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**PROFILING OF CHILD LABORERS**  
**Memorandum Circular NO. 2019- 73**  
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**1. Background**

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 9231, the State shall provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development including child labor and its worst form; and provide sanctions for their commission and carry out a program for prevention and deterrence of and crisis intervention in situations of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination.

Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aims for the State to *“Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking, and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025, end child labour in all its forms.”* Unlike other SDG targets whose deadline is 2030, child labour concerns has an earlier timeline because of the urgency in addressing the problem.

The National Child Labor Committee (NCLC), chaired by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and of which the Department is an active member, has agreed to target 630,000 children to be removed from child labor by 2022, a target included in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. This is 30% of the 2.1 Million children engaged in child labor based on the 2011 Survey on Children conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority. However, NCLC increased the target to one million children removed from child labor by 2025 as a contribution to the attainment of SDG Target 8.7.

**2. Purpose**

This policy aims to provide the guidelines on the roles of LGUs in profiling child laborers so that necessary intervention can be provided in order to remove them from child labor.

**3. Scope/Coverage**

This policy applies to all local government units (LGUs) nationwide.

**4. Policy Content and Guidelines**

The 2011 Survey on Children provides the estimates on child labor incidence at the regional level but does not provide the names and location of the child laborers.



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Information on the names, location and specific needs of the child laborers and their families, among others, will serve as bases in the provision of services and interventions necessary to remove children from child labor. It is therefore necessary that these child laborers be identified and located.

Hence, LGUs are encouraged to assist and provide the necessary assistance to the DOLE Regional Offices by:

- Identifying and profiling the child laborers and their families;
- Assessing their needs;
- Conducting referrals;
- Providing the necessary services; and
- Monitoring the status of the child laborers until they are removed from child labor

Processing of personal information shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the requirements of Republic Act 10173 or the Data Privacy Act and other laws allowing disclosure of information to the public and adherence to the principles of transparency, legitimate purpose and proportionality. (*Section 11, RA 10173*)

DILG regional and field offices are directed to disseminate this policy in their areas of jurisdiction.

### 5. References

- Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022
- RA 9231 – An Act providing for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection for the Working Child, Amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 7610, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the “Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act”
- RA 10173 – An Act Protecting Individual Personal Information in Information and Communications Systems in the Government and the Private Sector, Creating for this Purpose a National Privacy Commission, and for other Purposes
- Sustainable Development Goals



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**6. Effectivity**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

**7. Approving Authority**

  
**EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
Secretary



**8. Feedback**

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