


INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION BOARD (ICAB) CY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Intercountry Adoption Board (ICAB) is the Central Authority of the Philippines that carries commitments under The Hague Convention of 1993 and responsibilities under Republic Act 8043 (The Intercountry Adoption Act of 1995) to achieve its commitment based on its mandate. ICAB activities and strategies ensure the protection of Filipino children placed for international adoption through monitoring and regulation of partner agencies and ensuring compliance with international standards to deter trafficking of Filipino children.


II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS ALONG MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS

1. Policy Formulation and Regulation of Foreign Adoption Agencies

ICAB prescribes rules, regulations, policies, guidelines, procedures, programs and services that prevent trafficking of children and ensure the protection of the Filipino child adopted abroad.

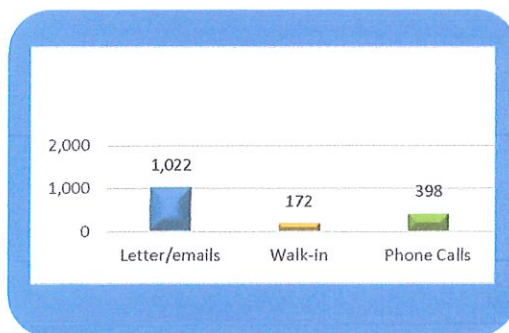
There were 18 Board meetings during the semester where issues and concerns on ICAB policies and procedures, bilateral agreements and problems were discussed, deliberated upon and resolved.

- ICAB continues to evolve the allocation system on the number of adoption applications and placement per foreign adoption agency (FAA) effectively lessening the waiting period for child referral.
- The Board resolved to remind the DSWD and Child Caring Agencies (CCAs) that if a legitimate child is cleared for ICA and issued a Certification Declaring a Child Legally Available for Adoption (CDCLAA), the Deed of Voluntary Commitment (DVC) should be signed by both the birthfather and birthmother.
- The psychological evaluation should be undertaken by a licensed psychologist. A copy of the psychologist's license or registration certification should be attached to the report.
- The Board approved ICAB's creation/production and distribution of a Quick Guide/Handbook which is a quick reference for social workers on the steps and documentation requirements for children being processed for intercountry adoption.
- The Board approved the amendment of the Placement Authority and the Travel Authority which should specifically indicate applicable provisions of The 1993 Hague Convention and the Philippine Intercountry Adoption Law.
- In order for Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) to be more aware and duly prepared to address the needs of an older child, the Board approved to indicate a waiver in the child's proposal that any possible history of child sexual abuse should not to be ruled out.
- Accreditation/Re-accreditation of Foreign Adoption Agencies
 - Re-accreditation/authorization with due diligence visit to the following adoption agencies as well as consultation/dialogue with the Central Authorities:
 - Canada – Based Foreign Adoption Agencies (FAAs):
 - Choices Adoption and Counselling Services, British Columbia
 - Societe Formons Une Famille Inc., Quebec
 - Cornerstone Adoption Agency, Ontario

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- Europe-Based Foreign Adoption Agency
 - Asione Per Famiglie Nuove (AFN) Onlus, Italy
 - Centro Internazionale Per L'Infanzae la Famiglia (CIFA) Onlus, Italy
 - Associazione Amici di Don Bosco Onlus, Italy
 - Associazione I Cinque Pani Onlus, Italy
 - Asociacion ANIDA, Tenerife Spain
 - Flanders Intercountry Adoption Care (FIAC), Belgium
 - Sourires d' Enfants - Larisa, Belgium
 - Wereldkinderen, The Netherlands
 - Save the Children, Finland
 - Adopsjonsforum, Norway
 - AdoptionCentrum, Sweden
 - Save the Children Finland
- United States of America
 - Family and Community Services, Michigan
 - Evolve Adoption and family Services, Minnesota
 - Sacred Portion Children's Outreach Adoption Services, Montana
 - Holston United Methodist Home for Children, Tennessee
 - Lutheran Social Services, Wisconsin
- Asia-Pacific
 - Inter Country Adoption New Zealand Inc. , Auckland New Zealand
- The Board had consultation meeting with the Central Authority of British Columbia, the Ministry of Children and Family Development where issues on adoption allocation, matching of children and other policies and procedures were discussed and clarified.
- Three (3) FAAs in USA terminated their engagement and participation with the Philippine intercountry adoption program due to:
 - Closure of the adoption agency (1)
 - Non-renewal of their Hague accreditation (2). FAAs must be accredited by their State to comply with Philippine ICA standard requirements.

