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# Building Bridges

*The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino*  
conditional cash transfer program  
in the Philippines

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How much do families get per month?

P 500 for health

P 300 for education (elementary)

P 500 for education (high school)

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P 500 minimum (no school kids)

P 2,000 maximum (3 HS kids)

2015 average: P 941 per month

2015 poverty line: P 9,140 per month  
(for a family of 5)

# Pantawid Pamilya in numbers, 2015

- \$1.2 billion annual budget
- 4.38 million households
- 10+ million children
- 120,000 parent leaders
- 13,000+ DSWD staff & field workers
- 1.44 million family development sessions



# Where did CCTs come from?





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- More spending on health & education
- Near universal elementary enrolment
- Higher high school enrolment
- More pre- and post-natal care and delivery in health facilities
- Child labor reduced by an average of 7 days per month
- Grants do not cause dependency
- Pantawid households don't spend more on vices
- Lower self-rated poverty
- More optimism about the future
- Reduced conflict & insurgent influence



# What's next?

- Round 3 impact evaluation
- Policy and operational challenges
  - Capacity development (parent leaders, field facilitators)
  - Payment delivery in remote areas
  - Adjusting benefit levels
  - Transition strategy & referral system
- Elections...
- Social protection assessment for new CPS



**for more information:**

- [pantawid.dswd.gov.ph](http://pantawid.dswd.gov.ph)
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