

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT MAINSTREAMING



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the DENR continued its efforts in advocating for the implementation of the provisions of the Magna Carta of Women (MCW). With the collaboration of the Central Office and Regional GAD Focal Point Systems, below are the highlights of accomplishments for the year:

Organization-Focused Mainstreaming Gender Concerns

Mainstreaming gender concerns in policies, plans, and programs in the environment and natural resources sector is a continuing and regular activity. The Office has accomplished 100% on the following targets: 1) Conduct of Annual Gender and Development (GAD) planning and assessment and application of harmonized GAD guidelines; and 2) Assessment of level of capacity of the National GAD Focal Point System (NGADFPS). A compilation and assessment of documents for Gender Mainstreaming and Evaluation Framework (GMEF) of DENR GAD Program for 2018 to 2020 was finalized and submitted to the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) in December 2020.

Cascading of GAD Agenda

Conducted a national review of the DENR GAD Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. It tackled linkage of ENR with climate change, gender and health in strategies and annual plans; gender concerns in the strategic plan, including the 2021 GAD plan and budget; proposed data sets for baseline data gathering and proposed refinements of the Strategic Plan and 2021 GAD Plan and Budget.

Women's Month Celebration

To highlight the empowerment of women as active contributors to and claimholders of development, the Women's Month was celebrated in the Central Office as well as in the field offices.

Among the activities were: 1) photo exhibit of women leaders in climate and disaster resiliency; 2) webinar on gender-responsive approaches in climate and disaster resiliency for urban poor communities; and 3) launching of the Women's Month Facebook Frame.



Figure 19.1 Based on the adopted local theme, "Women Can Make Change in Climate and Disaster Resiliency", 11 women leaders who displayed exemplary leadership and women empowerment in the protection of the environment and natural resources, climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction were featured in a photo gallery. This was displayed for public viewing and appreciation at the DENR Main Lobby, Ground floor on March 9, 2020 until March 31, 2020.

Capacity Building Program

Conducted seven webinars on Pursuing Climate, Gender and Health-Responsive Programs in various aspects of Environment and Natural Resources. These webinars elaborated on biodiversity management, forest management, solid and hazardous waste management, water resources management, air quality management, land resources management, and mineral resources management, as they are linked to climate change, gender and health, including identifying entry points to pursue responsive ENR programs.

A Handbook, “Beyond Gender Mainstreaming: Linking Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Climate Change, Health and Gender” (DENR Guide to Planning for Gender and Development in the ENR Sector),” was developed in response to Memorandum Circular (MC) 2018-04 issued by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) which directs all government agencies to formulate their GAD Agenda. The GAD Agenda is a two-part document that consists of the GAD Strategic Framework and the GAD Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

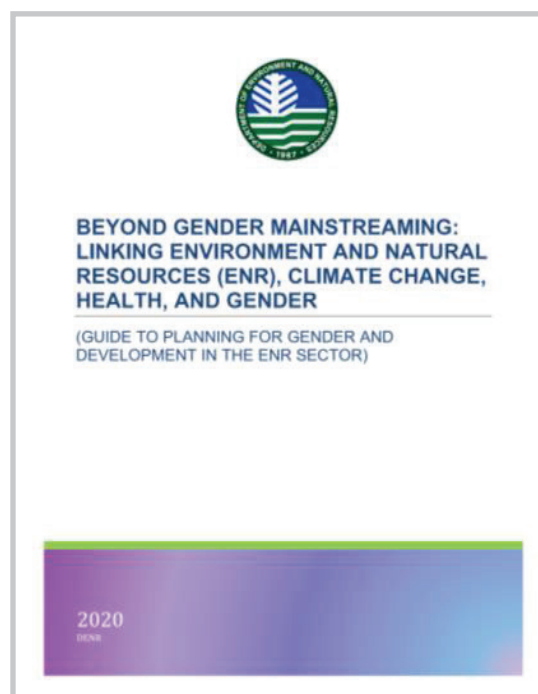


Figure 19.2 Handbook on “Beyond Gender Mainstreaming: Linking ENR, Climate Change, Health and Gender”

Celebration of Gender-Responsive Climate Change Consciousness Week

Webinar on Turning Digital Innovations into Gender-Responsive Climate Actions

The webinar was conducted in cognizance of the importance of promoting knowledge and access to available communication technology, and harnessing converging technologies during trying times like disasters and pandemics attended by climate change focal persons, information officers, regional public affairs officers, regional environmental education and information officers, IT focal persons, and some officials from the DENR services, bureaus, attached agencies, and regional/field offices

Webinar on Resilient Rivers towards Gender-Responsive Resilient Communities

The webinar was a call for a global and national political agenda to strengthen protection and restoration of rivers for future generations of women and men. It presented various initiatives of both women and men as they pursue policies, programs, activities for the rehabilitation, conservation and management of rivers across the globe.



Mga Kwentong KLIMA-likasan: A Photo Blog Competition

The photoblog competition aimed to showcase the efforts of women and men in creating a safe and healthy environment as they respond to disasters and pandemic. It featured stories/narratives about the impacts of climate change in their communities and how they are addressing these through behavioral solutions.



Figure 19.3 Photoblog contest

Forum on Gender-Responsive Climate Policy

The forum presented gender-responsiveness of some environmental plans and programs such as biodiversity management, national climate change action plan, gender and climate change laws (Magna Carta of Women, Climate Change Act, Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act)

Provision for Child Care Support for DENR Personnel

Operationalization of GAD Day Care Center

The DENR Day Care Center as a program under GAD provides learning sessions to children of DENR employees, while the latter are at work. Because of the pandemic which prevented children from being allowed out of their homes, the year was spent in developing learning materials and revising lesson plans, and providing assistance to the other programs of the DENR GAD Office, and the Climate Change Service.

Client-Focused

Development of Gender-Responsive Radio Episode Programs on Climate Change and Disaster Risks

Forty episodes were developed for the weekly radio program titled, “Ang Tinig Klima” which is aired over DZXL Radio Mindanao Network (RMN) every Friday at 3:00-4:00 PM. Focus areas of discussion were on pollution, climate change, disaster risks, toxic chemicals, wastes, resiliency, behavior change, local and global commitments to slow down global warming, potentials of youth, women and men leaders to achieve community resiliency, and many others.

Seminar on Gender-Responsive Approaches in Climate and Disaster Resiliency for Urban Poor Communities



Figure 19.4 Seminar on gender-responsive approaches in climate and disaster resiliency for urban poor communities

The seminar aimed at capacitating the participants with effective gender-responsive and inclusive approaches into climate and disaster resiliency strategies especially when assisting communities, particularly women, to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any climate and disaster risks.

Gender-Responsive “Build Back Better” Activity

To respond to the needs and concerns of women and men in the Calabarzon Region (Batangas, Cavite and Tagaytay City) who were affected by the Taal Volcano eruption, gender-responsive build back better activity was conceptualized.

Coined as, “Maagap at Matatag: Ang Pagbangon ni Juana sa Taal”, the activity was one of the outreach programs of the DENR for Taal Volcano victims. Led by the DENR NGADFPS, the women officials and employees provided hygiene kits, medicines, story books and meals in Barangays of Tranca and Aya in Talisay, Batangas on March 13, 2020. Build Back Better Violence-Free Community event was conducted in Barangay Malanday, Marikina, one of the hard-hit areas during Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses. It aimed to raise awareness and ability of residents to respond to gender-based violence especially during calamities. Hygiene kits, relief goods and cleaning implements were distributed to the barangay.



Figure 19.5 Assistance given to the communities affected by the Taal Volcano eruption

(Source: GAD Focal Office)