



Title of Good Practice	:	Using PPDP Strategies to Address Special Population Group Needs in San Jose City, Province of Bataan, and Province of Zambales
Main PPMP Component	:	Special Population Groups

1. CONTEXT/RATIONALE

Among those who are not able to receive services provided for by the public sector are the special population groups which are highly affected in the COVID-19 pandemic. Composed of the elderly, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, people deprived of liberty, and people who belong to the informal economy, these special population groups also have specific needs aside from basic services provided for by the government and are most often neglected due to the lack of data gathering and analysis particularly in the community level.

Given this, the Commission on Population and Development – Region III conducted a series of orientations on the Philippine Population and Development Program including specific strategies such as the Demographic Vulnerabilities Assessment Tool, the Registry of Barangay Inhabitants and Migrants, and others. These capacity building activities led to local initiatives catering to special population groups' needs through provision of population-related services on RFPF and AHD.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

POPCOM – Region III aimed to:

- a. Capacitate San Jose City, Province of Bataan, and Province of Zambales on the PPDP through local population offices
- b. Highlight among local population offices the role to address the needs of special population groups in respective communities
- c. Capacitate the LGUs to utilize the data gathered for proper implementation of services and possible assistance necessary in the time of COVID-19, and
- d. Capacitate the LGUs to provide appropriate PPDP-related services to the SPGs identified in the community

3. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES OR INTERVENTIONS

The said initiative was a result of the series of orientations on PPDP, the DVT, RBIM, and others provided by POPCOM - Region III initiated in 2020 and continuously conducted in 2021, capacitating all local population offices in Central Luzon, stressing on the importance of addressing the needs of SPGs in such times.



As such, the following have been implemented by local population offices in 2021 alone:

- A. San Jose City conducted the following activities:
 - a. Profiling of all households per barangay (including household size and house specifications)
 - b. Orientation with the City Offices and Barangay Officials to use data for planning purposes
 - c. Provision of COVID-19-related assistance and proper vaccination allocation for the elderly
 - d. Conduct of appropriate RFPF/AHD orientations and provision of appropriate services among the elderly, indigenous peoples, people deprived of liberty, and people belonging to informal economies identified through profiling conducted by the local population office

- B. The Province of Bataan conducted the following activities:
 - a. Capacity Building on RBIM among its municipalities
 - b. Data Collection and Analysis
 - c. Conduct of appropriate RFPF/AHD orientations and provision of appropriate services for the elderly and indigenous peoples identified through the RBIM

- C. The Province of Zambales conducted the following activities:
 - a. Data collection and analysis per municipality
 - b. Conduct of PPMP/PPDP Orientation with municipal decision-makers
 - c. Conduct of Appropriate RFPF/AHD and provision of appropriate services for the elderly, indigenous peoples, and people belonging to informal economies identified through data collection

For 2021 alone, a total of 2,750 individuals (1,868 females and 882 males) were provided population-related services or have participated in population-related activities through the above-mentioned strategies, because the above-mentioned local population offices were able to reach 694 senior citizens (451 females, 243 males), 435 Indigenous peoples' community members (240 females, 195 males), 1,455 people belonging to informal economy (1,164 females, 291 males), and 166 people deprived of liberty (13 females, 153 males).

4. RESULTS OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

The good practices of the LGUs in using PPDP Strategies to address special population group needs in San Jose City, Province of Bataan, and Province of Zambales resulted not only to data availability of special population groups, but also in highlighting the needs of these groups and the importance of providing these needs not only among the SPGs but most importantly among local



decision-makers in the community. These initiatives also provided an avenue for the local population offices to promote the PPMP/PPDP in their respective communities, highlighting the significance of the program in addressing peoples' needs in reaching sustainable development in the locality, and the interconnections of RFPF, AHD, and POPDEV strategies in addressing these needs. Furthermore, the presence of local executive orders and budget allocation particularly for San Jose and municipalities in the province of Bataan establishing the strategies and providing funds thereof, and the local decision-makers' consideration of data outputs of the three local population offices ensured the sustainability of the strategies and the recommended approaches.

5. LESSONS LEARNED

Most insights and lessons focused on the circumstances brought by the pandemic. Challenges included the limitations and restrictions particularly on data-gathering. These were addressed by practicing minimum health standards during the profiling/data collection, orientations, and provision of RFPF information. However, the local population offices' efforts on this good practice showed the significance of PPDP in the SPG concerns of each community.

6. FURTHER READINGS

- *San Jose City:*
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- *Zambales:*
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/147V8k7W2hr3lIRvkA8e8lCfLCOxeAxd9?usp=sharing>
- *Bataan:*
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19cxuak_kB5rDJCuBHornao6xRjoX3sm?usp=sharing
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