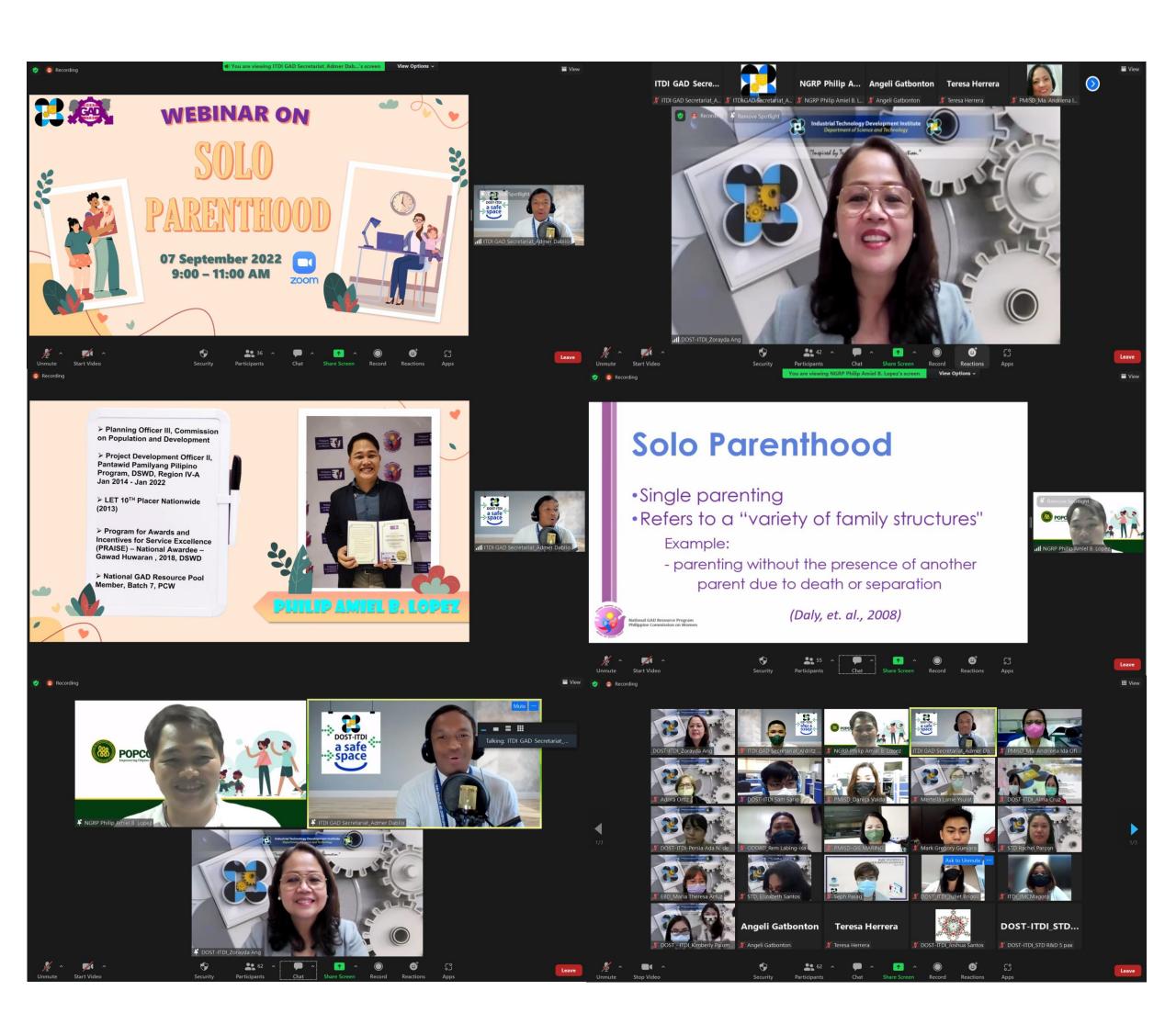


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EARLIER TODAY: The Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (FPS) Technical Working Group (TWG), led by the Deputy Director for Administrative and Technical Services (ATS) and Chairperson of ITDI GFPS TWG Dr. Zorayda V. Ang, conducted a webinar on solo parenthood to honor the single parents within ITDI.

In her welcome remarks, DD Ang acknowledged all the solo parents of the Institute, she said that being a solo parent was never an easy task – the hardships and struggles that they have to endure just to give their child or children the best life they could have. DD Ang also gave recognition to all the single parents' resilience and their continuous efforts to sustain the needs of their families.

Serving as moderator of the webinar, Mr. Admer C. Dablio of the Standards and Testing Division quoted a famous line from Meg Lowrey, "being a single parent is not a life full of struggles, but a journey for the strong".

Distinguished keynote speaker, Mr. Philip Amiel Lopez, Planning Officer III from the Commission on Population and Development and member of the GAD Resource Pool, gave the talk about solo parenthood. Mr. Lopez expounded the context of the RA 8972 or the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000 and its implementing rules and regulations, before defining what and who a solo parent is. He then gave a comprehensive explanation on the provisions for solo parents, in which he highlighted the provision of the solo parent ID, the documentary requirements needed, and the process for application. Mr. Lopez also gave a short overview of the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act.

At the open forum, questions from DD Ang, Mr. Dablio, and the participants were brilliantly addressed by the resource speaker. One of the participants shared her experience on how she applied for the solo parent ID and how she enjoyed the benefits and privileges of being a solo parent.

The webinar was well attended by 67 ITDI personnel who had been GAD capacitated once again by the Institute.

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