

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Conduct of 2015 Nationwide Survey

I. Rationale

Within a span of 12 years since the enactment of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (RA 9165) and the implementation of the 2002 National Anti-Drug Plan of Action, the Dangerous Drugs Board has undertaken 3 surveys which determined the magnitude and extent of the drug abuse problem in the country. These surveys served as basis for the Board's policies and programs.

In 2014, the Dangerous Drugs Board reviewed and revised the NADPA which was approved during the last quarter of the same year. It is imperative that the Board initiates/plans the conduct of a survey that establishes a baseline data from which all programs and policies will be anchored. Henceforth, the survey to be undertaken also aims to establish the increasing/decreasing trends in the estimate number of current users in the country.

Further, survey results also measures the Board's performance as far as effectiveness in the implementation of its projects and programs are concerned.

II. Objectives of the Survey

The study primarily aims to determine the current nature and extent of drug abuse in the country. Specifically, the following research objectives need to be addressed:

1. To determine the number, as well as the national and regional estimates of lifetime, annual prevalence and current drug use in the country.
2. To determine patterns and characteristics of drug use by lifetime & current users in terms of:
 - a. Experience using/abusing drugs;
 - b. Reasons for first use, continued use, stopping drug use, and non-use of drugs;
 - c. Types of drugs use;
 - d. Frequency of drug use;
 - e. Quantity/Amount of drug per intake;
 - f. Amount spent per drug intake;
 - g. Sources of drugs;

- h. Help-seeking behavior
- 3. To determine the perception of the respondents regarding the Agency's performance in addressing the drug abuse problem in the country;
- 4. To Find out incidence of drug abuse among the respondent's family members & its effects on the respondents, problems experienced & actions taken by the family.
- 5. Elicit suggestions/recommendations to counter the drug problem in the region and country.

III. Scope of Work

Based on the need of the Board to have a national and regional estimate on the number of drug users in the country, the study shall endeavor to obtain a minimum of 5,000 respondents at 95% level of confidence with results generalizable even at the regional level.

The survey will be conducted in the 17 regions of the country. Analysis of its results should be made available on the regional and national levels.

IV. The Respondents

Respondents shall be taken from the representative sample of the population under study – of those ages **10 to 69** years old to determine the number of users among children, youth, workers and other high risk groups; and to address the need of the Dangerous Drugs Board in the regional and international information sharing.

V. Duration of the Survey

The survey noting its scope and sample size shall have to be completed within a period of four (4) months within the activities included:

- a. Preparation of the data gathering instrument
- b. Data gathering
- c. Encoding and Processing of data
- d. Analysis and report Writing
- e. Submission and presentation of the report

VI. Selection of Proponent

The selection of the proponent shall go through the usual process of government bidding and accounting procedures. However, through call for proposal, a Technical Evaluation Group shall convene to assess the proposals submitted. (Please find attached criteria and rating system to be used).

VII. Exclusion and Inclusion Criteria

Interested reputable independent research agencies and the Academe with research centers shall be invited to submit their proposals for the conduct of the undertaking. Said Proponents must have at least five years of experience in the conduct of a nationwide survey of related nature.

VIII. Deliverables

1. Submission of progress report two months (negotiable with proponents) after release of budget indicating the following:
 - a. Status of the data gathering activities – areas that have been covered
 - b. Liquidation of the first release of payment
2. After the completion of the survey, the Proponent is expected to submit the following:
 - a. Three hard copies and a soft copy of the completed Report which will include:
 - A comprehensive review of the literature citing previous HHS data and data from other sources (DOH/PDEA/DSWD/PNP/BJMP)
 - A synthesis and analysis of findings in relation to previous statistics
 - Executive summary
 - b. A powerpoint presentation of the Summary of the Report;
 - c. Conduct of a pre-conference meeting with the representatives of the Policy Studies Research and Statistics Division and DDB Secretariat officials prior to actual presentation to the Board;

- d. An oral briefing on the results of the survey to be presented to the Board;
- e. The Dangerous Drugs Board shall be provided soft copy of the raw data.
- f. Dangerous Drugs Board shall own the publication rights of the results of the survey;
- g. Dangerous Drugs Board shall own the publication rights of the results of the survey and if the consulting agency intends to use the same, permission from the Board shall be secured and acknowledged thereof.

IX. Funding

The Dangerous Drugs Board will allot Php 8 Million for the cost of the project under survey expenses of GAA, as well as, other incidental expenses that may be incurred by the Technical Working Group (TWG) evaluating the proposals which may include honoraria to non-DDB consultants, in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000).