



**INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION BOARD
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Intercountry Adoption Board (ICAB) is the Central Authority of the Philippines acts as the policy making body for purposes of carrying out the provisions of Republic Act 8043 (The Intercountry Adoption Act of 1995). It continuously take initiatives to achieve its commitment based on its mandate. ICAB has undertaken activities and strategies to ensure protection of Filipino children placed for international adoption through monitoring and regulation of its partner agencies (FAAs) and to ensure compliance with the standards and deter trafficking of Filipino children.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS ALONG MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS

A. Policy Formulation and Regulation of Foreign Adoption Agencies

ICAB has prescribed rules and regulations, developed policies, guidelines, procedures, programs and services that prevent trafficking of children and protect the Filipino child adopted abroad pending the finalization of the placement.

There were nine (9) Board meetings during the quarter where issues and concerns on ICAB policies and procedures, bilateral agreements and problems were discussed, deliberated upon and resolutions arrived at.

- ✦ ICAB continues to review the modification on the 2014 allocation system on the number of adoption applications and placement per foreign adoption agency effectively lessening the waiting period for child referral.
- ✦ Re-accreditation/authorization with due diligence visit to the following adoption agencies as well as consultation/dialogue with the Central Authorities:
 - Foreign Adoption Agency:
 - **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
 1. All God's Children Itnernation -I, Oregon, USA
 2. Sacred Portion Children's Outreach - Montana, USA
 3. Chrysalis House Inc, - California, USA
 4. Christian Adoption Services – North Carolina, USA
 5. Holston United Methodist Home for Children – Tennessee, USA
 - **CANADA**
 1. Choices Adoption and Counseling Services – British Columbia, Canada
 2. Societe Formons Une Famille Inc. – Quebec, Canada
 3. Cornerstone Adoption agency – Ontario, Canada

- **EUROPE**

1. Danish International Adoption (DIA) – Birkerød, Denmark
2. Flanders Intercountry Adoption Care – Belgium
3. NICWO WERELDKINDEREN – The Netherlands
4. Associazione I Cinque Pani Onlus – Prator, Italy
5. Asociacion Anida – Tenerife, Spain
6. Familie International Frankfurt E.V. – Frankfurt, Germany
7. Bureau Genevois D'Adoption – Geneva, Switzerland
8. Adopsjonsforum – Oslo, Norway
9. Associazione Amici Di Don Bosco – Turin, Italy
10. CIFA Onlus – Turin, Italy
11. Save the Children – Helsinki, Finland
12. Azione Per Famiglie Nuove (AFN) Onlus – Rome, Italy
13. Adoption Centrum, Sweden

- **ASIA PACIFIC**

1. Intercountry Adoption New Zealand (ICANZ), New Zealand

- Central Authorities

- Australian Central Authorities
- Commission for International Adoption/Department for Social Affairs, Italian Central Authority
- Spanish Central Authority (Tenerife)

- ✚ Associated Catholic Charities, Maryland was approved to undertake their first Winter Hosting Program in 2015 with 5 children participating.
- ✚ Agence Francaise de l' Adoption (AFA) France was approved to undertake Hosting Program pending submission of all requirements of sponsoring agency for the program. This will facilitate the placement of children especially those who are older and members of sibling groups.
- ✚ Approval and endorsement of the nine (9) new ICPC members to replace those whose terms of office expired: 2 psychologist; 1 lawyer; 1 NGO representative; and 5 medical doctors/pediatricians.
- ✚ Full accreditation of Parenting Foundation as a liaison service agency following compliance and completion of necessary requirements.
- ✚ Issuance of a Certificate for Irish cases in accordance with Article 17c of The Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. This Certificate stipulates all processes and procedures to determine abandonment through tri-media publication and all efforts to locate the child's birthparents have been complied with.
- ✚ Approved the attendance and participation of the ICAB's Executive Director to The Hague, Netherlands on June 6-15, 2015 to Chair the Fourth Meeting of the Special Commission which aims to review the practical operation of *the Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country*

Adoption. The ICAB Executive Director has been designated by The Hague Permanent Bureau to Chair the Special Commission meeting.

