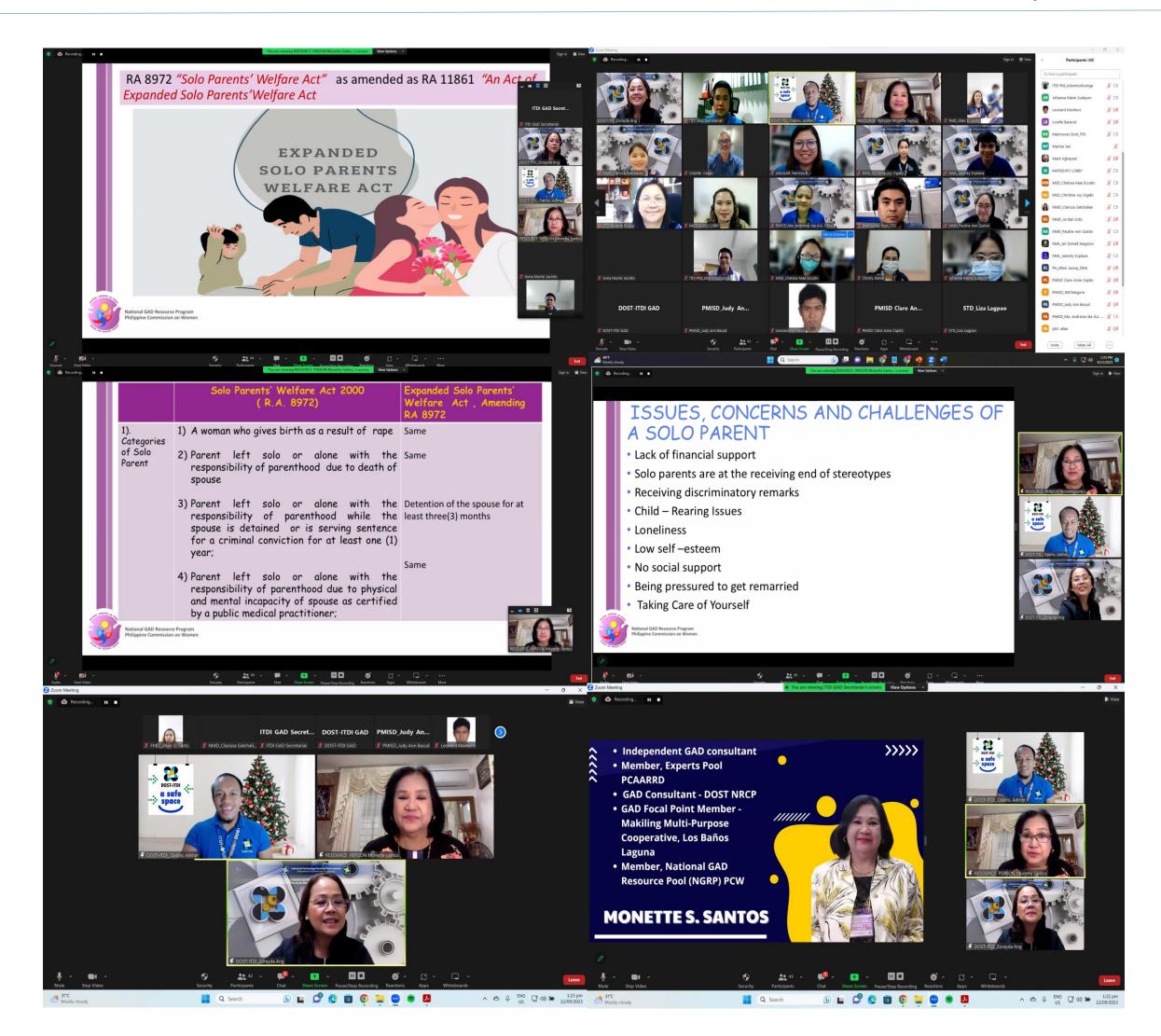


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On 12 September, the Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) led by Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services Dr. Zorayda V. Ang, organized the Webinar on RA 11861 or the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act via Zoom Platform. In her welcome remarks, Dr. Ang highlighted the Institute's GAD accomplishments and said that the webinar is a continuation of the activity conducted in the previous year.

Distinguished resource speaker, Ms. Monette S. Santos, an independent GAD consultant and a member of the National GAD Resource Pool of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) shared her expertise of the law and expounded on the context of RA 11861 and RA 8972 (Solo Parents Welfare Act) by comparing the scope of applicability and benefits coverage between the two laws. Ms. Santos made the activity interactive by asking the participants some questions pertaining to the law. Various Institute's staff shared their experiences as solo parents and what are the privileges they received from the law provisions. Ms. Santos also discussed some issues, concerns and challenges of being a solo parent.

Serving as the moderator of the activity, Mr. Admer Rey C. Dablio of the Standards and Testing Division facilitated the open forum wherein questions from the participants were raised and addressed brilliantly by the resource speaker.

The webinar capacitated numerous ITDI employees that enhanced their awareness of the

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