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SUBJECT: REGIONAL TRANSLATION OF FY 2023 THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES

I. RATIONALE AND CONTEXT

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)'s efforts to deliver services to the poor, vulnerable, and disadvantaged sectors of society were tested in the previous years. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the multiple, overlapping, and even simultaneous disasters in the country, it improved its administration at the same time. These transformation initiatives were realized with the Department-wide ISO 9001:2015 Certification's success and the Performance Governance System (PGS) adoption.

The FY 2023 Thrusts and Priorities is anchored in the Ambisyon Natin 2040 and Executive Order 221, series of 2003, in which the Department provides assistance to Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), other National Government Agencies (NGAs), People's Organizations (POs) and members of civil society in effectively implementing programs, projects and services that will alleviate poverty and empower disadvantaged individuals, families, and communities for an improved quality of life as well as implement a statutory and specialized program which directly lodged with the Department and/or not yet devolved to LGUs.

With the new leadership, the opportunity provided by the devolution and the challenge of recovering from the impact of the pandemic, the premise of the DSWD is still to improve the service delivery of the statutory and specialized program as well as sustain organizational excellence. Thus, the identified critical strategies listed below aim for the improved beneficiary experience on the proposition of "**Bawat Buhay Mahalaga**".

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II. OBJECTIVE

This document shall guide and direct all Division, Units, Sections, Centers and Residential Care Facilities of Field Office National Capital Region in the policy development and formulation of strategic contributions, work, and financial plans, office performance contracts, and operational guidelines for program implementation in the context of the new normal.

III. THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT

A. Enabling Social Protection Policy Environment

Being the leader in the social protection and social welfare and development sector, the Department will develop an array of plans, and policies that aim to reduce the impacts of risks and vulnerabilities and empower disadvantaged individuals, families and communities. It shall ensure the alignment of these plans with regional and international commitments. Synchronous with these, are the monitoring and evaluation of the Department's efforts in attaining its goals and its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

	Priorities	Lead/ Responsible Office
1.	Provide technical assistance to mainstream the social protection in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and Annual Investment Plan (AIP) of LGUs	Technical Assistance and Resource Augmentation (TARA)
2.	Implement the Devolution Transition Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity Development Agenda for LGUs - Grant the incentive package for LGUs implementation of devolved social welfare services 	Capacity Building Section (CBS) and TARA
3.	Provide input and recommendation during consultation dialogues prior to the approval of the Social Protection Plan 2023-2028	Policy Development and Planning Section (PDPS)
4.	Monitor the implementation of DSWD Digital Transformation Strategy Map to provide a roadmap of interventions to achieve the vision for digital delivery of social protection	PDPS
5.	Cascade and monitor the implementation of approved DSWD Strategic Plan 2024-2028	PDPS
6.	Provide support in the conduct of three (3) policy research and evaluation studies of Social Protection Programs and services for Senior Citizens, Near Poor, and Individual, Families, and Communities in Crisis Situations aligned with the high-priority topics of the DSWD Research and Evaluation Agenda	PDPS
7.	Monitor and facilitate activities relative to the approved DSWD Legislative Agenda	Social Welfare Specialist Group and PDPS
8.	Provide support in the implementation of approved Social Protection Technology Agenda	Social Technology Unit (STU)
9.	Cascade the use of Sustainable Development Goals SDGs monitoring to the evaluation system of the Department	PDPS
10.	Maximize the developed interoperability mechanism on the use of Listahanan	National Household

	Targeting Section (NHTS)
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B. Improve Social Protection Program Implementation

The DSWD implements statutory and specialized programs and continues to strengthen the social welfare system. It provides appropriate interventions based on the accurate analysis of the beneficiaries' situation towards reducing vulnerability, improving their well-being, and sustaining their resilience.

	Priorities	Lead/ Responsible Office
1.	Improve the well-being of 4Ps Self Sufficient households	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)
2.	Implement the Replacement Policy to cover the target households	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)
3.	Restore the functioning of beneficiaries through the provision of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation program	Crisis Intervention Section (CIS) and CIS- Offsite Serbisyo
4.	Improve the socio-economic conditions of 4,269 (tentative target) SLP program participants.	Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP)
5.	FO-NCR Center and Residential Care Facilities are Level III Accredited (To be determined)	Office of the Regional Center Coordinator (ORCC), Standards Section and Center/Residential Care Facilities (C/RCFs)
6.	Improve the response time to disaster management by providing at least 10% of the total request within 72 hours after the receipt of validated relief augmentation requests through various reporting tools	Disaster Response Management Division (DRMD)
	Adopt the developed and enhanced operational models on forecasting for the delivery of immediate relief and early recovery service	DRMB and Regional Information Communication and Technology Management Section (RICTMS)
8.	Adopt a digitized payment scheme in the provision of assistance and services	Protective Services Division (PSD), Financial Management

10.	Adopt the automation of the Harmonized Planning Monitoring and Evaluation System	DCRCFUSs
11.	Operationalize a harmonized disaster response information management system for critical services on Disaster Response and Recovery	DRMD and RICTMS
12.	Institutionalize capacity building program for Quick Response Teams (QRTs)	DRMD and HRMDD

D. Foster Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration

The DSWD has been a conduit in providing partnership opportunities to the communities anchored on convergence as a way to ensure larger scope or services to optimize resources and talents.

	Priorities	Lead/ Responsible Office
1.	Mainstream the department's plan and positions utilizing existing mechanism and organizational structure	DCRCFUSs
2.	Implementation of the TARA Operational Guidelines and Menu of Interventions	CBS and TARA
3.	Assess LSWDOs with improved SDCCA Functionality. Level 2 – 1 C/MSWDOs Level 3 – 14 C/MSWDOs	TARA
4.	Forging of Public-Private Partnership in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	DRMD
5.	Facilitate the assessment for the issuance of certificates of Registration and/or License to Operate to 17 SWDAs	Standards Section

For strict compliance.

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