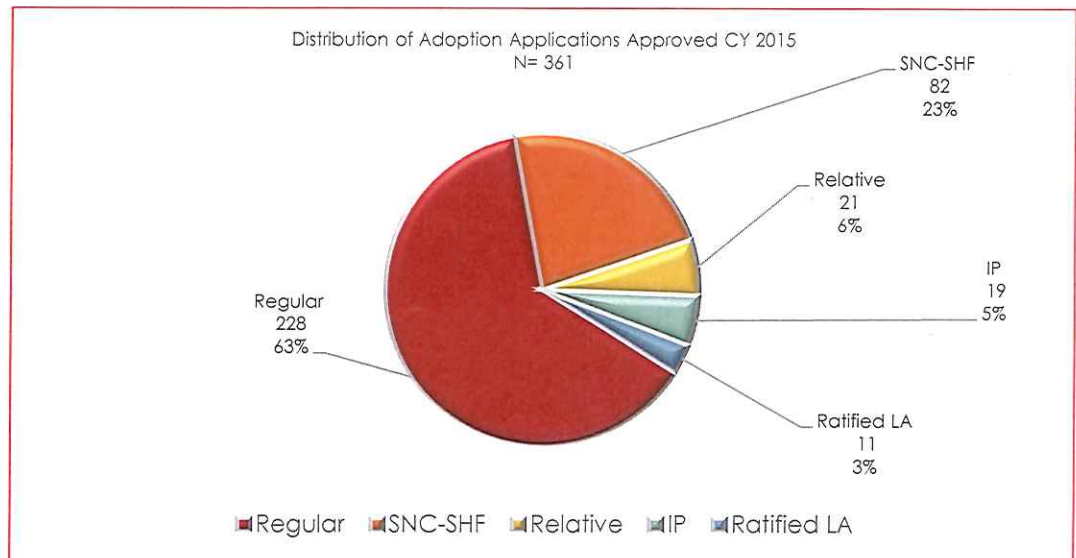
- ✦ Approved the continuing review of the conditional moratorium on endorsement of adoption applications by accredited Foreign Adoption Agencies.
- ✦ Approved the inclusion of Secretariat Senior Social Workers with the Board Members in the accreditation/re-accreditation visits of Foreign Adoption Agency.
- ✦ Approved the resolution on the following:
 1. The guidelines/criteria on selecting new set of ICA Board members and appointment of new set Board Members on a staggered basis.
 2. Re-appointment of the Executive Director
 3. The re-appointment of three (3) members of the Intercountry Placement Committee (ICPC): 1 social worker, 1 NGO representative and 1 psychologist
- ✦ Approved the endorsement to the DSWD Secretary the list of nominations for the New Board Members.
- ✦ Approved to furnish concerned Child Caring Agencies of Post Placement Reports and Adoption Decree through email to reduce the use of paper and the costs associated to photocopying and mailing.
- ✦ Approved the full accreditation of SAMARITAN's Place Inc. as a Liaison Service Agency for 3 years (from June 10, 2015 to June 9, 2018).
- ✦ Approved the creation of an Executive Committee meeting and the manner of meeting of Board Members.
- ✦ Approved the amendment of the medical and psychological requirements of Prospective Adoptive Parents.
- ✦ Approved two (2) lawyers as ICPC members for three (3) years terms.
- ✦ Approved the accreditation of a new agency – CHOICE \$ Adoption and Counseling Services Canada for specific category: relative and special needs adoption placement.
- ✦ Approved the amendment of the medical and psychological requirements for Prospective Adoptive Parents
- ✦ Approved two (2) additional lawyers as members of the Intercountry Placement Committee (ICPC), namely: Atty. Manuel Gacho and Atty. Fina Bernadette tantuico.
- ✦ Throughout CY 2015:
 - a. The ICAB worked with 76 Local Partners (CCAs/CPAs) and it ensured that a total of 53 or 70% of Child Caring/Placing Agencies (GOs and NGOs) conformed not only to the ICAB guidelines, rules and regulations, policies and procedures but also to the provisions of The Hague Convention. The monitoring of these CCAs/CPAs was achieved via an evaluation of the CCAs/CPAs preparation of the Child Study Report (CSR) and its Supporting Documents (SDs), their case management skills together with the assessment of these agencies' manner of preparing a child for inter-country adoption through the pre-matching conference of the CCA/CPA social workers with the ICAB Secretariat social worker, the actual ICPC matching conference and during the Board's disposition of the case.
 - b. A total of 107 international/foreign partners (CAs/FAAs/GAAs): 55 NGO Foreign Adoption Agencies and 52 Central Authorities were monitored by ICAB during the semester and these were found to comply with the existing rules and regulations, policies and procedures of the Philippine Inter-country Adoption Program. The

