micro Finance Program (PCFC): increasing trend in female borrowers
- Promoting the increase in micro-insurance coverage through more financial literacy campaigns and through the development of more micro-insurance products especially those that reduce agricultural and disaster risks
- Rural agricultural programs for poor farmers through improved access to land, better land tenure credit support to farmer productivity and participation in farmer organizations
- Core Shelter Assistance Program and Cash/Food for Work Project for Internally Displaced Persons to support victims of calamities who are poor

BPfA strategic objectives

- A.1. Review, adopt and maintain macroeconomic policies and development strategies that address the needs and efforts of women in poverty
- A.2. Revise laws and administrative practices to ensure women's equal rights and access to economic resources
- A.3. Provide women with access to savings and credit mechanisms and institutions
- A.4. Develop gender-based methodologies and conduct research to address the feminization of poverty