

MRS AURORA CRUZ IGNACIO

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Social Security System, Philippines

VICE CHAIRPERSON
Social Security Commission, Philippines

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION

As the President and CEO, Mrs. Ignacio serves as the highest-ranking Executive Officer in the SSS. She oversees and supervises the general conduct of the operations and management functions of the SSS and the policies of the SSC. She is also a member of the following SSC Committees: Executive Committee and Risk Management and Investment Committee.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Prior to her appointment as President and CEO, Mrs. Ignacio was the Chairperson of the SSC, the governing board of the SSS. She was responsible for providing policy directions, monitoring and overseeing management actions of the SSS. She also performed quasi-judicial functions through decisions rendered in cases involving disputes on social security coverage, benefits, contributions and penalties.

Mrs. Ignacio was the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects in the Office of the President (OP) and was designated as the Focal Person for Anti-Illegal Drugs by virtue of Presidential Directive No. 5. As the Focal Person, she helped as the Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) in harmonizing all anti-illegal drug government programs. She took on multiple responsibilities pertinent to her designation, serving, until recently, as a Guest Member of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB). In addition, she was also tasked to handle Special Projects for the Office of the President, while at the same time attending to her duties as a Principal Member of Task Force on the Establishment of Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers for Drug Users.

During her stint as Focal Person, Mrs. Ignacio oversaw the active participation of the ICAD Member-Agencies in *Rehabinasyon*, or the government's all-encompassing campaign against illegal drugs. She has also initiated the institution of Substance Abuse Helpline 155, where drug dependents and their families can call for assistance with complete confidentiality. The helpline has been active since September 2018.

Aside from this, she was also a council member of the National Food Authority and helped steer the agency through its policies on food security.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Mrs. Ignacio obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, Banking and Finance from the Centro Escolar University.