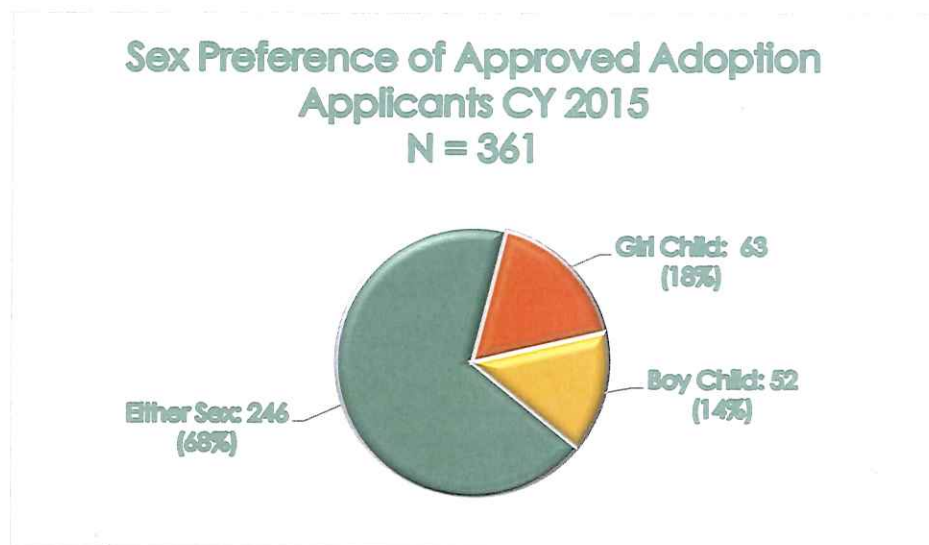
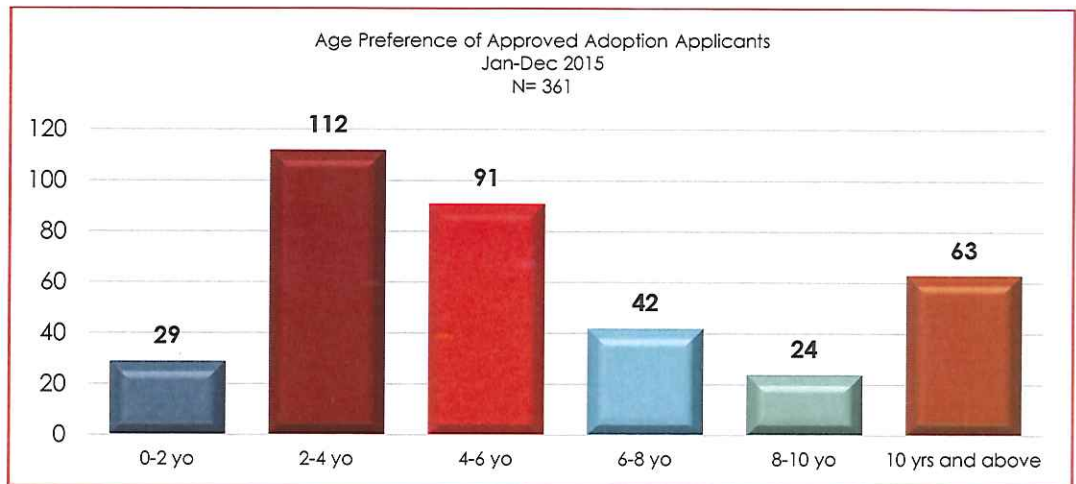
monitoring of these foreign partners was undertaken through the assessment of these agencies' quality of endorsed dossiers (e.g. Home Study Report which abides by the Board's guidelines; child preference which follows stipulated Board policy on nurturance; ages of PAPs and their number of marital years, etc.), their adherence to established time frame for their clients' accepting and fetching of the child proposed to them and their finalization of the minor's adoption.

c. Six (6) Liaison Service Agencies representing a total of 15 Foreign Adoption Agencies (FAAs) were monitored to ensure the compliance with the standards set for the delivery of liaison service for the Inter-country Adoption Program of the Philippines.

