



## PROFILES

### **Parallel Session 1.2 - Gender Impact of Migration on Children and Families of Migrant Workers**

**Ms. Ma. Paz de Guzman**

#### **Ms. Cristian Munduate**

For the past five years, Cristian Munduate has been working for UNICEF at the country level in Latin America. Since October 2006, she is UNICEF's representative in Ecuador, where she manages a team of nearly 30 staff members, in a country with approximately 13,278,000 people, 41% of them children under 18 years of age. Ms. Munduate is responsible for the implementation of UNICEF's 2004–2008 Country Programme. Its three principal elements are advocacy and capacity building to protect and increase social investment; social accords on the rights of the child by mobilizing and strengthening society, and promotion for establishment and implementation of sectoral public policies in education, health and protection at national and local level. A communication strategy supports these elements to achieve wide social services, while creating protection networks to introduce and to guarantee judicial reforms for the enforcement of rights. Ms. Munduate is also in charge of forging partnerships with the corporate sector in order to leverage their financial and institutional resources for children. Actually she chairs UNAIDS in Ecuador.

Ms. Munduate was Representative of UNICEF in Costa Rica from 2003 to 2006. Her knowledge on Public Administration, public policies, social indicators and monitoring systems was an asset to support institutional reforms, the monitoring and evaluation of Social Programmes and budgets and the National Protection System for Children and Adolescents of that country. She also strengthened the Emergency component of the cooperation, and opened up opportunities for dialogue and discussion on public issues such as the Fiscal Contract.

Cristian Munduate was Minister of Social Welfare for the Guatemalan Government in 2000-2003. She was entrusted with promoting, supporting and monitoring public policies for children, as well as implementing programmes for the protection of children and adolescents in situations of vulnerability.

She joined UNICEF as a consultant in charge of the SAFLAC Project (Social Adjustment Fund for Latin American and the Caribbean) during 1994-1997. During 1998-2000 she became the National Programme Officer in charge of Monitoring, Evaluacion, Planning and Social Policy in Guatemala.

As Executive Director for both the Central American Federation of NGO Associations and Consortiums, and of ASINDES-Guatemala (a consortium of 50 national and international NGOs) she engaged in community social development efforts. She developed skills in strategic planning, NGO management, administration and municipal planning, project formulation in the health, education, income generation, infrastructure and environment subjects.



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Also in local development, she was Deputy Chief of the Engineering Department of the *Empresa de Fomento y Desarrollo de Petén* (entity for the development of the Peten region).

Cristian Munduate is a Civil Engineer by San Carlos University of Guatemala, with a Masters Degree in Administration and Technology by the Francisco Marroquín University, *Magna Cum Laudae*. She was Assistant Professor of the Engineering school for the San Carlos University.

Ms. Munduate was born in Guatemala, and is mother of two boys.

**Dr. Nanette Dungo** Dr. Dungo is a research consultant at DOST – Food and Nutrition Research Institute in 2003. She retired from the University of the Philippines in 2004, but remains teaching in the University’s Extension Courses in the Intensive on Philippines Studies for Filipino-Americans, and Japanese Students. She has also been teaching in several universities such as : University of Asia and the Pacific, Institute of Political Economy where she teaches Research Methods, and the Philippine Culture and Society. And just recently, Dr. Dungo joined Miriam College Graduate School as faculty in its M.A program in Migration Studies. Dr. Dungo obtained her doctoral and masteral degrees in Sociology from the University of the Philippines. She was a research fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin USA from 1989-1990. She was an Exchange Professor in Virginia Polytech Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Virginia, USA, August 1998-December 1998; January 1996-May 1996. Dr. Dungo has undertaken survey and evaluation researches using a triangulation of qualitative-quantitative methodology. Her research interests include the Filipino Family and Development Issues such as women in the informal economy, child labor, values and Philippine political culture, and the emerging issues among overseas Filipino workers on the areas of Families Left Behind, Identity Studies, and Transnationalism.

**Edelweiss F. Silan**, a Filipina, is currently working as the Regional Cross-border Project Coordinator of Save the Children UK Southeast and East Asia Regional Office (2004 to present). In this function, she leads the programme in its advocacy for the protection of in-country and cross-border migrant children and for participation of children and victims in the development of programmes and policies affecting their lives. She provides technical guidance and management support to the Save the Children project teams and partner NGOs and government agencies in the six countries comprising the Mekong sub-region (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) on strategies to develop child protection mechanisms for vulnerable and migrant children in origin, transit, and destination and to set up reintegration models for returning trafficked and migrant children.



Edel has a BS. Psychology degree from the University of the Philippines, and has in-depth trainings on Social Work, Development Management, Peace Building, Child Rights, and Monitoring and Evaluation. She is currently working on an MA/PhD course on



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Organisational Development with the Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute (SAIDI) in Manila.

She served as the Coordinator of Child Workers in Asia in 1999-2003, heading the regional Secretariat operations in Bangkok, supporting programmes addressing child domestic work, bonded child labour, trafficking, and other forms of child labour; and promoting stronger NGO participation in child labour related policy and program decision making in the region. Among the initiatives that she helped steer during this period was the East Asia Pacific regional children's participation in the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children, and the foundations of regional work addressing use of children as child soldiers that eventually led to the organization of the Southeast Asia Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers.

Earlier, in the Philippines, Edel worked with the UN Multi-donor Programme for Peace and Development in Southern Philippines (supporting the peace agreement between the Philippine Government and the Moro National Liberation Front) as Liaison Officer, providing technical assistance to program development and coordination support to the Chief Technical Adviser and the Program Managers.

From 1991-1997, she worked with Save the Children Japan – Philippine Office as Over-all Coordinator of the organization, implementing programs with tribal children, street children, children in armed conflict, child labour, differently-abled children. In 1989-1991, Edel was the Children's Programmes Coordinator of the Coalition for Peace in the Philippines. She served as the point person in the CFP Secretariat in convening the Regional and National Consultations on Peace for Indigenous Communities. The CFP Children's Programs promoted children as zones of peace and worked with various government and NGOs in the Immunization for Peace Campaign.

Edel worked for leadership development among university students in Manila under the Campus Ministry Program of the Archdiocese of Manila (1986-89) and supervised university student groups in organizing urban poor leaders and in organizing youth and children's groups in communities in Tondo, Manila. During the period of transition to the Aquino government in 1986, she served as a technical staff in the Presidential Task Force on Urban Poor which facilitated the establishment of the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor.

**Dr. Honey Carandang (no profile)**