



Country: Philippines
Initiation Plan

Project Title: Strengthening Women's Rights in the Philippines

Expected CP/UNDAF Outcome(s): 3: Capacities of duty-bearers and claimholders will have been strengthened to promote human rights, inclusivity, integrity, and the rule of law in governance.

Initiation Plan Start Date: 2 November 2017

Initiation Plan End Date: 2 March 2017

Implementing Partner: UNDP

Brief Description

While **women** make up over half of the population and provide significant contribution to society, a disparity remains in terms of the fulfilment of their needs and the services and protections afforded to them by the government. This trend clearly underscores that educated women in the country remain seriously under-tapped in the country's growing economy. While the SDGs represent an opportunity to mainstream gender concerns not on in Goal ^ of gender equality, but also use those targets to reach other goals on water, health, education, employment etc. Another pressing concern is the continued violence against women in the country which manifests the lack of protection afforded to women, and the weak justice system..¹ In this respect, this initiation plan will conduct research and dialogues to help establish and inform a wider programme that seeks to promote women's rights in the Philippines through i) strengthening gender justice and ii) mainstreaming gender concerns in national and local plans.

Programme Period:	2012-2018	Total resources required	USD 70,000
Atlas Award ID:x	_____	Total allocated resources:	USD 70,000 ✓
PAC Meeting Date	<u>MA</u>	• Regular	USD 70,000 ✓
		• Other:	
		o Donor	_____
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		o Donor	_____
		o Government	_____
		Unfunded budget:	_____
		In-kind Contributions	_____

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I. PURPOSE

While women make up over half of the population and provide significant contribution to society, a disparity remains in terms of the fulfilment of their needs and the services and protections afforded to them by the government. This trend clearly underscores that educated women in the country remain seriously under-tapped in the country's growing economy. While the SDGs represent an opportunity to mainstream gender concerns not on in Goal 5 to achieve gender equality, but also use those targets to reach other goals on water, health, education, employment etc. Another pressing concern is the continued violence against women in the country which manifests the lack of protection afforded to women, and the weak justice system. There is therefore much scope for a broader UNDP programme that strengthens women's rights in the Philippines. There is much opportunity to do so, given two important initiatives that are currently being launched.

The first opportunity is the ASEAN 2025 which will generate action plans and strategies to engender and mainstream gender perspectives in the three pillars of ASEAN. This would be an opportunity to ensure that gender justice, and particularly women's justice is indicated as an important component of the plan, therefore following through on past work UNDP has done with the Supreme Court through the previous project: Making Justice Work for the Marginalized.

The second opportunity is the Duterte Administration's new framework plan on gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) that shall be formulated. The new GEWE plan, which will cover the period 2018-2022, will concretize the gender-responsive provisions of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), 2017-2022, and will serve as its accompanying Gender Equality Guiding Plan. Anchored on the PDP, it shall also be geared towards the attainment of the *Ambisyon Natin 2040*, which articulates the Filipino people's collective vision of a *matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay para sa lahat*; as well as the attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal No. 5 on Achieving Gender Equality. Furthermore, it will serve as roadmap in fulfilling the President's and his administration's commitment, as emphasized during his two State of the Nation Addresses, to fully implement Republic Act No. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) from the national to the barangay level. The implementation of the MCW also fulfils the Philippine Government's commitment as State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Together with other policy frameworks on GEWE, the framework plan that will be crafted shall serve as guide in the preparation of the Gender and Development (GAD) Plans and Budgets (GPB) of national government agencies (NGAs) and local government units (LGUs), and the gender-responsive design and implementation of government policies, programs, and projects, thus placing UNDP in a unique position to launch a coordinated programme that can monitor and support implementation of these plans.

This effort will be driven by the SDG localization programme, and with close coordination with UN WOMEN, ensure that the gender equality dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs are mainstreamed in the plan.

II. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The expected output of the programme is a programme document enriched by a **compilation of baseline studies and multistakeholder consultations conducted to help enrich baseline knowledge of, and create entry points for, the mainstreaming of women’s concerns in the ASEAN 2025 action plans and Medium-Term Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Plan 2018-2022.**

The specific activities are as follows:

1.1 Conduct gender justice studies and dialogue to promote gender concerns in the ASEAN 2025 framework: The first activity is the 1st Southeast Asian Women’s Summit organised by WAGI of Miriam College. The Summit will generate a comprehensive agenda in identifying strategic issues of women within the framework of ASEAN 2025 and generate action plans and strategies to engender and mainstream gender perspectives in the three pillars of ASEAN.

