



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**  
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**GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT FOCAL POINT SYSTEM (GFPS)  
2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES**

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**A. ESTABLISHED THREE (3) GENDER INFORMATION DESKS (GIDs)**

The GID is a facility for promoting women empowerment and gender equality, and for the rendition of assistance in a gender-responsive manner to individuals dealing with incidents involving abuse, discrimination, and violence against women and their children. The GIDs are operating at the PACPO or the Public Assistance Unit.

**1. GID of Ombudsman Visayas, Cebu City. Launched on 24 August 2015.**



The Honorable Ombudsman along with other distinguished officials and members of the GFPS Executive Committee during the Launching of the GID of Ombudsman Visayas, Cebu City, 24 August 2015.



Shown above is the initial receiving area for GID clients. Available materials and kits include brochures on GAD-related laws and some toys for the client's kids. In case the complaint or request is sensitive in nature, the client is brought to a designated private room for further inquiry.

**2. GID of Ombudsman Visayas, Tacloban City. Launched in September 2015.**



Replicating the efforts of the Ombudsman for the Visayas in Cebu City, a GID was also established at the Ombudsman Tacloban City satellite office in September 2015.



Ombudsman frontliners happily pose for a photo opportunity during the launching of the GID in Ombudsman Tacloban City. Signages for the help desk are made visible for the general public.

**3. GID of Ombudsman Mindanao, Davao City. Launched on 25 November 2015.**



The GID of Ombudsman Mindanao was launched on 25 November 2015 in Davao City. The Honorable Deputy Ombudsman for Mindanao – Rodolfo M. Elman, along with other Ombudsman Officials, graced the event.



Located at the second floor of the Ombudsman Mindanao PACPO, the GID has adequate gender-related materials (*i.e.* brochures, flyers, handbooks) which the public can utilize during their visit.

**B. CONDUCTED VARIOUS CAPABILITY BUILDING SEMINARS**

**1. Three (3) Gender Sensitivity Training Plus (GST+) Seminars Conducted**

GST+, a more enhanced training module which incorporates the basic gender concepts and principles, wellness, stress management and income augmenting seminars - was conducted to further strengthen the Office’s campaign for gender advocacy. The seminar was specifically designed for three (3) days as the activity comprises of various lectures, workshops and, group dynamics.

**a. 16-18 March 2015: GST+, Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City**



GST+ was conducted for Ombudsman officials and employees of OMB-Central, OMB-Luzon, MOLEO and OSP at the Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.



To increase awareness on healthy lifestyle activities, a lecture on lifestyle diseases was conducted by Dr. Raymund M. Laiz (above).

**b. 19-21 May 2015: GST+, Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City**



Group photo of the training participants with the GFPS Executive Committee Members. Close to 40 participants attended the seminar at the Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City.



Assistant Ombudsman and GFPS Executive Committee Chairperson Jennifer J. Manalili (standing), warmly welcomed the participants of the GST+ Seminar and provided insights on the gender situation of the country.

**c. 26-28 August 2015: GST+, Golden Prince Hotel, Cebu City**



Dir. Rawnsle V. Lopez (standing), tackled various topics on gender, sex, stereotyping, among others, during the three-day GST+ seminar.



Group exercises were conducted during the stress management component of the seminar.

**2. One (1) Seminar on Family Life Counseling and Responsible Parenting was Conducted – Dolce Latte Café, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, 22 June 2015**



A seminar on Family Life Counseling and Responsible Parenting was organized by the GFPS for 30 participants. Main facilitator invited was Dr. Queenie Berris.



The participants creatively prepared their “baby balloons” as part of the workshop activity.

**3. One (1) Seminar on GAD Planning and Budgeting Conducted – Ombudsman Hearing Room, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City, 8 December 2015**



Lectures on GAD concepts as well as GAD Planning and Budgeting were conducted by Ms. Nharleen Santos-Millar, Chief, Training and Services Division, Philippine Commission on Women on 8 December 2015, at the Ombudsman Hearing Room.

Participants of the event include members of the GFPS Executive Committee and Secretariat and the TWG of sectoral offices. Shown above is a group photo of the attendees of the seminar

**4. Conducted Two (2) Seminars on Gender-Related Laws and Guidelines for Frontliners in Handling Gender-Related Complaints**

**a. 25 August 2015: Ombudsman for the Visayas, Cebu City**



Former Asst. Ombudsman for the Visayas Virginia Palanca-Santiago (standing, center) conducted a seminar on gender-related laws and violence against women and children (VAWC) cases for the frontliners and lawyers of Ombudsman Visayas on 25 August 2015.

Director Bienvenida A. Gruta of the Office of the Special Prosecutor presented to Ombudsman Visayas officials and employees guidelines on handling gender-related complaints for frontliners.

**b. 26 November 2015: Grand Menseng Hotel, Davao City**



To orient the frontliners and lawyers on VAWC, various cases and scenarios were presented by Former Assistant Ombudsman for the Visayas Virginia P. Santiago (standing) to participants from Ombudsman Mindanao.

