



# **Philippines**

## **Country Action Plan:**

# **Safeguarding Children from Online Abuse and Sexual Exploitation**



# Legal Framework

- International Conventions
  - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
  - Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
  - Millenium Declaration (2000) and the Millenium Development Goals
  - World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva in 2003 and Tunis in 2005
  - Budapest and Lanzarote Conventions



# Legal Framework

- Domestic Legislations
  - Constitution
  - RA 7610 (Anti-Child Abuse Act)
  - RA 9775 (Anti-Child Pornography Act)
  - RA 10175 (Cybercrime Prevention Act)
  - RA 9995 (Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act)
  - RA 9208 (Anti-Trafficking Act as amended by RA 10364 or the Expanded Trafficking Act)



# Strategic Objectives

1. Create and promote a nurturing and child-friendly cyberspace
2. Build and strengthen multi-level child protection system to safeguard children from online abuse violence and exploitation
3. Set up mechanisms to prevent online child victimization
4. Institute effective response mechanisms to address online child abuse and exploitation



# Key Result Areas

## KRA 1 Prevention and Advocacy

### Objectives

- 1 Collect information about online child victimization
- 2 Conduct relevant studies to address root causes of online pornography and cybersex
- 3 Community and school orientation on online safety
- 4 Institute safeguards (i.e. IP filtering, URL blocking of pornographic sites)
- 5 Enforce regulation of internet service providers, hosts, internet cafes, content administrators



# Key Result Areas

## **KRA 2 Detection, investigation and prosecution of perpetrators**

### **Objectives**

- 1 Enhance surveillance, investigative and prosecutorial skills of law enforcers and prosecutors
- 2 Update judges on appreciation of forensic evidence and technical terminologies
- 3 Establish modern cybercrime laboratories for law enforcement agencies
- 4 Develop child-friendly protocols in investigation and prosecution



# Key Result Areas

## **KRA 3 Victim Response, Assistance and Rehabilitation**

### **Objectives**

- 1 Set up effective response mechanisms for timely rescue of victims and prevention of possible victimization
- 2 Render assistance to victims (psychological and psychiatric intervention, livelihood assistance)
- 3 Institute inter-agency child friendly referral system



# Key Result Areas

## KRA 4 Strategic partnerships

### Objectives

- 1 Establish collaboration and coordination with civil society organizations, non-government organizations, internet service providers, international community
- 2 Involve partners in planning, implementation and resource mobilization
- 3 Improve monitoring mechanisms





# Key Result Areas

## KRA 5 Monitoring and Information Management

### Objectives

- 1 Develop efficient automated reporting systems
- 2 Establish comprehensive database on online child abuse, commercial exploitation, cyber pornography and cybersex
- 3 Set up interagency information sharing platform (National Justice Information System)



Next steps:

“A Child Cannot Wait”.