B. Program Development and Implementation

1. One thousand two hundred ninety three (1,293) inquiries were responded to and clarified the peculiarities of the Philippine ICA law particularly on relative adoption; its process, procedures and requirements.
2. Four hundred eighteen (418) new adoption applications were assessed during the year of which 361 were approved. Among the 361 approved new adoption applicants, 98 were carry-over from CY 2014 and 263 new applications which were only approved during the year. The adoption applicants were found to be eligible and suitable prospective adoptive parents and complied with the standard requirements of ICAB.





3. Of the total of 1,084 approved adoptive applicants (carry-over approved applicants: 723 and 361 new applications approved in 2015) awaiting child referral, 306 Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) were matched and 121 accepted the child referral.

Adoption Category	Matched PAPs	PAPs Entrusted with PACn
Regular	180 (58.82%)	193 (64.33%)
Special Needs-Special Home Finding	80 (26.14%)	63 (21.00%)
Relative	18 (5.88%)	27 (9.00%)
Independent Placement	17 (5.56%)	17 (5.67%)
Ratified Local Adoption	11 (3.59%)	-
TOTAL	306 (100%)	300 (100%)

Table 1: Distribution of Matched Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) and Entrusted PAPs with Prospective Adoptive Child/ren According to Adoption Category

4. Three hundred (300) adoptive parents came to the Philippines for the entrustment of their prospective adoptive child/ren.

5. Three hundred fifty-seven (357) new cases of children were given ICA Clearance by the DSWD.

Category	Cleared Children (New Cases)	Matched and Approved	Accepted	Entrusted to PAPs
Regular	198 (55.46%)	187 (53.13%)	155 (48.74%)	215 (58.42%)
Special Needs-Special Home Finding	64 (17.93%)	113 (32.10%)	111 (34.91%)	91 (24.73%)
Relative	71 (91.89%)	21 (5.97%)	21 (6.60%)	41 (11.14%)
Independent Placement	24 (6.72%)	19 (5.40%)	19 (5.97%)	21 (5.71%)
Ratified Local Adoption		12 (3.41%)	12 (3.77%)	-
TOTAL	357 (100%)	352 (100%)¹	338 (100%)¹	368 (100%)¹

Table 2: Distribution of Children: Cleared, Matched and Accepted and Entrusted to their PAPs According to Adoption Category

¹ Inclusive of children cleared in previous years but were only matched, accepted and entrusted in the current year.

	Cleared Children (New Cases)	Matched and Approved	Accepted	Entrusted to PAPs
Deed of Voluntary Commitment CDCLAA	197 (55.18%)	172 (48.86%)	171 (53.77%)	207 (56.25%)
Abandoned CDCLAA	160 (44.82%)	180 (51.14%)	137 (46.22%)	161 (43.75%)
Total	357 (100%)	352 (100%)	318 (100%)	368 (100%)
Boy Child	201 (56.30%)	198 (56.25%)	178 (55.97%)	204 (55.43%)
Girl Child	156 (43.70%)	154 (43.75%)	140 (44.03%)	164 (44.57%)
Total	357 (100%)	352 (100%)	318 (100%)	368 (100%)

Table 3: Distribution of Children: Cleared, Matched and Approved, Accepted and Entrusted to their PAPs According to Legal Status and Sex

6. There were a total of 527 children awaiting matching during the year of which 170 were carry-over cases from previous years and 357 new cases of children cleared in CY 2015.
7. Three hundred fifty-two (352) or 66.79% of the total children cleared (N= 527) were matched within the timeline of which 160 or 46% of the 352 matched children were carry over cases from previous years while 192 or 54% were children cleared in CY 2105.
8. Among the 318 children accepted by the PAPs, 55.97% are boy children and 44.03% are girl children; 53.77% of them were voluntarily committed by their birthmothers or guardians and 46.22% were either foundlings or abandoned children.
9. Three hundred sixty-eight (368) children were entrusted to their respective Prospective Adoptive Parents during the year of which 207 or 56.25% were surrendered voluntarily by their birth family/birthmother while 161 or 43.75% were granted a petition for Certificate Declaring a Child Legally Available for Adoption (CDCLAA)

