

[REPUBLIC ACT 8174]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY SIX AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

“Sec. 27. *Gender-Responsive Projects.* – All departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall set aside a minimum amount of five percent (5%) out of their 1996 appropriations to be used for projects designed to address gender issues in accordance with R.A. No. 7192.

The concerned departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall submit reports to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women through the Department of Budget and Management, indicating the amounts utilized to implement such Gender-responsive projects and activities.

The implementation of this Section shall be in accordance with the guidelines to be jointly issued by the National Economic and Development Authority and the Department of Budget and Management.”

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DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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To : Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies and Instrumentalities of the National Government Including State Universities and Colleges and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations

Subject : **GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 27 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CY 1996 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (R.A. NO. 8174) ON GENDER RESPONSIVE PROJECTS**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide the implementing guidelines to operationalize Section 27, General Provisions of R.A. No. 8174, CY 1996, General Appropriations Act.
- 1.2. To provide guidance for agencies to mobilize government resources to mainstream and operationalize gender and development in their programs, activities and projects (PAPs).

2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

2.1 **Gender and Development** (GAD) shall refer to the development perspective which recognizes the equal contribution of women and men in all aspects/sectors of development. Such a perspective involves the process of searching for new and innovative initiatives which help transform unequal gender relations into opportunities which equally/equitably benefit both men and women.

2.2 GAD-PAPs may be categorized as follows:

2.2.1 **Gender Mainstreaming PAPs.** These are efforts which integrate the GAD perspective in the development process such as (1) policy research which supports the formulation of gender-responsive policies and plans; (2) review of the gender-responsiveness of plans, policies, rules and procedures; (3) review and redesign of PAPs toward gender responsiveness; and (4) review of monitoring and evaluation procedures and indicators for gender-responsiveness.

2.2.2 **Institutional Mechanisms for GAD.** These include the establishment and or strengthening of agency mechanisms which integrate GAD in their functions and processes such as the establishment of gender-responsive

database system, the conduct of gender sensitivity and gender-responsive planning and training and GAD Focal Point activities.

- 2.2.3 **Women-Specific PAPs**. These are efforts which directly benefit women including those which improve their access to basic services such as health, education, credit, livelihood, housing and other services.

3. GENERAL GUIDELINES

3.1 Identification of GAD-PAPs

GAD projects and activities to be implemented by agencies shall be identified from their existing PAPs. For priority GAD projects and activities, agencies may refer to the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development 1995-2025 (PPGD) and the Philippine commitments in the Fourth World Conference on Women/Beijing Platform of Action. All GAD-PAPs identified must be consistent with agency functions and activities.

3.2 Budget

Agencies shall set aside a minimum of five (5) percent of their total appropriation to implement GAD projects and activities. The five (5) percent shall be aggregated from the total budget appropriated for the PAPs identified as gender responsive or component thereof, whichever is applicable. No additional fund shall be released to agencies for the purpose.

3.3. Evaluation and Monitoring

The list of GAD-PAPs identified shall be submitted by agencies to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for evaluation and monitoring.

4 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

4.1 Identification of GAD-PAPs

Agencies shall review their existing PAPs and identify specific PAPs or component thereof which are GAD-responsive. The identification process shall be guided by the three GAD-PAP categories identified in Item 2.2 hereof.

Agencies shall mainstream GAD in all phases of the development cycle from planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This could be introduced in any one of the major agency programs preferably the centerpiece program of the agency and those supportive of the Social Reform Agenda. GAD-mainstreaming PAPs may include the following:

4.1.1 Review of Plans, Policies, Rules and Procedures

Agencies could mainstream GAD in the formulation/updating of agency or sector plans. This will involve the study of the differentiating effect of plans, policies, rules and procedures on women and men and determine whether such inadvertently exclude women participation or their benefiting there from.

This should result to the conduct of activities geared towards formulating or reformulating plans, policies, rules and procedures which would correct such gender bias.

4.1.2 Review and or Redesign of Programs and Projects

Agencies could review existing programs and projects to determine their gender-responsiveness. The process should ensure that programs and projects will be made to address gender issues and concerns within the sectoral concern of the agency.

4.1.3 Strengthening Institutional Capabilities for Addressing Gender Issues

Agencies could conduct activities towards institutionalizing their capacity for GAD through the (1) conduct of training/seminars/workshops on gender-sensitivity and gender-responsive planning; (2) establishment of gender-responsive data base system including the generation of information pertinent to such data base; (3) conduct of GAD strategic or operational planning activities; and (4) activities supportive of the Career Advancement Program for Women in Governmental Service (CAPWING), among others.

4.1.4 Women-Specific PAPs

This may include PAPs which directly benefit women such as those which improve their access to basic services, reduce women's multiple burden and workload, improve their health and increase their productivity and income. Agency operations and delivery of services could be redirected to specific women group or sector beneficiary.

4.1.5 **Review of Monitoring and Evaluation Procedures and Indicators**

This PAPA should determine the appropriate mechanism by which existing monitoring and evaluation system can capture the gender-responsiveness of plans, policies, programs, activities and projects. This may include research activities for developing gender-responsive indicators, forms and reports and criteria for monitoring and evaluation.

4.2 **Budgeting**

4.2.1 Funding for the implementation of GAD-PAPs shall come from the appropriations set aside for the purpose in accordance with Section 27 of R.A. No. 8174.

4.2.2 The total budget set aside for gender-responsive projects shall be determined from the aggregation of the total budget appropriated for the identified PAPA. Where only a component of a PAPA is identified as gender-responsive, agencies shall determine the cost of such component from the total appropriation of said PAPA.

4.3 **Monitoring and Evaluation**

4.3.1 Agencies shall submit a semestral Implementation Report on the identified GAD-PAPs to NCRFW copy furnished DBM and NEDA every third week of February and August of each year pursuant to R.A. No. 7192.

4.3.2 The report shall include information on the targetted and actual accomplishments and the amount allocated and disbursed for each identified GAD-PAPA.

4.3.3 Agencies with regional and local extension or field offices shall ensure that the benefits of GAD activities shall reach grassroot levels.

5.0 **EFFECTIVITY**

This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately.

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