



NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS

A Reaction on the Study of **Jose Ramon G. Albert, Jennifer D. Monje, Mika S. Muñoz** of the Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS) entitled:

“SocPen Beyond Ten: A Process Evaluation of the DSWD Social Pension (SocPen) Program for Indigent Senior Citizens amid the COVID-19 Pandemic”

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Having recognized the study's observations and policy recommendations, the following core programs of the Commission are briefly introduced:



Core Programs of the Commission

SECURE

(Senior Citizens' Unit
for Rights
Enforcement)

SECADNA

(Senior Citizens'
Action for
Development &
Nation-building)

WHEREBED

(Wellness, Health,
Emergency Response,
and Benefits Division)

Social Pension,
Centenarian
Benefits,
Support to
Disabled

RASMU

(Risk Assessment and
Security Management
Unit)

PROPLALL

(Programs, Plans, and
Legislative Liaison)

InACoord

(Inter-Agency
Coordination)

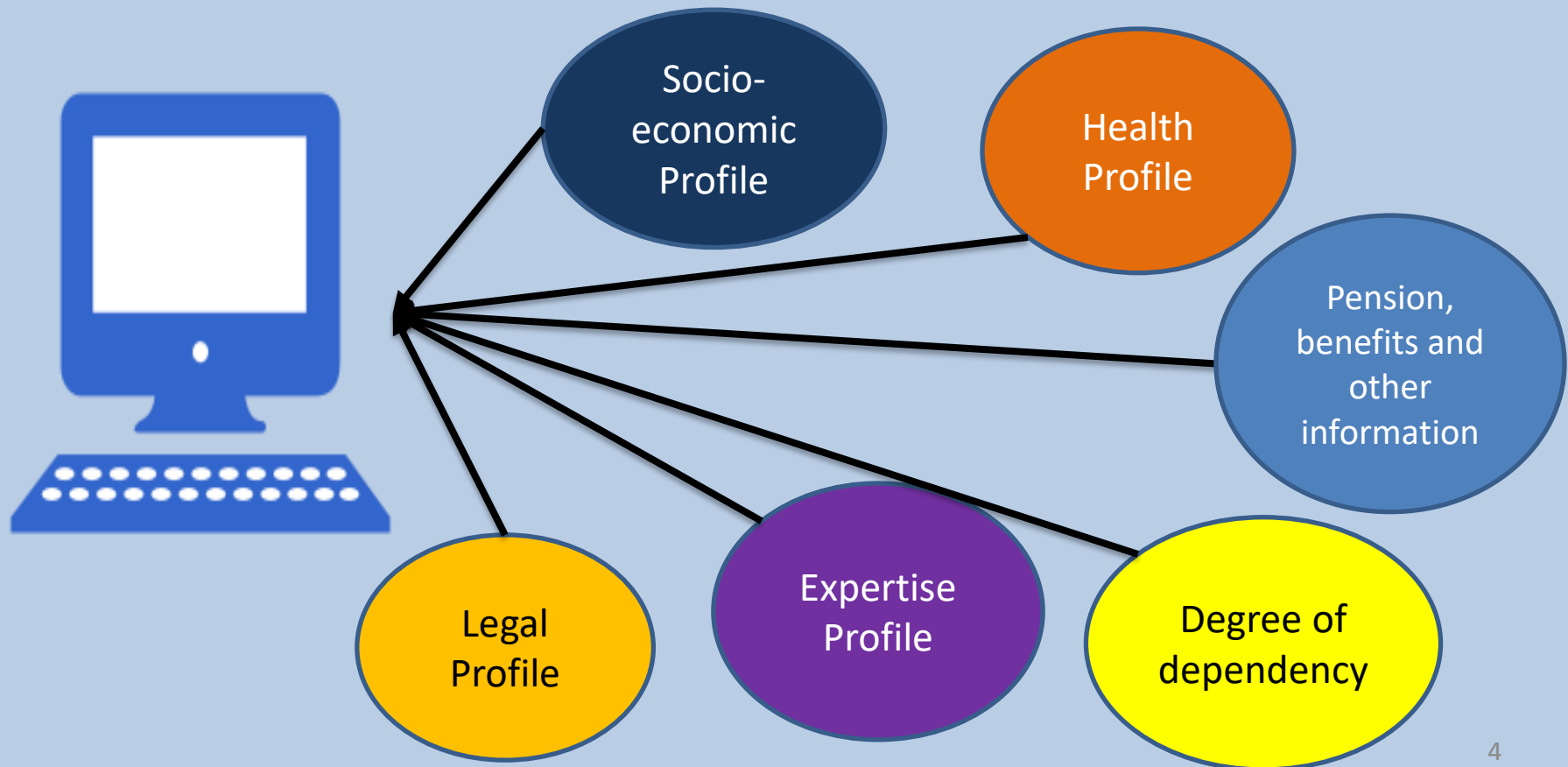
ICT/MIS

(Information and
Communication
Technology/Managem
ent Information
System)

PACE

(Participation,
Communication, and
Education)

Not only as a means of being able to verify deserving beneficiaries, the NCSC will step-it-up in its development of the database by considering other relevant information as well. This will allow the Commission to really get to know their constituents and come up with better programs for its constituents.



This is where we grew up...



You cannot design for the future if you don't think about the past.

THINGS FROM THE PAST THAT

- 1 MADE US FEEL ALIVE**
- MORE OPEN SPACES - HOUSES ARE BUILT FAR FROM EACH OTHER
 - EASY ACCESS TO NATURE
 - FORESTS & GARDENS WERE PROMINENT EVEN IN INDUSTRIALIZED CITIES
 - RESTAURANTS SERVED FRESH INGREDIENTS

- 2 ARE NOT AGE-FRIENDLY**
- LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT - IN SOME PLACES, THERE ARE LIMITED AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
 - HIGHER CRIME RATE ESPECIALLY IN THE CITY



- MORE AGE-FRIENDLY PROJECTS & POLICIES
- MORE PROGRAMMES OLDER ADULTS CAN JOIN IN THE COMMUNITY

An AGE-FRIENDLY UTOPIA

- GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE WHERE THEY CAN GO AROUND FREELY
- CONTINUOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY

AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES and COMMUNITIES



KEY LESSONS from an AGE-FRIENDLY IRELAND & AUSTRALIA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS SHOULD COME TOGETHER!

BUILDING AN AGE-FRIENDLY APPROACH

- 1 Meet with influential leaders
 - 2 Create a sense of urgency
 - 3 Ensure adequate resources
 - 4 Identify local leaders
 - 5 Involve all sectors in the community
 - 6 Establish a steering committee
- WHO WILL BRING ABOUT CHANGE??

Aware that we have to balance the needs of the senior citizens and our existing resources

We must have:

- Economic Integration
- Narrow Development Gaps
- Sustainable Development

Empowering Senior Citizens

- Revisiting Industrial and Labor Policies
- Skills dispersal of senior citizens
- Catching up (re-skilling/uprading)

Policy Recommendations of the Study

Consider a three-level cash support mechanism recognizing different income thresholds. (e.g. P1000 for lowest income decile, P750 for second decile, and 500 for third to fifth decile)

Policy Recommendations of the Study

Adopt a hybrid mode of payment for pension payouts using e-payments and e-wallets for those elderly with access to technology and who live near city centers

**Thank you very much
for working together
with NCSC.**

**It is our commitment
and responsibility to
protect and improve
the welfare of our
senior citizens.**



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