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The Girl-child

Numbers Speak

-  43.9% of the total Philippine population belongs to the age group 0-9 years; 48.6% of them are girls
-  Girls continue to fare better than boys in education but high dropout rates especially among boys is a concern
-  Data show that among indigenous girls, only 10% finished elementary, 5% finished high school, 20% have no formal education or are classified illiterate

Key Policies and Programs Adopted

- Executive Order 138 (2013) establishes the Monitoring, Reporting and Response system (MRRS) for Grave Child Rights Violations in Situations of Armed Conflict such as :



1. Killing and maiming of children
2. Recruitment and use of children
3. Attack on schools and hospitals
4. Abduction of children
5. Rape and other grave sexual violence against children
6. Denial of humanitarian access

- The government, through the Council for the Welfare of Children has also started monitoring the issue of cyber pornography in coordination with the Inter-Agency Councils Against Child Pornography and Trafficking (IACACP and IACAT)
- The Child Protection Policy (2012) issued by DepEd defined the scope of discrimination against children
- With the enactment of RA10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act, the Philippines is one of the first countries to implement an anti-bullying act in the world

BPfA strategic objectives

- L.1. Eliminate all forms of discrimination against the girl-child
- L.2. Eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against girls
- L.3. Promote and protect the rights of the girl-child and increase awareness of her needs and potentials
- L.4. Eliminate discrimination against girls in education, skills development and training
- L.5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition
- L.6. Eliminate the economic exploitation of child labor and protect young girls at work
- L.7. Eradicate violence against the girl-child
- L.8. Promote the girl-child's awareness and participation in social, economic and political life
- L.9. Strengthen the role of family in improving the status of the girl-child