A seminar on guidelines for frontliners in handling gender-related complaints was presented by Director Bienvenida Gruta, GFPS Executive Committee Member.

**OTHER MILESTONES**

**A. PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS PCW-INITIATED PROGRAMS**

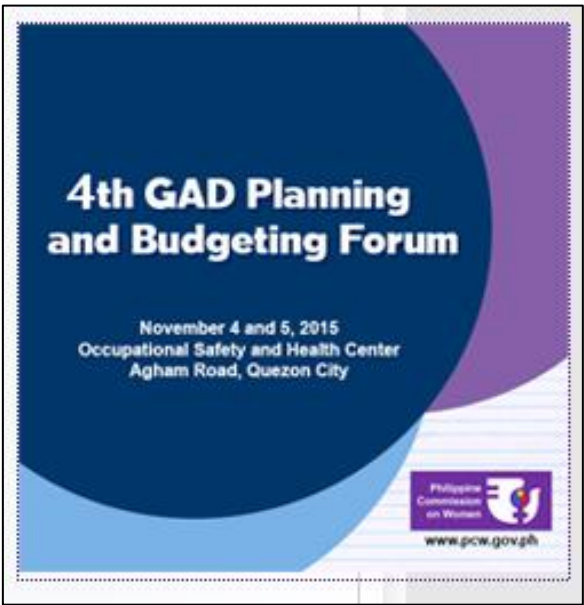
**1. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S MONTH CELEBRATION**

**8 March 2015: Walk-for-a-Cause**

Close to 100 officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman participated in the walk-for-a-cause program of the Philippine Commission for Women entitled “JUANA, IKAW NA ANG MANGUNA!” Aside from the Ombudsman, other government agencies also joined this activity, which was held at the Quezon City Memorial Circle on 8 March 2015.



**2. Participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> GAD Planning and Budgeting Forum, Occupational and Safety and Health Center, Agham Road, Quezon City, 4 November 2015**



Assistant Ombudsman and GFPS Chairperson Jennifer Jardin-Manalili along with Director Edgardo Diansuy, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> GAD Planning and Budgeting Forum organized by the PCW, at the OSHC, Quezon City, 4 November 2015. Guidelines, issues and concerns in the formulation of the agency’s GAD Budget and Plan were discussed during the event.

3. 8 December 2015: Film Showing, Intramuros, Manila

A number of Ombudsman employees participated in the Film Festival organized by the PCW during the 18-day campaign to end violence against women. The free film showing was held at the NCCA Leandro Locsin Auditorium, Intramuros, Manila.

2015

CineJuana Film Festival

18-DAY

18-DAY

"A SHOCKING STORY THAT EXPLODES"

"TOKYO'S BEST ACTRESS"

"EMPOWERING"

"HEARTWARMING"

"AUDACIOUS"

"FANTASTIC"

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EUGENE DOMINGO

Barber's TALES

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JUN BORDEN LEAL DOPY

I wonder you create a special society?

Walang Naga sa Bantok

December 8 and 9 - 9:00 AM

December 8 and 9 - 1:00 PM

December 10 - 9:00 AM

#endVAWph

December 8 and 9 - 3:30 PM

Venue: NCCA Leandro Locsin Auditorium, Intramuros, Manila

For ticket reservations and more information, email media@pcw.gov.ph or call 735-8509.

\*This is open to public for free. All films are R-13.

Philippine Commission on Women

GSIS

NCCA

FILM COUNCIL

B. OTHER GAD-RELATED INITIATIVES BY THE GFPS

1. 6 March 2015: International Womens’ Month Film Showing, Ombudsman, QC

Ombudsman-wide film showing for officials and employees. Shown was the award winning independent film entitled “BOSES.” Approximately 100 employees watched the screening at the Ombudsman Function Room, Agham Road, Quezon City.

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THE STORY OF HOW LOVE SAVED A BOY FROM HIS PAST

AND HOW MUSIC GAVE HIM HIS FUTURE.

BOSES

The journey heads home

JULY 31 IN SM CINEMAS

**2. Health and Wellness Programs for Ombudsman Officials and Employees**

**a. 19 March 2015: Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS) and Bone Density Testing**

The Ombudsman GFPS in coordination with the Ombudsman Medical Clinic, was able to tap the services of Pfizer Philippines, Inc. for the conduct of free FBS and bone density testing for Ombudsman officials and employees. This activity was held at the Public Assistance Bureau Conference Room on 19 March 2015.



**b. 26-27 November 2015: Medical/Laboratory Tests for Ombudsman Mindanao Employees**



Ombudsman Medical Technologist Crezelda Francia (standing), extracts blood specimen from an employee of Ombudsman Mindanao. Laboratory tests include: (i) fasting blood sugar, (ii) BUN, (iii) creatinine, (iv) SGPT, (v) SGOT, (vi) uric acid, and (vi) lipid profile. The diagnostic tests were conducted in Ombudsman Mindanao, Davao City for two days, good for 50 clients.

GAD-related Statistics Generated for 2015