Age Range	Children Cleared (New Cases)	Matched and Approved	Accepted	Entrusted to PAPs
0-2 yrs old	91	74	70	30
2-4 yrs old	70	91	79	117
4-6 yrs old	46	35	29	67
6-8 yrs old	37	39	30	48
8-10 yrs old	28	36	34	28
10 ys & above	85	77	76	78
TOTAL	357	352	318	368

Table 4: Distribution of Children: Cleared, Matched and Approved, Accepted and Entrusted to their PAPs According to Age

10. Three hundred sixty-eight (368) children were entrusted to the Prospective Adoptive Parents who personally came to the Philippines and stayed for at least 5 days and that trial custody commenced.

Geographical Location	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	TOTAL
Europe	32	56	36	40	164
USA	41	30	43	42	156
Canada	16	7	8	3	34
Asia Pacific	6	3	1	4	14
TOTAL	95	96	88	89	368

Table 5: Distribution of Children Entrusted to Prospective Adoptive Parents According to Geographical Location of Receiving Country

Child Caring Agency	TOTAL
Non-Governmental Agency	244
DSWD Field Office	71
DSWD Reception & Study Center for Children	53
TOTAL	368

Table 6: Distribution of Children Entrusted to Prospective Adoptive Parents According to Child Caring Agency

11. The DSWD Secretary issues the Affidavit of Consent to Adoption (ACA) if reciprocal child-adoptive family bonding is proven. The outcomes of the three (3) post placement reports done every two months during the 6 months trial custody period are the bases for the issuance of this legal document. Three hundred seventy-three (373) ACAs were endorsed to the CAs/FAAs during CY 2015.

Geographical Location	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	TOTAL
Europe	62	33	59	23	177
USA	42	24	31	32	129
Canada	12	6	14	11	43
Asia Pacific	4	6	12	2	24
TOTAL	120	69	116	68	373

Table 7: Distribution of Children Issued Affidavit of Consent of Adoption According to geographical Location of Receiving Country

12. Three hundred eighty-one (381) Adoption Decrees were received during the year in review. The Adoption Decrees received during the year were for the children whose placement occurred from 2013-2015.

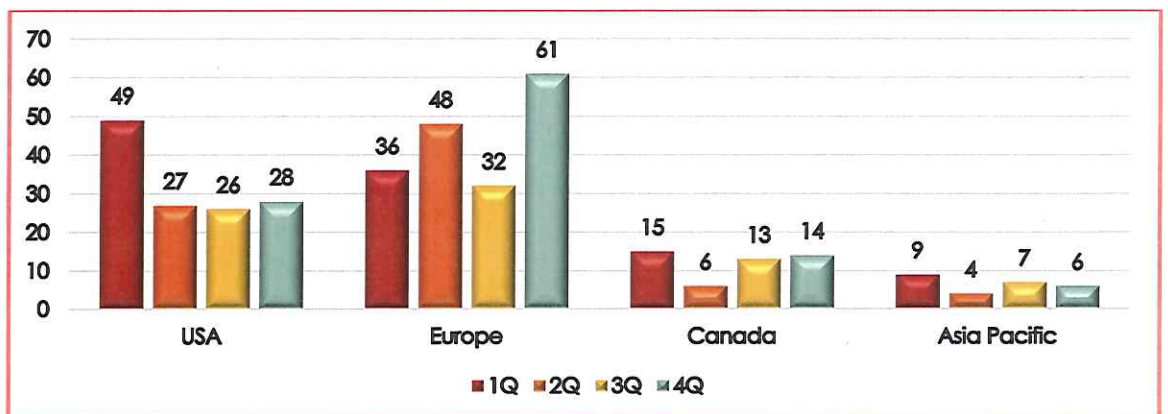


Table 8: Distribution of Children with Finalized Adoption According to Geographical Location of Receiving Country

