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# EU GENDER ACTION PLAN III

## Country Level Implementation Plan for the Philippines (2021-2025)



The European Union and its Member States are vigorously promoting **gender equality and women empowerment** in their relations with partner countries. The new EU's **Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in External Action (2021-2025)** is now operational in the Philippines

### GAP III

**GENDER ACTION PLAN III** aims to accelerate progress on empowering women and girls, and safeguard gains made on gender equality during the 25 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and its Platform for Action. It aims to contribute to empowering women, girls and young people to fully use their rights and increase their participation in political, economic, social and cultural life.

### Translating the GAP III into action

#### The Country Level implementation plan (CLIP) for the Philippines:

- translates the EU Gender Action Plan III into priorities and actions for the Philippines, using a rights based approach.
- was prepared by Team Europe (EU Delegation and EU Member States), including the EU Gender Champion.

### Rationale for the CLIP

#### The CLIP areas of engagement are based on:

- The EU Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2021-2027 for the Philippines' areas of green economy, justice, governance and peace building, with a particular attention to the needs and rights faced by people living in vulnerable situations.
- The national gender-related plans; the findings of the EU commissioned Gender country profile 2021 for the Philippines and the Gender analysis of Mindanao; and consultation of civil society organisations, academe and the UN.

### CLIP Instruments

#### Different instrument will be used in the implementation of the CLIP:

- Gender mainstreaming
- Targeted actions with support to the GoP and to projects designed and implemented by organisations working on gender equality and women organisations
- Dialogue with different stakeholders
- Public diplomacy campaigns



#### Gender mainstreaming and targeted actions

- Screening EU bilateral programmes with a gender lens and continuing to do so to help maximise the role and capacities of women in the design, implementation and evaluation phases of the programmes. The new programmes will also encompass specific actions to empower women.
- Supporting women organisations and CSO projects aiming at women empowerment through various funding programmes (CSO-LA, EIDHR, EU MS funding schemes). Currently EU sports projects in sexual and reproductive health, leadership and participation, social and economic empowerment, disaster response mechanisms, violence against women, human trafficking and sexual exploitation, and peace building. The EU will continue supporting CSO projects with a focus on the priority areas identified in the CLIP.

- Currently also supporting regional programmes: Safe and Fair with UN Women and ILO and WeEmpowerAsia with UN Women.

### CLIP - Areas of Engagement



Addressing the challenges and harnessing the opportunities offered by the green transition and the digital transformation



Integrating the women, peace and security agenda



Ensuring freedom from all forms of gender-based violence (and access to justice)



Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights



Promoting equal participation and leadership



#### Engagement in dialogue for gender equality and women empowerment

- Dialogue engaged with the GoP through various platforms: the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+) assessment, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, the ODA-GAD network meetings.
- Dialogue with national and local CSOs using the framework of the EU roadmap for engagement with civil society 2021-2024.



#### Public Diplomacy Activities

EU MS and the EU Delegation will use public diplomacy activities to raise awareness on gender equality issues in the Philippines, together with the Government, LGUs, development partners and CSOs.