

CHAPTER III: OBJECTIVES

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A. The purpose of this ProtecTEEN national implementation guideline is to:

1. Provide standards and procedures for the project's national execution as guidance to Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSDWOs), Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders from various regions;
2. Set budget parameters for the project's components; and
3. Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the project implementers involved.

B. Project Objectives

The ultimate goal of this project is to prevent, safeguard and promote the rights and psychosocial well-being of adolescent mothers, their spouse/partner and their families and further empower them in their civic efficiency as part of nation building and development.

This project specifically intends to:

1. Provide avenues for advocacy and public awareness on adolescent's motherhood and its impact to themselves, their spouse/partners, their children and their families to prevent and lessen negative social stigma and to get support on the institutionalization of the program;

2. To create a supportive home environment to improve families' ability to support adolescent mothers, their spouse/partners, and their children and improve adolescent mothers and their families' abilities to undertake shared parenting and social roles;
3. Develop empowerment strategies to adolescent mothers, their spouse/partners, their children and their families on understanding of sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) information and services, as well as developmental activities for adolescent mothers, their families, and service providers, to prevent multiple and frequent pregnancy among adolescents;
4. Provide avenues for adolescent mothers, their spouse/partner, children and their families to have access to a variety of social protection measures; and
5. Prevent cases of wanted pregnancies (in cases of surrogacy arrangements) among adolescents.