13. The Hosting Program has been found to be an effective strategy for finding adoptive parents for older children or sibling groups. Eighteen (18) children participated in the hosting program in USA. Thirty-eight (38) children participants in 2013-2015 Hosting Programs were matched during the year to their host families who pursued adoption.
14. Post legal adoption services: ICAB assists the adoptive child/ren and their adoptive family (and even birth family/relatives who desire to know their child's situation) to trace their birth family/relatives. For the year in review, there were 40 children from Australia, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and USA who came home to touch base with their Homeland and returned to the institutions/orphanages where they spent the early years of their life. Forty-nine (49) adoptees have written the ICAB and requested for a search and reunion meeting with their birthmother/family. The search and reunion request are coordinated with the NGO Child Caring Agencies or the DSWD Field Offices concerned. Five (5) adult adoptees had a successful reunion with their birth family and relatives during the CY 2015. The reunion provided the adult adoptee an opportunity to know his roots/origin, meet his relatives, share experiences and clarified feelings and doubts. The adult adoptee and their birthmother have achieved some peace of mind, healing and closure.

C. Networking and Advocacy

During CY 2015, activities for information dissemination, promotion of programs, projects and services through consultations, dialogues, capacity building packages, media guestings, and website development to assist other concerned agencies (LGUs, Court, other NGAs, NGO Child Caring/Placing Agencies and DSWD Field Offices/RSCCs) were undertaken.

1. The Inter-country Adoption Board held dialogues with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Bureau Directors, Field Office Directors and Social Workers; Reception and Study Center Heads and Social Workers; Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Consular Services, DFA Legal Affairs, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Norwegian, USA and Australian Embassy representatives and Foreign Immigration officials; local and international partner adoption agency coordinators/directors.
2. The Norwegian Parliament Committee on Family Affairs headed by Ambassador Erik Forner met with the ICAB and DSWD to learn and exchange experiences in dealing with the emerging issues of children for intercountry adoption particularly children with special needs. The visit was also to better understand the Philippine adoption system and foster cooperation.
3. The ICAB participated in the 17th National Adoption Consciousness Day. This year's theme "Legal na Pagpapa-ampon sa Lahat ng Pagkakataon" emphasized that adopted children have the same rights as biological ones. The Adoption Help Desk in different SM and Ayala Malls focused on educating the public on the legal process of adoption regardless of the circumstances of the child.
4. The new ICPC members were oriented on the Philippine ICA program, its processes and procedures, turn-around/timeline, and ICAB's organizational structure to ensure familiarity before taking part in the Matching Conference.
5. Foreign Adoption Coordinator/Executive Director of Associated Catholic Charities (ACC, Maryland USA, Asociacion Para El Ciudadano de la Infancia (ACI) Spain, and Holt International Children's Services, USA visited the ICAB. The discussion focused on the

ongoing conditional moratorium on adoption application, hosting program guideline, status/updates of their approved adoptive parents, post legal adoption services requests and how to institutionalize a better system of cooperation.

6. ICAB sponsored the 13th Philippine Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services in coordination and cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP). This was held last September 1-4, 2015 at the SMX Convention Center, Aura Premier, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Three hundred one (301) adoption advocates and experts in the global adoption community attended the conference. Eighty-three (83) foreign delegates from four geographical locations – USA, Canada, Asia Pacific and Europe and 218 local delegates from DSWD, ICAB and its partner child caring agencies, other governmental agencies and associations of social workers participated in the conference. Members from the diplomatic corps and media likewise attended the consultation's opening ceremony. The 13th Philippine Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services brought a huge number of participants from the different agencies (local and foreign) providing an excellent opportunity to share, discuss and learn about intercountry adoption issues.
7. The SWO IV of ICAB attended the Technical Working group at the House of Representatives to discuss the pending bill proposing the extension of the prescriptive period for the rectification of simulated births.
8. A capacity building training on intercountry adoption program and preparing children for adoption were conducted for Regions I, II, CAR, VIII, X, and XI social workers. The regional training is in fulfillment to the ICAB's commitment to DSWD's SG3. A total of 263 social workers from the DSWD FO, RSCC, NGOs, Family Courts, hospitals and P/M/CSWDO attended the training. The social workers gained additional knowledge on red flags in the medical and psychological development of the child under their care. Likewise different tools, techniques and strategies in preparing children for adoption were shared.
9. The Secretariat Focal Person on Matching Conference and the PDO III attended and participated in the round table discussion on harmonizing requirements on adoption by DSWD and ICAB. This is in line with the directive of the DSWD Secretary to identify innovative means to fast-track the cases of children in child caring agencies into permanent placement. Likewise assist the social workers/case managers in facilitating the movement of these children.
10. The Executive Director attended and participated in the CY 2015 Mid-Year National Management Development Conference in Butuan City which dealt on the accomplishments of DSWD OBSUs, Field Offices and Attached Agencies.
11. The Executive Director was authorized to travel to The Hague in the Netherlands from June 6-15, 2015 to Chair the Fourth Meeting of the Special Commission which aims to review the practical operation of the *Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption*.
12. The ICAB SWO V attended and participated in the Technical Assistance Forum for Luzon Cluster in Baguio City which discussed the facilitating and hindering factors in the case movement/management of children for ICA particularly those under the relative adoption category.

