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## IPA Philippines Assists Department of Social Welfare and Development on Cash Transfer Digitization

On February 1-3, IPA Philippines led a workshop with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Manila. Participants defined learning goals and developed a robust and right-fit monitoring, evaluation, and learning plan for two DSWD Projects: a disaster relief emergency transfer, and a transfer for vulnerable elderly persons. IPA trained DSWD staff to refine their respective program's theory of change, identify testable assumptions and priority learning questions, and build a simple data use plan to map out key indicators and how they can be used to inform program decisions. Participants represented several DSWD departments including the Disaster Response Management Bureau and Program Management Bureau-Social Pension, with technical support from the Finance & Management Service and Resource Generation Management Office. The event was led by the IPA Philippines team (Karisha Anne Cruz, Mary Maxine Tong, Ma. Isabel Fernandez), and Tanvi Jaluka (IPA Global, Financial Inclusion Program).