2. Program Development and Implementation



- One thousand five hundred eighty five (1,585) inquiries were responded to and clarified on the peculiarities of the Philippine ICA law particularly on relative adoption - its process, procedures and requirements.

Table 1. Comparative Accomplishment on Inquiries Responded According to Nature of Request (N=1,585)



- Two hundred forty-seven (247) new adoption applications were accepted during the year. A total of 350 applications were in the Roster of Approved Adoption Applicants: 115 were carried-over from CY 2016-2017 and 235 new applications were approved in CY 2018. The adoption applicants were found to be eligible and suitable prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) and complied with the ICAB documentary requirements of ICAB.

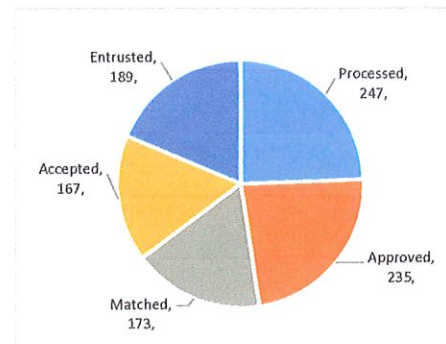


Table 2. Distribution of Adoption Applications According to Status (Approval, Matched, Accepted and Entrusted)

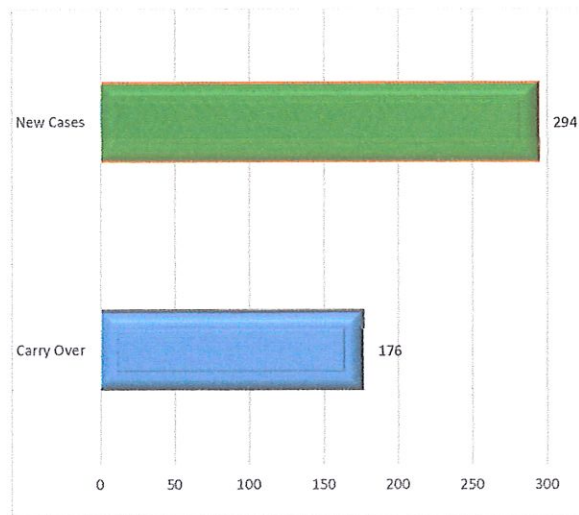
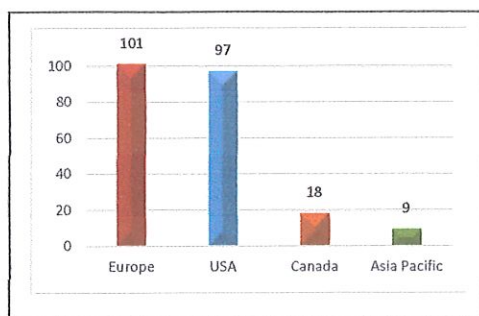



Table 3. Distribution of Children Cleared (N=470)

- A total of 470 children were available for intercountry adoption placement during 2018, 176 of which were cleared in previous years while 294 were cleared in CY 2018.
- Among these children, 207 were matched and approved for placement to approved adoption applicants; 198 were accepted by the adoptive parents and 225 were entrusted to the Prospective Adoptive Parents who personally come to the Philippines and stay for a minimum of 5 days.



- Of the 225 children entrusted to their PAPs, 101 were placed in Europe, 97 in USA, 18 in Canada and 9 in Asia-Pacific.

