DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the Youth in Nation-Building Act (1994), which created the National Youth Commission, the definition of youth is between 15-30 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

Lower House
Male 21
Female 18
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Opposite Sex
Male 21
Female 18
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Same Sex
Male --
Female --
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Those between the ages of 21 and 25 “shall be obliged to ask their parents or guardian for advice” prior to opposite sex marriage. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: Family Code (1987), UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE
18
Compulsory voting. Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE
18
The Family Code (1987) states that the age of majority is 21, however it was lowered to 18 in 1989. Source: Republic Act No. 6908 (1989)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
15
Minimum Age
A child 15 years of age or under at the time of the commission of the offense shall be exempt from criminal liability. However, the child shall be subjected to an intervention program. Source: Penal Code of the Philippines (1930)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX
0.71
47 out of 170 countries. Year: 2013 Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES
97.94%
Both sexes (15-24) %
Year: 2015 Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE
61.40%
Secondary School
Year: 2009 Source: UNESCO

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV
Male (15-24) %
Female (15-24) %
Year: No data. Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE
Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

22.70%
Both sexes (13-15) %
Year: 2010 Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
The National Youth Commission (NYC) was created under the Youth in Nation-Building Act (1994), it is the sole “policy-making coordinating body” of youth-related activities of the government. It has the same status of an agency attached to the Office of the President, but is described as “independent and autonomous”. Its main functions include formulating national policies on youth, conducting research, and establishing consultative mechanisms with the youth sector. The NYC also supports an Advisory Council comprised of representatives from youth-related ministries.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The Philippines does not have a national youth organisation or platform. Rather, youth organisations are represented within the structure of the National Youth Commission (NYC). According to the Youth in Nation-Building Act (1994), the NYC chairman and commissioners are selected by the President of the Philippines among a list of nominees submitted by national youth organisations and institutions. The NYC also convenes a Youth Parliament, with delegates under the age of 30 chosen by the NYC in consideration of geographical and gender representation.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

As listed in the 2014 Budget, the budget for the National Youth Commission is PHP 78.3 million (USD 1.7 million). According to the World Bank, Philippines spent 15.05% of its government expenditure and 2.65% of its GDP on education provision in 2009.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP**

Source: World Bank

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**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth programming?

YES

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth programming?

**PHP 78.3 MILLION**

USD 1.7 MILLION

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Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

YES

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Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

NO

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there is no online version of the PYDP, and the NYC website still features the 2005-2009 youth development plan.

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