

Disabled Persons, 2013-2022 where ESCAP has embarked in 1993 on a project to promote non-handicapping environment for persons with disabilities and elderly persons in the Asian and Pacific region. The Non-Handicapping environment Project was piloted in the Philippines through NCDA and JICA partnership from 2008-2012.

- ♻️ **ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community** held on December 1-3 in Bangkok, Thailand. The dialogue aims to raise awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities and find common regional approaches and strategies towards mainstreaming these rights both at the ASEAN and ASEAN-Member States (AMS) levels. The regional dialogue highlighted the structural challenge of mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities across the three pillars of ASEAN.
- ♻️ **Information for All: ESCAP-CDPF Workshop on Accessible Knowledge, Information and Communication for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific** held on December 14-18 in Shanghai, China. The workshop aims to build technical knowledge of ESCAP member States to improve information accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- ♻️ **Senior Leadership Program on the Development of Physical Rehab Services and Disability at Phnom Penh, Cambodia** which were held on the (a) March 16-20, (b) June 8-12, and (c) November 2-4. NCDA lead the team of Rehabilitation Professionals and Service providers in developing a pilot project which aims to increase availability of rehabilitation services in every community by creating a Local Team composed of government and non-government agencies to focus on Rehabilitation Services. San Jose Del Monte City was chosen as the pilot community because of the strong support given its officials to the project.

V. Support Services

The NCDA provided support services to its clientele in various activities that include the following:

- ♻️ Provision of assistive devices such wheelchairs, white canes crutches and talking laptops and watches through the NCDA assistance fund and thru referral to partner agencies and DSWD Crisis Intervention Units; Provision of 11 assistive devices, such as wheelchairs and white canes to indigent persons with disabilities. The purchase of white canes was funded by the DSWD whose beneficiaries were able to go to school and find employment.
- ♻️ Provision of sign language interpreters for the deaf accused and defendants during court hearings and for public fora seminars and activities with deaf participants;