13. The ICAB Executive Director and 2 Board Members participated in the Fourth Special Committee Meeting of the 1993 Hague Convention at the Peace Palace, The Hague and proceeded to Ireland for the signing of an Administrative Agreement on Intercountry Adoption.
14. The ICAB Executive Director and Senior Social Workers travelled with the new ICAB Board Members and assisted them in the re-accreditation/re-authorization of Foreign Adoption Agencies. The visit as an opportunity for the new Board Members to meet and familiarize themselves with the intercountry adoption programs and services of ICAB's foreign partners in Belgium, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, and Spain. They also met with the adoptive parents/families and the Filipino adoptees who were found to have integrated well into the culture of their adopted country.
15. The PDO III and Post Adoption Social Worker attended and participated in the DSWD-PDPB sponsored training workshop on Gender and Development which heightened the awareness to implement laws and issuances which protects the right of women and girl children. The activity also described the different tools in assessing the level of gender sensitivity of the agency personnel and its programs and services.
16. Technical assistance and advocacy visits provided to DSWD/LGUs/NGOs to assist in the case movement and management of children for ICA:
 - ❖ DSWD FO I
 - ❖ DSWD FO II
 - ❖ DSWD IV-A
 - ❖ DSWD NCR
 - ❖ DSWD FO III
 - ❖ DSWD VI
 - ❖ DSWD FO VII
 - ❖ DSWD FO VIII
 - ❖ DSWD CAR
 - ❖ DSWD FO X
 - ❖ RSCC XI
 - ❖ DSWD FO XII
 - ❖ Bethany Home Bulacan
 - ❖ Beacon of Hope foundation Naic, Cavite
 - ❖ Casa De Bambini Cavite
 - ❖ Virlanie Foundation
 - ❖ Rehoboth Sampaloc Ministries, Tanay
 - ❖ Children Shelter of Cebu
 - ❖ Casa de Bambini Cavite
 - ❖ Home of Joy Dasmaringas Cavite
 - ❖ Meritxell Children's Home World Foundation, Marikina
 - ❖ Gentle Hands, QC
 - ❖ Mama's Hope Haven of Norway Cavite
 - ❖ Harvest House Davao

D. ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING

1. The ICAB complied with AO 39 Series of 2013 mandating all NGAs to migrate to the

government webhosting services of the DOST-ICTO in close coordination and collaboration with the DSWD ICTMS.

