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#### Rationale

- Persistent income and asset inequities, slow reduction of poverty limit and access to resources and opportunities exclude vulnerable groups from fully participating in development and bar them from fully realizing their potentials
- Protecting the vulnerable groups is a requisite to conquering poverty and transforming Philippine society so that each Filipino can enjoy a better and dignified quality of life.

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# Who are the Vulnerable Groups?

- Children
- Youth
- Women
- Indigenous Peoples (IPs)
- Elderly
- Persons with Disabilities
- Poor and Disadvantaged Families

# Policies/Strategies

- Social assistance
- Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan
- Poverty action program
- Affirmative action program
- Private sector involvement mechanism

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## Policies/Strategies

- Assistance to Vulnerable groups
- Social welfare interventions
- Program for IPs
- Participation in governance
- Ensure child friendly society

Improve sectoral laws (Women in Dev.t and Nation-Building Act, Accessibility Law, Senior Citizen's Act)

Protection of IPs ancestral domain

Strengthen policy environment

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# Policies/Strategies

- Microfinance
- Support capability building
- Develop banking models for poor
- Simplification of rules

### Policies/Strategies

- Social security and health insurance
- Improve access
- Provident funds schemes for OFWs
- Participation in national health insurance programs
  - Medicare para sa Masa
- Counterpart for premium payment
- Other improvements

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# Policies/Strategies

- Social Safety nets
- Early warning indicators
- Access especially rural areas and Mindanao
- Improved nutrition programs
- Private sector allowance
- Employment facilitation to displaced workers
- Improve labor-based program sector
- Capacity strengthening of LGUs, NGOs for calamities/disaster assistance/services

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## Policies/Strategies

- Poverty statistics generation and cross-sectoral issues
- Review system of monitoring poverty
- Ensure participation in program targeting
- Provide resources for data collection
- Develop database



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Social assistance through convergence	§ High positive rating for all three		DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs
2. Assistance to vulnerable groups	categories (economic, social, health	Promote education and skills training for vulnerable groups.	DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs
3. Microfinance	and safety) of the human component No direct	Develop and implement banking procedure to mitigate repayment problems of vulnerable groups	DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs
Social security     and health     insurance	impact for physical and biological	Provision of government subsides and alternative financing schemes for cash-poor groups	DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs
5. Social safety nets	components		DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs
Poverty statistics     generation and cross- sectoral issues		Define poverty across groups	DSWD, DOH, DAR, LGUs, NGOs

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## Comments

- If the entire Philippine population were sorted into vulnerable groups, the invulnerable group would be composed of:
- Healthy males
- Aged 35-55
  - Employed
- Receiving a certain minimum income
- Belonging to any of the 8 majority ethnic groups.

#### Comments

• The rest of the Philippine population would be vulnerable, needing special attention and assistance from the government. Yet, the resources earmarked for this specific group is meager compared to other sectoral concerns.

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#### Comments

• Policies designed for vulnerable groups center around strategies and programs that would make benefits easily accessible. Environmental impacts to physical and biological components are indirect and are therefore better assessed in other chapters specifically dealing with those components such as chapters on health, transportation etc.

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#### Comments

 Each vulnerable group may have unique characteristics and therefore may have unique needs. Programs should be designed taking into consideration these unique needs.



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nets			DAR, LGUs, NGOs
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generation and cross- sectoral issues		across groups	DAR, LGUs, NGOs