



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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✓ **MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

**NO.** 2005-34

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND FIELD PERSONNEL AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** INTEGRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IPs) RIGHTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVELS

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Pursuant to Republic Act 8371, otherwise known as the "Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997", and in compliance with the Philippine Plan for Gender Responsive Development (PPGRD) 1995-2025 which was adopted through Executive Order 273, dated 08 September 1995 and in consonance with Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, all Local Chief Executives, Sanggunian Members and Local Functionaries concerned are hereby encouraged to put in place mechanisms in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policies, plans and programs for regional and local development, which directly affect the cultural communities and vulnerable sectors, such as but not limited to the following:

- a. Recognition of the rights and security of the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) to their ancestral domain and lands;
- b. Respect and recognition of the IP's political structures and systems, cultures, resource management practices, and conflict resolution mechanisms;
- c. Respect for socio-cultural differences among various IP groups;
- d. Delivery of basic services to the IP communities; and
- e. Representation of IPs in the local committees and the establishment of IP Desks at the local level.

Relative hereto, all Local Government Units (LGUs) are hereby encouraged to integrate in the Local Gender and Development (GAD) Plan and Budget as well as the GAD Code, all IP gender and related concerns.

DILG Regional Offices are hereby directed to monitor LGUs compliance to this issuance and shall submit semestral reports related thereto, to the Office of the Secretary thru the Office of PPSC President and DILG-GAD Focal Point Chairperson **Margarita R. Cojuangco** starting on the first semester of 2005.

For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
**ANGELO T. REYES**  
Secretary



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