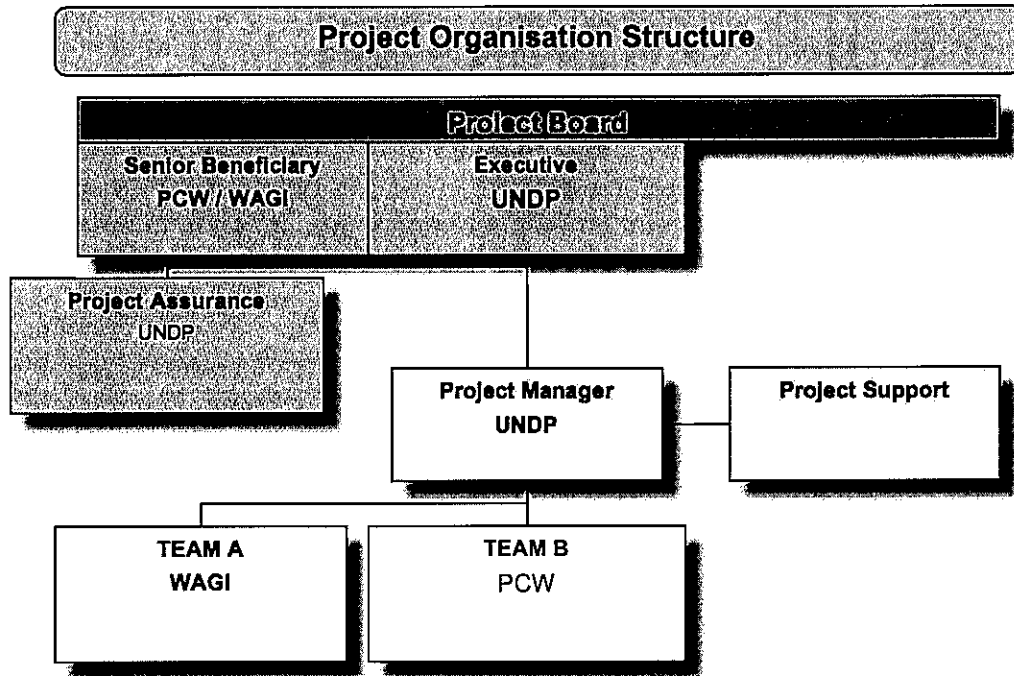
WAGI will also take off from the UNDP Assessment of the Capacity of the Pillars of the Philippine Criminal Justice System in its conduct of a gender assessment in the five pillars of the Philippine Criminal Justice System. This will include a comprehensive review of literature, a conduct of a focus group discussion/consultation with relevant agencies, and preliminary interviews with key informants for one case study either in Southern or Central Luzon. The assessment is expected to enhance the action plans and strategies to promote gender justice under the ASEAN 2025 framework.

1.2 Conduct gender baseline studies to mainstream the SDGs in the Medium-Term Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Plan 2018-2022 The Medium Term GEWE Plan 2018-2022 will be the fifth gender-focused plan to be formulated by the Philippines since 1989; previous plans are the Philippine Development Plan for Women (PDPW 1989–1992), the Philippine Plan for Gender Responsive Development (PPGD 1995– 2025), the Framework Plan for Women (FPW 2004–2010) and the Women Empowerment, Development and Gender Equality Plan 2013-2016 which expired last year. Starting October this year, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) will roll out the process of crafting the medium term plan and is gearing towards conducting regional and sectoral consultations nationwide towards producing a baseline that is consistent with the indicators and targets of the SDGs. The major goal is to make the plan responsive to the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 and the Ambisyon 2040 Long Term Plan of the Philippines as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs. It is envisioned that the plan will guide NGAs and LGUs in localizing the gender equality dimensions of the SDGs and therefore the process is made part of and aligned with the SDG localization programme of UNDP. Together with UN WOMEN, UNDP will support PCW in the conduct of consultations with multiple stakeholders. UNDP will also assist PCW in the engagement of a consultant/consultancy group and the finalization of the plan for approval by the commission.

It is expected that after the conduct of these two activities, there will be an appropriate baseline and opportunities to ensure that the gender concerns articulated in the national and local plans are implemented through a wider programme.

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

UNDP shall directly implement the project. The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Women and gender Institute (WAGI) of Miriam College shall carry out the activities via a letter of agreement and direct contract.



IV. MONITORING

A Progress Report will be prepared at the end of the 4-month initiation plan. The report will describe the progress of the project in achieving the outputs and activities outlined in the work plan. The report will also include documentations of any workshops or dialogues organized in support of the achievement of the project output, as well as an evaluation report consolidating participants' feedback on the quality and effectiveness of the activities conducted.

To promote women's rights in the Philippines through i) strengthening gender justice and ii) mainstreaming gender concerns in national and local plans, the project will be monitored in accordance with programming and operations policies and procedures of UNDP. They are as follows:

- Annual Review Report. An Annual Review Report shall be prepared by the Project Manager and shared with the Project Board and the Outcome Board. As minimum requirement, the Annual Review Report shall consist of the Atlas standard format for the QPR covering the whole year with updated information for each above element of the QPR as well as a summary of results achieved against pre-defined annual targets at the output level.

V. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: 2017 and 2018

EXPECTED OUTPUT <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	2017				2018		RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Funding Source		Budget Description	Amount (USD)	
Output 1: project document enriched by a compilation of baseline studies and multistakeholder consultations conducted to help enrich baseline knowledge of, and create entry points for, the mainstreaming of women's concerns in the ASEAN 2025 action plan and Medium-Term Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Plan 2018-2022.	1.1 Conduct gender justice studies and dialogue to promote gender concerns in the ASEAN 2025 framework				x	x	WAGI	UNDP	Local Consultant Travel Learning Costs Supplies	4,006.00 25,304.00 4,103.00 16,587.00	
Baseline: Gender justice and SDG concerns not reflected in ASEAN 2025 plan and Medium Term Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Plan. Indicators: Number of gender plans that seek to fulfill gender justice and SDGs. Targets: 2	1.2 Conduct gender baseline studies to mainstream the SDGs in the Medium-Term Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Plan 2018-2022						PCW	UNDP	Local Consultant Learning Costs	7,850.00 12,150.00	
TOTAL										70,000.00	

