

Social Protection and Childhood Violence: Expert Roundtable

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Achieving behavior change through social protection

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The Philippine 4Ps

(Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program)

- ▶ *social assistance*, giving monetary support to extremely poor families to respond to their immediate needs; and
- ▶ *social development*, breaking the intergenerational poverty cycle by investing in the health and education of poor children.

Coverage of the 4Ps

- ▶ The 4Ps operates in all the 17 regions in the Philippines, covering 79 provinces, 143 cities, and 1,484 municipalities
- ▶ There are 4,353,597 active household-beneficiaries of which 10,235,658 are children

Cash Grants

- ▶ The 4Ps has two types of cash grants that are given out to household-beneficiaries:
 1. **Health grant:** P500 (\$11) per household every month, or a total of P6,000 (\$130) every year
 2. **Education grant:** P300 (\$6.50) per child every month for ten months, or a total of P3,000 (\$ 65) every year (a household may register a maximum of three children for the program)

For a household with three children, a household may receive P1,400 (\$30) every month, or a total of P15,000 (\$326) every year for five years, from the two types of cash grants given to them.

The Conditions:

- ▶ Pregnant women must avail pre- and post-natal care, and be attended during childbirth by a trained professional;
- ▶ Parents or guardians must attend the family development sessions, which include topics on responsible parenting, health, and nutrition;
- ▶ Children aged 0-5 must receive regular preventive health check-ups and vaccines;
- ▶ Children aged 6-14 must receive deworming pills twice a year; and
- ▶ Children-beneficiaries aged 3-18 must enroll in school, and maintain an attendance of at least 85% of class days every month.

High Compliance Rates

- ▶ 99.91% for the deworming of children aged 6-14;
- ▶ 98.99% for school attendance of children aged 6-14;
- ▶ 98.33% for school attendance of children in daycare aged 3-5;
- ▶ 97.05% for school attendance of children aged 15-18;
- ▶ 95.95% for health visits of pregnant women and children aged 0-5;
- ▶ 94.84% for attendance in family development sessions

The 4Ps increased schooling

- ▶ The study found higher rates of school enrollment among children 3-11 years of age in the beneficiary households (by 10 percentage points for 3-5 year olds and by 4.5 percentage points for 6-11 year olds), compared to poor households who did not receive the program.
- ▶ In particular, the program has been successful in boosting the enrollment of primary-aged children (6-11 years old), helping to bring about near universal enrollment of 98 percent enrolled in school among this age group.

Chaudhury, Friedman, Onishi, 2013

The 4Ps improved nutrition of the children

- ▶ The improvement was a 10 percentage point reduction in severe stunting compared to barangays that did not receive the program, where 24 percent of young children (6-36 months old) were severely stunted.

Chaudhury, Friedman, Onishi, 2013

The 4Ps increased use of health services

- ▶ The program has also encouraged poor women to use maternal and child health services such as antenatal care, postnatal care, regular growth monitoring, and receipt of Vitamin A and deworming pills. In addition, it has helped increase healthcare-seeking behaviors among beneficiaries when their children become ill.

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CAVEATS

- ▶ Although more children are visiting health centers to meet the program conditionality of regular growth monitoring, the study did not find an increase in childhood immunization coverage
- ▶ the findings suggest that the program has not had a significant impact on increasing enrollment among older children aged 12-17 years old.

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Parenting for Life-long Health Philippines

- ▶ Proof-of-concept study
- ▶ Adaptation of the Sinuvuyo Parenting Program of South Africa
- ▶ Phases of the Research:
 - Cultural adaptation
 - Training of 30 Facilitators
 - Delivery of parenting modules to 150 families

Linking Child Protection and the 4Ps

- ▶ Still being developed at the moment

