



RA 8972 "Solo Parents' Welfare Act" as amended as RA 11861 "An Act of Expanded Solo Parents' Welfare Act"

EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT

National GAD Resource Program
Philippine Commission on Women

	Solo Parents' Welfare Act 2000 (R.A. 8972)	Expanded Solo Parents' Welfare Act, Amending RA 8972
1) Categories of Solo Parent	1) A woman who gives birth as a result of rape	Same
	2) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse	Same
	3) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;	Detention of the spouse for at least three(3) months
	4) Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;	Same

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES OF A SOLO PARENT

- Lack of financial support
- Solo parents are at the receiving end of stereotypes
- Receiving discriminatory remarks
- Child – Rearing Issues
- Loneliness
- Low self –esteem
- No social support
- Being pressured to get remarried
- Taking Care of Yourself

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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 law.

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