SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES:

Dilemmas in beginning strategies of ENABLING DPOs on BUDGET ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
A 3-pronged ENABLING OF DPOs ON BUDGET ADVOCACY

NATIONAL LEVEL POLICY REVIEW & BUDGET ANALYSIS by the Coalition

LATERAL ENGAGEMENT with CSOs, HR grps

LOCAL LEVEL TRAINING of DPOs
Discrepancies in enrollment and budget for education of children with disabilities

**Lumpsum** appropriations for Special Education Centers (regardless of enrollment)
- 2008: US$ 6,000
- 2012: US$11,000

2013: Enrollment-based
**Per capita** spending
US$18/ child with disability

2012 enrollment data by Department

In 12 SPED Centers alone, questionable allocations of over US$265,000
Spending for persons with disabilities

WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
As 1% mandate by law for all national agencies (2003-2012)

WHAT IT REALLY WAS
2011 appropriations by key agencies (top: Dept Education) = only 0.1%

= only 0.02% of GDP
The bottomline for DPOs

✔ Know the standards
✔ Understand the system
✔ Establish the baseline
  (what is existing?)

**Exact accountability**

Negotiate / lobby for the targets

Do we know what we want?