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.

Chaudhury, Friedman, Onishi, 2013
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.

Chaudhury, Friedman, Onishi, 2013
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