Table 5. Distribution of 225 Children Entrusted to Prospective Adoptive Parents According to Geographical Location

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- The DSWD Secretary issues the Affidavit of Consent to Adoption (ACA) if reciprocal child-adoptive family bonding is proven. The outcome of the three (3) to four (4) post placement reports done every two months during the 6 to 8 month trial custody period is the basis for the issuance of the ACA. Two hundred eighty-seven (287) ACAs were sent to the CAs/FAAs for CY 2018.

Geographical Location	TOTAL	%
USA	101	35.19%
EUROPE	146	50.87%
CANADA	27	9.41%
ASIA PACIFIC	13	4.53%
TOTAL	287	100%

Table 6. Distribution of Issued Affidavit of Consent to Adoption According to Geographical Location

- Three hundred sixty-six (366) Adoption Decrees were received during the year. The Adoption Decrees received were for the children whose placements were made during 2014-2018.

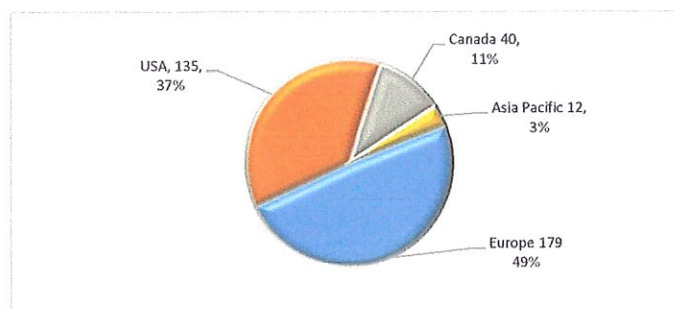



Table 7 Number and Distribution of Adoption Decrees Received During the Semester by Geographical Location


- **POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES:** ICAB assists the adoptive child/ren and their adoptive family/ies (and even birth family/relatives who desire to know the child's situation) to trace their birth families/relatives.
 - For CY 2018, 34 adoptees came home to touch base with their Homeland and returned to the institutions/orphanages where they spent the early years of their life: USA (15), Australia (6), France (6), Netherlands (3), Belgium (2), and one (1) each from Andorra, and Sweden.
 - Fifty-six (56) adoptees have requested for a search and reunion meeting with their birthmother/family. The search and reunion requests are coordinated with NGO Child Caring Agencies or the DSWD Field Offices concerned. Among these adoptees who requested for search of birth family/parents/relatives, 7 adoptees have had successful searches facilitated by the DSWD field Offices and NGO while 2 had a successful reunion. The reunion provides an adult adoptee the opportunity to know his roots/origin, meet his relatives, share experiences and clarified feelings and doubts regarding his/her adoption.
 - Twenty-four (24) adoptive families requested for the amendment of the birth certificates of the adoptees for use in the re-acquisition of Filipino Citizenship/Availment of dual citizenship and for documentation purposes of the family.

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3. Networking and Advocacy

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

- ICAB 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, Department of Justice-Commission on Filipinos Overseas (DOJ-CFO)Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Health-National Center for Mental Health (DOH-NCMH), PhilJA, Department of Budget and Management, AO 25 Secretariat, Government Procurement and Policy Board (GPPB), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Presidential Communications Operations Office of the Philippine Government (PCOO-OP) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).
- The ICAB Executive Director and senior social workers actively participated in the DSWD Technical Working Group on the Legislative Agenda of the Department, particularly on Alternative Family and Child Care. ICAB submitted its inputs to the proposed bills such as the “Alternative Child Care Code” and “Codifying The Alternative Child Care Laws, Reorganizing The Intercountry Adoption Board Into The National Child Care Authority”.
- ICAB sponsored a consultation dialogue with embassy representatives and stakeholders where issues on visa/immigration requirements were clarified for children accepted by adoptive parents of the Receiving States as well as discussion on the new Office of the Court Administrator Circular No. 213 series of 2017 regarding foreigners adopting locally but have habitual residence abroad.
- The officials of the USA Embassy Immigration Section, and the Australian Embassy met with ICAB 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.
- ICAB participated in the CY 2018 National Adoption Consciousness Day spearheaded by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in partnership with national government agencies (NGAs) and members of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP). With the theme “Pagmamahal Palaganapin, Legal na Pag-aampon Ating Gawin! (Spread Unconditional Love through Legal Adoption),” the celebration aimed to promote legal adoption as a means of providing compassion and unconditional love to abandoned, neglected and surrendered children. Moreover, the celebration also encouraged families to undergo legal adoption in order to protect the welfare of adopted children and ensure that their rights are same with that of biological children. The Adoption Consciousness celebration advocates for the strengthening of the legal process of adoption to ensure that the rights of adopted children are protected and that they are justly recognized in our society.
- The ICAB Executive Director was invited to the The Hague Workshop in Brno, Czech Republic last October 8-14, 2018. It was an informal meeting of the European Central Authorities focused on increasing the quality of children’s rights protection in the international adoption agenda.


