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Social Pension Region VI
2012 Annual report

I. Highlights

The year 2012, has brought hope and joy to 18,505 indigent senior citizens in the Region. At the start of the year, the number of beneficiaries covered by the Social Pension Program was increased from 12,981 to 15,743. There is an increase by 2,762. Funds disbursed quarterly is P23,614,500.00 or 25% of the total budget for the year which is P94, 458,000.00.

During the November 12-16, 2012, PREW conducted at Subic Bay, Pampanga, Central Office declared the additional beneficiaries of another 2,762. They will be provided with their monthly stipend of five hundred pesos monthly from July to December 2012 with the total amount of Php8,286,000. Immediately LGUs were informed to submit the names of their beneficiaries for funding. Vouchers and attachments were prepared for checks preparations. The total Social Pension beneficiaries for the Region becomes 18,505 with the total amount of Php 102,744,000.00.

The good performance of the LGUs in the management and liquidation of funds from last year's implementation of the program, all 133 LGUs were subjected to fund transfer.

With this mode of payment, a protocol was schemed out to ensure timely pay out as well as to monitor the program and the beneficiaries. The regional staff together with the SWAD Team members and the RSPU staff were assigned during payout to assist and/or monitor the distribution as well as to address on site concerns. Technical assistance was also provided to the M/CSWDOs, Focal persons, OSCA Heads, FSCAP Officers who were present during the pay out. Spot check during pay out was done by the RSPU staffs and some beneficiaries were home visited as time allows. During the interview with the beneficiaries and their families, fund usage with significant impact was also documented.

As of December 31, 2012, 93% or 124 out of 133 LGUs have already taken their 4th qtr checks allotted for Social Pension. Check for the additional 2762 beneficiaries were also prepared on the last week, however not all the checks were taken by the City and Municipal Treasurers due to busy schedules plus the calamity brought by tropical storm Quinta.

II. Accomplishment Report

1st quarter :

- Validation by LGUs of additional 2,762 beneficiaries by LGUs
- Preparation of vouchers and attachments for payment
- Conduct of first quarter payout

2nd quarter:

- Program Review and Evaluation Workshop was conducted April 2 & 3, 2012, with 139 P/C/MSWDOs in attendance, major discussion focused on the non-uniform documentary requirements of the Auditor for the liquidation report.

    - A template for the quarterly reports were formulated and distributed among the LGUs/MSWDOs for uniformity. The same was filled up and submitted starting second quarterly 2012 to the Field Office.

    - Issues on liquidations, replacements, submission of quarterly reports, conflicting schedules with Pantawid, KALAHI-CIDSS, Supplementary Feeding ,etc. were tackled and provided solutions.

- Issuance of protocol in the conduct of monitoring and payment of Social Pension thru fund transfer.

- Conduct of Payout to Social Pensioners.

3rd quarter

- Attendance of 4 RSPU staff of the National Orientation on the implementation of Social Pension. Mrs. Analiza Salud presented the Social pension Accomplishment, discussed the common problems /issues and concerns in the implementation of Social Pension in 4 cluster groupings: Luzun A and B, Visayas and Mindanao. Ms. Cabilao discussed the Operational Guidelines on Social Pension (A.O. 3 series 2011) and Ms. Salud the procedure on replacement of Social Pension Beneficiaries.

- Dir. Shalim answered the issues and concerns presented by the participants; The Phil Post way of delivering the stipend of SC, the Basis of distribution of additional social pension beneficiaries by 2013, additional budget for capital outlay, the need of additional staff for the voluminous workload, the transfer of funds to LGU which was not specified in the guidelines.

- Ms. Magdalena Aguilar from ICTMS presented the proposed development of DSWD Social Pension Citizens Information System.

- Asec. Gudmalin came and answered the unresolved issues. On Beneficiaries distribution per regions. He decided on the 2762 across regions sharing. As to the Phil Post pilot areas implementation, he said that this needs further assessment by the 4 identified regions. Fund Transfer mode of payment by Region VI , IX and XII,, this will be eventually pushtrued since social pension will eventually be devolved to LGUs.

- July 12-13, 2013- Conduct of Midyear assessment of social Pension Implementation in Region VI. This was attended by P/C/MSWDOs, OSCA Heads, FSCAP presidents and Regional COA representatives. They were updated on the AOs 3 and 4, filling up of required reports especially the registry of paid social Pension beneficiaries. Liquidation reports were also discussed but it turned out that only few LGUs have problems with their auditors. It was agreed that COA will only require minimum attachments to their liquidations. Victorias CSWDO presented that their only attachment to their Liquidation is signed payroll of social pension beneficiaries.

- Conduct of Payout for the third quarter

4th quarter:

- Attendance of National PREW on Social Pension and Supplementary Feeding by the Division Chief, SWO II, Admin Aide and Finance Officer together with the Focal Person of Supplemental Feeding Program, and Regional Budget Officer. It was during this event that the additional 2,762 social pension beneficiaries was announced and be paid retroactive July to December 2012. Additional Admin Aide staff will be added to region VI.

- Conduct of 4 batches year end PREW with Supplementary Feeding Program from November 7 to November 29, 2012. This was a very fruitful activity attended by P/C/MSWDOs, Municipal Accountants and Treasurers, Provincial COA representatives. And selected municipal focal persons of Social Pension to attend workshop on the preparation of the Registry of paid beneficiaries as required by the Central Office and other important reports needed by the RSPU as attachment to the voucher for the transfer of funds.

COA representatives attending Big Tickets PREW giving full support to program implementations.

