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Violence Against Women

Numbers Speak

 **The National Demographic Health Survey (NDHS) 2013 reports the prevalence of violence experienced by women age 15-49 (sample size-9,316 women):**

1 in every 5 women experienced physical violence since age 15


4% of women have experienced violence during pregnancy

6% of women experienced sexual violence; 4% had their first experience of sexual intercourse forced against their will

18% of married women experienced sexual or physical violence by a husband

49% of women experience violence when their husbands get drunk

 **Human trafficking cases has declined in the past years but victims remain to be predominantly women**

 **Records show a sharp rise in conviction of human trafficking cases in the last five years. As of Jan. 2014 there are 176 convictions involving 198 convicted persons, 85% of the total no. of convictions were recorded from 2010 to 2014**

 **Most of the convicted human traffickers were involved in sex and cyber-sex trade preying on the poor by force, fraud or through a promise of big money**

 **From Jan.-Dec. 2014, PNP recorded 46,786 VAW cases vs. 23,815 the previous year, of these, RA 9262 cases reached 31,937 mostly reported in Regions 11 and 6. The no. of rape cases also rose to 2,010 cases versus 1,259 in 2013**

Key Policies and Programs adopted

- Formulation of national action plans of the Inter-agency Council on Violence Against Women (IACVAWC) and Inter-agency Committee Against Trafficking (IACAT) to guide the government in their efforts to curb trafficking and address violence against women

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Key Policies and Programs Adopted

- Development of Guide books and assessment tools for service providers addressing VAW:



Barangay (Village) VAW Desk Handbook

Performance Standards and Assessment Tool in Gender-sensitive Handling of VAW Cases for local officials, social workers, health workers, police and prosecutors

Gender-sensitive Case Management Manual for social workers

- Protective services through the Center-based and Community-based Services for WAW victim-survivors
- Residential care facilities and rape crisis centers where protective services can be availed by the victim-survivors of VAW in different parts of the Philippines
- Mechanism of cooperation between investigators and prosecutors which has led to more organized investigations and has increased the number of convictions of perpetrators of human trafficking.
- Inclusion of Anti-Sexual harassment Law requirements in the Labor Laws Compliance Checklist.
- Recovery and Reintegration Programs for Trafficked persons.



Recent VAW Related Laws:

RA 9775 Anti-Child Pornography (2009)

RA 9995 Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act (2009)

RA 10398 November 25 as National Consciousness Day to Eliminate VAW (2013)

RA 10364 Expanded Anti-trafficking in Persons Act (2013)

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