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- The ICAB Executive Director had an invitation for an orientation meeting with Italian officers in Milan, Italy. The meeting was a sharing on the Philippine Intercountry Adoption program, policies, processes and procedures.
- Three new ICPC members was 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.
- Foreign Adoption Coordinator of Holt Childrens International Services, Oregon, USA and AdoptionCentrum, Sweden visited the ICAB. The discussion focused on the ongoing conditional moratorium on adoption application, hosting program guideline, status/updates of their approved adoptive parents, adoption placements, submission of adoption decrees, post legal adoption services requests and how to institutionalize a better system of cooperation.
- The ICAB Senior Social Workers were invited as Resource Persons for the DSWD Technical Assistance Forum for the Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Cluster where they discussed the ICA programs and services, processes and procedures. The forum also focused in harmonizing the contents of the Child Study Report and the supporting documents for adoption to assist the social workers/case managers in facilitating the movement of these children. Specific ICA cases were discussed for learning points in handling the cases of children, particularly relative and independent placement.
- ICAB's Social Welfare Officer IV shared the process and procedures on alternative placement of children specifically on intercountry adoption program to hasten the management of cases of children under DSWD and NGO residential facilities.
- The Social Welfare Officer V and Project Development Officer III attended and participated in the CY 2018 Special National Management Development Conference (NMDC) which dealt with the accomplishments of DSWD OBSUs, Field Offices and Attached Agencies. Challenges and gaps were also discussed, particularly on the decreasing number of children cleared for inter-country adoption.
- The Executive Director, the SWO V and SWO III were resource persons in the DSWD sponsored dialogues and consultation with Family Court Judges, lawyers and court social workers which tackled process and procedures of ICA program particularly on relative adoption cases.
- ICAB conducted three (3) On-Site Matchings for CY 2018 in Antipolo City, General Santos City, Cotobato and Lubao Pampanga. Social workers from Child Caring Agencies (CCAs), medical facilities, local social welfare and development offices (LSWDOs) were invited. It was a venue for the center social workers to clarify issues about the intercountry adoption process and emphasized the crucial role of the social workers from the LSWDOs who refer cases of children to CCAs. Social workers were reminded of the necessity to record all the facts regarding the child, which will be the basis for the case management and permanency planning. The Intercountry Placement Committee Consultants and the ICAB Secretariat visited 5 CCAs (2 in Tanay, 1 in Antipolo City, RSCC Cotobato and RSCC Pampanga) and discussed concerns on the case movement of children and how best to address the delay.
- The Amended Quick Guide/Handbook for Child Caring Agencies was re-printed and distributed to stakeholders.

