

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77**

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR WOMEN [2001-2004] AND INTENSIFYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 5% BUDGET PROVISION FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article II of the Constitution provides “The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men”;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7192 entitled “Women in Development and Nation Building Act” mandating agencies to ensure that women benefit equally and participate directly in the development programs and projects of government, and Executive Order no. 273 series of 1995 entitled “Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (PPGD) 1995-2025” were signed pursuant to the Constitutional proviso;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 273 mandates and authorizes the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the PPGD;

**WHEREAS**, the General Appropriations Act from 1995 to the present, mandates all departments including their attached agencies, offices, bureaus, agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), and other government instrumentalities, to formulate a Gender and Development (GAD) Plan, the cost of which shall be at least five percent (5%) of the agency’s total budget appropriations;

**WHEREAS**, NCRFW was directed by the President to formulate a Framework Plan for Women to advance and guarantee the concretization of the policy on women and development women’s empowerment and gender equality and equity;

**WHEREAS**, the Framework Plan for Women is a time-slice of the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (PPGD), 1995-2025 and shall serve as a guide for national government agencies and Local Government Units in the formulation of their respective GAD Plans and budgets;

**WHEREAS**, the Framework Plan for Women, 2001-2004 was formulated after a series of consultations, coordination and cooperation with various government agencies, non-government organizations, local government units, and members of the academe.



**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the following:

**SECTION 1. *Framework Plan for Women.*** There shall be a Framework Plan for Women, 2001-2004 as finalized by the NCRFW, to be implemented by all government agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), at the national, sub-national levels and local government units through specific programs and projects;

**SEC 2. *Coordination and Reportorial Requirements.*** The government agencies and instrumentalities as earlier enumerated, shall submit their GAD Plan to NCRFW for review and endorsement to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

They shall likewise submit their annual reports on the implementation of the GAD Plan to the DBM, Congress, and the NCRFW indicating the accomplishments and amounts utilized/dispensed for the projects and programs;

**SEC 3. *Lead Agency.*** The NCRFW in collaboration with concerned agencies of government shall undertake activities for its dissemination, overseeing monitoring and assessment on the implementation of the Framework Plan for Women, 2001-2004 and shall monitor agency compliance with the GAD Budget Policy. For this purpose, the NCRFW shall be provided with the necessary resources and organizational capability to carry out these functions.

**SEC 4. *Role of Oversight Agencies.*** The NCRFW, in close coordination with:

- 4.1 The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall strengthen the implementation of the Framework Plan for Women by incorporating its concerns in the formulation of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) Planning Guidelines;
- 4.2 The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall institutionalize the GAD Budget policy in the yearly National Expenditure Program and Local Budget Circular and other budgetary guidelines;
- 4.3 The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall:
  - a) adopt the Framework Plan for Women provisions in the issuance of planning guidelines/directives to Local Government Units (LGUs);
  - b) provide necessary technical assistance to facilitate mainstreaming efforts and;
  - c) monitor the compliance of LGUs with the GAD Budget policy through their GAD Plan and annual accomplishment reports.



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SEC 5. *Participation of the Civil Society and the Private Sector.* Non-governmental organizations, Peoples Organizations and other Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector are urged to assist and support the implementation, monitoring and assessment of the Framework Plan for Women.

SEC 6. *Funding.* The amount necessary for the implementation of the Framework Plan for Women shall be primarily charged against the 5% GAD Budget of government agencies and local government units including those sourced from bilateral/multilateral agencies/organizations or those from the official development assistance (ODA).

SEC 7. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines, to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.



By the President:

  
ALBERTO G. ROMULO  
Executive Secretary



  
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