- Conduct monitoring to social Pension beneficiaries

SWO II conducting home visitation to Social Pension beneficiary in Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros Occ.

- Payout of Social Pension Beneficiaries

II. Statistical and Physical Report

A. Summary per Province of LGUs with additional beneficiaries downloaded January 2012 and November 2012 with equivalent budget allocation for the year.

Provinces	No. of Cities/ Mun.	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries for Additional as of July to December 2012	Total Number of Beneficiaries 2012	Total amount for the year 2012 (including add'l
AKLAN	17	1,835	350	2,185	Php 12,060,000.00
ANTIQUE	18	2,077	360	2,437	13,542,000.00
CAPIZ	17	1,699	380	2,079	11,334,000.00
GUIMARAS	5	583	104	687	3,810,000.00
ILOILO	44	6,021	905	6,926	38,841,000.00
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL	32	3,528	663	4,191	23,157,000.00
Total	133	15,743	2,762	18,505	Php 102,744,000.00

The table above shows the 2012 total beneficiaries of 15,743. The additional beneficiaries 2762 which was to be downloaded for 2013 was declared by Central Office last November 2012 PREW to be funded retroactive July to December of 2012 with the overall total beneficiaries of 18,505 total corresponding funds allocation Php102,744,000.00. Iloilo has the highest number of beneficiaries which is 6,926 or 37% of the total beneficiaries for the year. It is followed by Negros Occidental which is 4,191 or 23%; Antique which is 2,437 or 13%, Aklan which is 2,185 or 12 %, Capiz which is 2,079 or 11% and the lowest is Guimaras with 687 or 4%.

Provinces	No. of Cities/Mun.	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries for Additional	Total Number of Beneficiaries 2012	Total amount for the year 2012 (including add'l	Unclaimed Cheques 1st Quarter to 4th Quarter	% Accomplishment Rate	Unclaimed Total amount for 1st to 4th quarter	No. of LGUs Unclaimed Cheques for Add'l Payment	Unclaimed Total Amount for Additional	% Accomplishment Rate	% Accom. for 4th qrter & add'l ben.
AKLAN	17	1,835	350	2,185	12,060,000.00	0	100%	00	2	P 120,000.00	88%	94%
ANTIQUE	18	2,077	360	2,437	13,542,000.00	0	100%	00	0	.00	100%	100%
CAPIZ	17	1,699	380	2,079	11,334,000.00	0	100%	00	3	207,000.00	82%	91%
GUIMARAS	5	583	104	687	3,810,000.00	0	100%	0.00	0	.00	100%	100%
ILOILO	44	6,021	905	6,926	38,841,000.00	2	95%	583,500.00	2	120,000.00	95%	95%
NEGROS OCC.	32	3,528	663	4,191	23,157,000.00	1	97%	133,500.00	1	60,000.00	97%	97%
Total	133	15,743	2,762	18,505	102,744,000.00	2	98%	717,000.00	8	P 507,000.00	94%	96%

B. Summary per province as to fund released for the 4th quarter.

As to the release of funds to LGUs for the 4th qrtr the region has reached the 98 % accomplishments however as to the release of checks for additional beneficiaries, the region has only reached 94 %. The overall accomplishment of the region is 96%. This was due to the busy schedules of LGUs Municipal Treasurers and the coming of tropical storm Quinta has cancelled boat travels. Also cities and municipalities affected were so busy attending to their affected families.

III. Issues and Concern:

1. There are still some LGUs who cannot follow instruction in the preparation and submission of reports.

2. RSPU staff lack official cell phones units in communicating to LGUs (Smart and Globe).

3. Conflict of some C/MSWDOs and OSCA Heads and FSCAP President in the implementation of Social Pension.

IV. Recommendations

1. Continue regular monitoring and provision of technical assistance to MSWDOs and Focal Person on the preparation/submission of Reports and witness stipend distribution Reiterate the roles and responsibilities of LGUs, OSCA heads as well as FSCAP and the P/C/MSWDO in the program.

2. Request to purchase 2 mobile phones/plan (Smart and globe) with the monthly payment of Php 600.00 only with unlimited text and call for sole use of the program especially during weekend for a faster and effective communication especially with the LGUs who are not equip with Fax machine and internet connection, to monitor and ensure reports are submitted on time.

3. Conduct of Consultation and dialogue to resolve conflict.

Assessment:

2012 timely distribution of the quarterly stipend had provided the basic needs of food and medicines of the senior citizens. As a result, families of the beneficiaries were relieved of the burden of having to provide the needs of their senior citizens. In a way, it gives a good feeling for the beneficiaries that they are not dependent anymore to their struggling families or relatives.

The social preparations made by RSPU with the LGUs has facilitated the strong support of OSCA Heads/P/C/MSWDOs in the validation of beneficiaries, preparation of beneficiaries' master list, payroll and eventual distribution of stipend. Close coordination, collaboration, and effective communication provided commitment/support of the LCEs in this program while the support/assistance of FOs' SDOs facilitated the timely disbursement of funds and payouts.

The giving of transportation incentives to P/C/MSWDOs had given them encouragement that their contribution in the implementation of Social Pension were acknowledged. It made them feel happy and important.

V. Plans for the Next year:

1. Conduct regularly monthly meetings of RSPU.
2. Conduct quarter Regional Council Monitoring Board meeting.
3. Consultation meeting with P/C/MSWDOs.
4. Payment of stipend every third month of the quarter.
5. Regular Monitoring of Social Pension implementation giving focus on LGUs having difficulties in submitting their liquidations and other required reports on time.
6. Conduct of Midyear and Yearend Program Review and Evaluation Workshop