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- Case conferences with the concerned DSWD Field Office and NGO CCAs were conducted to resolve issues and challenges
 - on aborted and disruptive placements
 - on cancellation of the CDCLAA
 - on the request of an imprisoned birthfather to see his children
 - on simulated birth certificates
 - on the transfer and pre-admission of a child in a CCA for accessibility to the required 6 months PTB treatment
- Three (3) capacity building trainings on the intercountry adoption program and preparing children for adoption were conducted in Region I (Laoag City on February 26- March 3, 2018) , CAR (Baguio City on April 23-27, 2018) and Region V (Legaspi City on July 16-21, 2018) for social workers. The regional training is pursuant to ICAB's commitment to DSWD's SG3 and re-tooling of social workers particularly on inter-country adoption programs and services. A total of 151 social workers from the DSWD FO, RSCC, NGOs, Family Courts, hospitals and P/M/CSWDO attended the training.
- Technical assistance and advocacy visits were provided to DSWD/LGUs/NGOs to assist in the case movement and management of children for ICA. The technical assistance visits were aimed primarily to determine the number of children cared for in each Child Caring Agencies; home visits and interview to gather additional information significant to the assessment of cases particularly relative adoption and independent placements prior to presentation to the Board; conduct case conference; provide technical assistance for the case movement of children; assess Special Needs Children cleared for ICA as possible participants to the CY 2018 Hosting Program in USA and undertake search of birth family.


DSWD FIELD OFFICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD FO I • DSWD FO II • DSWD FO III • DSWD CALABARZON (IV-A) • DSWD MIMAROPA (IV-B) • DSWD FO V • DSWD VI • DSWD FO VII • DSWD FO VIII • DSWD FO IX • DSWD FO X • DSWD FO XI • DSWD FO XII • DSWD CAR • DSWD NCR
RECEPTION AND STUDY CENTER FOR CHILDREN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSCC CAR • RSCC III • RSCC VIII • RSCC NCR • RSCC XI • RSCC XII
NGO CHILD CARING AGENCIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aloha House Inc., Puerto Princesa Palawan • Angel House Orphanage, Davao Oriental

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- Asilo Milagrosa Cebu City
- Carmelite Home for Christ, Dipolog City
- Casa de Bambini, Tagaytay
- Children Shelter of Cebu, Cebu City
- Chosen Children's Village, Silang Cavite
- Compassionate Franciscan, Naga Bicol
- CRIBS Philippines Antipolo City
- Destiny's Promise Taytay
- Dorcas House, Iloilo
- First Love Internatioanl Ministries, Antipolo City
- Friendship Puerto Princesa Palawan
- Gentle Hands, Quezon City
- Hayag Children's Home, Ormoc
- Healing Heart Ministries, Baguio City
- Heart of Mary Villa, Quezon City
- Home of the Angels, Manila
- Hospicio De San Jose, Manila
- House of Refuge Quezon City NCR
- Kaisahang Buhay Foundation, Quezon City
- Little Mary's Home, Tagaytay
- Livingstone's Network of Hope, Davao
- Meritxell Children's World Foundation, Marikina City
- Middleman Community Support Mercy House, Tanay Rizal
- Ministries Without Borders, General Trias Cavite


4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING

- Relevant to the development, enhancement and maintenance of documented information, databases and website for ICAB, two (2) systems were installed for digitization of all adoption documents and facilitation of the preparation of statistical data, statistical analysis and reports. Regular updating of the ICAB website and cyber security in coordination with the DSWD Central Office were undertaken.
- The ICAB complied with the Good Governance Conditions (GGC) for the CY 2017 Performance Based Bonus:
 - Civil Service Commission ARTA requirements and posting in the most public accessible area of the agency.
 - Submission of ICAB FY 2017 APP to GPPB
 - Posting of the ICAB FY 2017 APP Non-CSE in the ICAB's Transparency Seal Page
 - Submission of FY 2017 Financial Reports to COA
 - Submission of ICAB APCI Self-Assessment Results for FY 2016 to GPPB
 - Physical Accomplishment Report
 - Financial Documents
 - Programs and Work Instructional Manual
 - QMS Manual and ISO 9001:2015 Aligned Documents
- 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

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Department, familiarized with the performance governance system, government accounting, procurement and auditing policies/procedures such as:


