



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN**  
*"National Machinery for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment"*

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2014-05**

**TO:** Heads of Executive Departments, Agencies, Bureaus, Agencies, Offices, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Government Owned and/or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Legislative and Judiciary Branches, Constitutional Bodies, and All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT:** **Adoption and Generation of Data Support to the Magna Carta of Women Indicators**

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The Magna Carta of Women (Republic Act 9710) seeks to eliminate discrimination against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women and mandates all government instrumentalities to adopt gender mainstreaming as a strategy for implementing the law and attaining its objectives. One of the institutional mechanisms for gender mainstreaming prescribed by the law is the development and maintenance of a Gender and Development (GAD) database containing gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data. This provision recalls Resolution No. 8, series of 1994 issued by the National Statistical Coordination Board (now Philippine Statistics Authority) directing "all government agencies to promote gender concerns in the production and dissemination of statistics for planning and policy/decision-making purposes."

To facilitate the monitoring of RA 9710, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) developed two sets of indicators: Women's Empowerment (WE) indicators and Gender Mainstreaming (GM) indicators. The WE indicators pertain to the Rights and Empowerment of Women provisions while the GM indicators pertain to institutional mechanisms for gender mainstreaming per Sections 37 to 43 of the IRR.

PCW shall reference and analyze the data and information on the MCW indicators in its assessment of results and impact of agency compliance, in fulfilment of its mandate to report to Congress on the implementation of the law. The data will also inform PCW's monitoring and assessment of the government's compliance to the President's Social Contract #13, which commits to transform the government "from a lack of concern for gender disparities and shortfalls, to the promotion of equal gender opportunity in all spheres of public policies and programs."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Retrieved from the Official Gazette Online: <http://www.gov.ph/about/gov/exec/bsaiii/platform-of-government/>

In this regard, all government agencies mandated to implement provisions of the MCW and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) are enjoined to generate timely, accurate and sex-disaggregated data support to the MCW indicators (attached to this Memorandum Circular) according to the following:

1. Agencies shall regularly collect and generate sex-disaggregated data and statistics in support of the MCW indicators relevant to their agency. Such data shall be stored and maintained in the agency's GAD database or similar system, updated as needed, and used in their policy and program development to address gender issues in their respective sectors, particularly in the preparation of their annual GAD plans and budgets and accomplishment reports;
2. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), as the central statistical authority of the government on primary data collection, is enjoined to sustain its support to the generation of data/information on the MCW indicators consistent with its mandate to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters pursuant to Republic Act 10625, otherwise known as the "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013;"
3. As the mandated agency, PCW shall gather and consolidate agency data for the MCW indicators for its preparation of compliance reports, specifically for its next reporting period in December 2015, and every three years thereafter; and
4. Necessary resources for the collection, generation and maintenance of data on the MCW indicators shall be charged to the agency's annual GAD budget following existing guidelines set by PCW, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

For compliance.

  
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