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**LGUS, NATL GOVT VIOLATE MAGNA CARTA FOR PWDs**



## LGUs, natl govt violate Magna Carta for PWDs

BY LYDIA C. PENDON

REPUBLIC Act 7277 or the Magna Carta for disabled persons is continuously being violated by the local and national governments especially on job opportunities for the marginalized sector.

Jasper Rom, project manager of Handicap International, pointed out the disparity saying that only 0.1 percent or about 1,960 of the 1.5 million employed in the government service are PWDs.

This despite the government law mandating that 5 percent of all casual, emergency and contractual positions in government agencies, offices and corporations engaged in social development should be reserved for PWDs.

Chapter 1, Sec. 5 of the Magna Carta provides "equal opportunity for employment. No disabled person shall be denied access to opportunities for suitable employment. Five percent of all casual, emergency and contractual positions in DSWD and other government agencies shall be reserved for disabled persons."

Rom said that based on the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, there are 8.8 million Filipinos with disabilities or 10 percent of the total population and 33 percent are hearing impaired, 18 percent are visually impaired, 17 percent are orthopedically impaired and the rest are with other impairments.

WHO estimates that 10 percent of the population of developing countries is disabled or have disabilities.

Rom said that according to their study, more than 90 percent of the disabled population in the Philippines are below the poverty threshold and most have no formal education, less than 10 percent of the employable PWD get gainful employment, government services to avail of by PWD in rural areas and a great of PWDs are not aware of their rights.

There are many disability-related laws and issuances but these are not implemented as they should be. Furthermore, there is no organization to orchestrate advocacy programs of the different organizations which espouses conflicting advocacy on the same issue.

The PWDs are further hindered in their development due to negative public attitude towards them which impedes their full participation and equality primarily caused by ignorance and false beliefs.

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