- Adoption Consciousness Week Celebration
 - Adoption Consciousness Celebration “Walk For Legal Adoption” Kick-Off Activity
 - Anti-Drug Campaign and Waste Management
 - CY 2017 Program Review and CY 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Workshop
 - CY 2018 Planning Workshop
 - CSC Workplace Learning and Development Course
 - DBM FY 2019 Budget Forum
 - Training on Government Procurement Process
 - ISO 9001:2015 Training Workshops
 - DBM Technical Budget Hearing
 - GSIS Stakeholders’ Dialogue
 - Continuing Legal Education
 - Human Resource Management Practitioners on CSC Rules and Regulations
 - CY 2018 Team Building and Staff Development
 - CY 2018 Lakbay-Aral
 - COA Exit Conference
 - CY 2018 Performance Based Bonus Workshop Orientation
 - ICAB 23rd Anniversary Celebration
 - ISO Quality Management System Planning and Preparation on Activities
 - Cascading of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System
 - Review and Assessment of Home Study Report and Dossier of Prospective Adoptive parents
 - Streamlining and Process Improvement of Critical Services Training for NGAs
 - Gender and Development
- ICAB Unit Heads and social workers participated in ICAB’s CY 2017 Program Review and Evaluation Workshop as well as the CY 2018-2019 Strategic Planning. The activity was aimed to Identify and determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats affecting the delivery and achievement of targets/plans; finalize Agency and Unit Workplan, Quality Objective and Plans that provides a concise and easy to read overview of goals, objectives, measures, activities, timeline and those responsible for making the program happen and prepare and finalize the agency/unit Annual Procurement Plan (APP) and the Program Procurement and Management Plan (PPMP).
 - ICAB standardized its forms and templates in compliance to ICAB Quality Management System 9001-2015.
 - ICAB conducted its Internal Quality Audit among the different units of the agency and appropriate Quality Audit Reports and Request for Action were issued to units with non-compliance to ISO requirements/standards.

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- The CY 2018 Management Review was undertaken attended by all the unit heads, and technical staff (both operations and support to operations) which reviewed the CY 2017 Management Review Minutes and provided for updates on areas requiring actions.
- A mock quality audit was undertaken by the DAP to determine the level of readiness of ICAB to pursue the third (3rd) Party Audit last October 2018. ICAB was found prepared for the Third (3rd) Party Audit with some improvements to be made on Documented Information.
- A two (2) day quality audit by a 3rd party quality audit provider was conducted last December 2018 where processes, procedures, documented information were reviewed. Assessment compliance with the ISO 9001:2015 was ascertained. By the end of December 2018, ICAB was notified by the 3rd party Quality Audit Provider that the agency complied with all the requirements and standards of ISO 9001:2015 and a certification will be issued once approved and signed.
- Technical Working Groups were created to assist the management in formulating policy paper and proposals:
 - TWG on Building Construction – to undertake all staff work for the proposal of the construction of the new building of ICAB and coordinate with appropriate government agencies for the documentary requirements;
 - TWG on Training – to review the training module, training content, duration of the training schedule and resource persons. The review will be based on feedback/evaluation reports for the past years of conducting the training. The TWG will recommend any revisions or improvements on the conduct of the training on intercountry adoption program.
- ICAB complied with the requirements for the PBB-Good Governance Condition for CY 2018
 - Updated ICAB People’s FOI Manual
 - FOI Information Inventory for CY 2017-2018
 - FOI Summary report CY 2017-2018
 - Posting in the Transparency Seal Page Updated ICAB FOI Manual
 - Posting of ICAB Guideline in ranking and Rating Official and Delivery Units for CY 2018 PBB
 - Quarterly Reports on Budget Financial Accountability Reports
 - Quarterly Reports on Physical Operations Accomplishment

5. ICAB Budget & Expenses

- In CY 2018, the ICAB ensured that its programs and services set for the year were sufficiently funded. From January to December 2018, ICAB operated on a total budget of Php 58,016,499 Million derived from the Regular Allotment (RA 10964) of Php 19,410,000.00 Million and Php 37,144,000.00 Million from use of income per Section 13 of RA 8043. Additional SARO/Realignment of Php1,462,499 Million was requested to augment (1) Personnel Services to fund the monetization and standardization of salaries of plantilla staff; and (2) additional funds for the purchase of a new ICAB vehicle/van.