2. The ICAB complied with Civil Service Commission ARTA requirements and posting in the most public accessible area of the agency. The Citizen's Charter was also updated to include new policies/procedures in the electronic sharing of post placement supervision reports and Adoption Decree to concerned Child Caring Agencies which resulted to less paper usage and cutback on cost associated with photocopying and mailing.
3. The ICAB participated in various conferences, dialogues, workshops and meetings which equipped the ICAB Secretariat with new knowledge and skills in the efficient and effective delivery of intercountry adoption program and services, understood strategic goals of the Department, familiarized with the performance governance system, government accounting, procurement and auditing policies/procedures:
 - a) PCW-GMMS Orientation
 - b) Seminar/Workshop on Government Procurement Reform Act and Updates
 - c) Seminar Workshop on Internal Control System for Property and Supply Management
 - d) Values Re-Orientation Workshop (Values Alignment Seminar)
 - e) DSWD Orientation on Guidelines on Domestic Adoption and Foster Care
 - f) DSWD Communication Planning Workshop
 - g) NMDC CY 2014 Year-End Conference
 - h) Strategic Goal 3 intervention Planning Workshop
 - i) Technical Budgeting Hearing on 2nd Tier Budgeting
 - j) Technical Working Group (House of Representatives) Simulated Birth Certificate
 - k) DSWD Round Table Discussion/Focused Group Discussion on SOGIE- LGBT vis a vis Adoption
 - l) DBM Budget Forum
 - m) DBM-DSWD PREXC Meeting Workshop
 - n) IPCR Orientation
 - o) Operationalization of The Hague Convention
 - p) Relational Issues in Adoption: Attachment and Bonding; Loss and Grief
 - q) Training on Restoration of Filipino Values
 - r) PMHA Training "Maglaro Tayo: The Role of Play Therapy in the Development of Children and Adolescents"
 - s) Annual Staff Development and Team Building
 - t) CY 2015 Mid-Year NMDC
 - u) ICAB's 20th Anniversary
 - v) Training on Risk Management for Key Implementers Batch 1
 - w) 13th Philippine Global Consultation on Child Welfare Services
 - x) Gender and Development : Personhood and Enabling Environment

III. ICAB Budget & Expenses

- At the end of the CY 2015, the ICAB operated on a total budget of Php 44,293,733.00 Million which was derived from the Regular Allotment (RA 10651) of Php 14,611 Million and P28,547 Million from use of income per Section 13 of RA 8043.

- A summary of allotment/obligations and balance is stated below (In Thousand Pesos) as of December 31, 2015:

Particulars	Allotment RA 10633	Use of Income Section 13 of RA 8043	Add'l SARO/ Realignment	Total Allotment Received	Obligations Incurred	Unobligated Balance of Allotments	% of Fund Utilization
PS	P14,611,000.00	-	1,935,733.00	16,546,733.00	16,934,125.42	(387,392.42)	102.34%
MOOE	-	P27,433,000.00	(800,000.00)	26,633,000.00	26,018,106.61	614,893.39	97.69%
CO	-	1,114,000.00		1,114,000.00	1,089,559.07	24,440.93	97.81%
TOTAL	P14,611,000.00	P28,547,000.00	1,135,733.00	44,293,733.00	44,041,791.10	251,941.90	99.43%

- During CY 2015, the ICAB earned a total of Php 34,657,102.16 which is 91% of the annual target income of Php 38,086,400 Million. There is a 15.86% decrease in the income collection of ICAB for the CY 2015 compared to CY 2014 (Php 41,191,851.98). This may be attributed to the continuing conditional moratorium of adoption applications.

IV. CONCLUSION:

For CY 2015 it would be noted that the target vs accomplishment have been met with a 95% accomplishment rating. The interest of other Sending as well as Receiving Country delegates to observe, learn and understand the intercountry adoption program of the country implies that both Sending and Receiving Country considers the implementation of the ICA program as exemplary. They consider the ICA program of the Philippines as a best practice and are desirous of adapting it. They noted the process and procedures to be in strict compliance to the international laws protecting the rights, welfare and interests of Filipino children. The close and continuous collaboration between ICAB, DSWD, NGOs and LGUs will redound to the protection of Filipino children.

V. RECOMMENDATION

These are challenges for ICAB in the next period and in the coming years unless immediate action is pursued:

1. Limited number of children cleared for intercountry adoption as against a large number of adoptive families waiting for a match and applying.
2. Pre-identification of unrelated child for adoption
3. Pursuing domestic adoption by couples with dual citizenship but are habitual residents abroad.
4. Amendment of RA 8043.

Addressing the challenges:

1. Continuous provision of capacity building packages on ICA zeroing on LGUs, hospitals/Lying-In Clinics, courts.
2. Strong coordination with SOO-PSB, Field Offices and NGOs on cases of children for intercountry adoption.
3. Pursue legislative agenda.

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