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- A summary of allotment/obligations and balance is stated below (In Thousand Pesos) as of December 31, 2018:

Particulars	Allotment RA 10964	Use of Income Section 13 of RA 8043	Additional SARO/ Realignment Unreleased	Total Allotment Received	Obligations Incurred	Unobligated Balance of Allotments	% of Fund Utilization
PS	19,410,000.00		2,394,583.00	21,804,583.00	21,199,668.49	604,694.51	97.23%
MOOE		31,217,000.00	(1,070,084.00)	30,146,916.00	27,823,393.56	2,323,522.44	92.29%
CO		5,927,000.00	136,000.00	6,065,000.00	5,793,616.93	271,183.07	95.53%
TOTAL	19,410,000.00	37,144,000.00	1,462,499.00	58,016,499.00	54,816,898.98	3,199,600.02	94.49%

- During the year, ICAB earned a total of Php 26,312,841.05 Million of which Php20,179,071.05 were issued Bureau of Treasury (BTr) Certification while Php 6,133,770.00 Million were bank to bank transfers/remittances of the Foreign Adoption Agencies/Prospective Adoptive Parents through the Philippine Central Bank and the Bureau of Treasury without BTr Certification.
- The total income for the year was 68.309% of the annual target income of Php38,520,300.00 Million. The income decreased due to the (1) ongoing policy on allocation which authorizes an FAA to endorse a specific number of adoption application at any given time and (2) limited number of children available for matching.
- The CY 2018 income decreased by 18.6626% compared to the income earned by the agency in CY 2017.

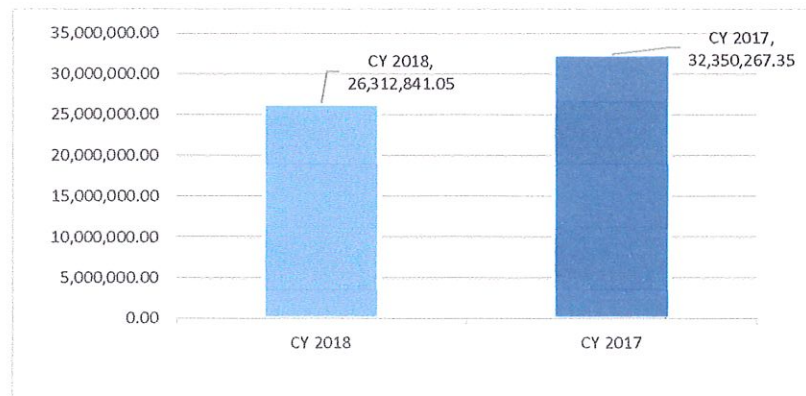


Table 8 Comparative Chart of ICAB's income Cy 2018 vs Cy 2017


III. CONCLUSION:

For the year under review, it should be noted that the targets vis-a-vis accomplishments have not been met due to the following reasons:

1. Decrease in the number of children cleared for inter-country adoption by the DSWD as Competent Authority to determine the suitability/eligibility of a child for adoption.
2. Delay or non-issuance of the Bureau of Treasury Certificate of Income.; and
3. Closure of some accredited Foreign Adoption Agencies.

The ICAB's best practice in its processes and procedures is acknowledged and its expertise is tapped by partners and stakeholders for capacity building activities of direct service practitioners/implementers.

The close and continuous collaboration between ICAB, DSWD, NGOs and LGUs will redound to the best interests and protection of Filipino children.

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July 24, 2019


Dear Atty. Abejo/Rona,

May I request for the review and input to this annual report prior finalization.

The content of this CY 2018 Annual Report was culled from the report ICAB submitted to DSWD PDPB which was used for the SONA of Pres. Duterte. DSWD PDPB required the accomplishment of July 2016-May 2019.

The portion added to this report is the ICAB Budget and Income as well as the challenges, recommendations and plans for CY 2019.

Thank you.


 Marivir T. Tungol
 PDO III