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SUBJECT : **Status Report on the Implementation of Social Technology  
Programs/Projects being Implemented in Region V, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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We are submitting herewith narrative report on the Status of Social Technology Programs/Projects being implemented in Region V, for the second semester, CY 2014.

For your reference and information.

Thank you.

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## **Status Report on the Implementation of the SOCTECH Programs/Projects**

Second Semester, CY 2014

Hereunder is the status report on the implementation of the following social technology programs and projects being implemented in the region. To wit:

### **1. Modified Social Stress Model (MSSM)**

- The same with the first semester, the three (3) DSWD Centers and Institution namely: Haven for Women and Girls, Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC) and the Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth (RRCY) continuously using the MSSM tool in the management of cases under their care in need of special protection. (*Note: For details, please refer to the report submitted by respective centers and institutions*)

### **2. Recovery and Reintegration Program for Trafficked Persons(RRPTP)**

- Focal Person on RRPTP, Ms. Marian I. Turiano continuously conducting series of activities, providing programs and services due to its beneficiaries to reach its target and contribute to the organizational goals of the department.
- For the second semester, activities such as orientation on RA 10364 and RRPTP to members of the Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines was conducted last September 26, 2014 composed of 47 youth representing the 6 provinces of the region. As an output, said youth able to assist in the laying out of program brochure. To date, said brochures and foldable fans are ready for distribution to LGU key stakeholders. Said advocacy materials/brochures entails the services of the RRPTP program including the call for action from the public to counteract trafficking incidents. Ms. Turiano also served as discussant to various activities initiated by the Local Government Units and other government agencies in advocating laws on women and children as preventive measures.
- Aside from the advocacy activities conducted, able as well to release livelihood assistance/grants to 20 qualified victims-survivors of trafficking for the semester. (5 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr.); one client availed of skills training in TESDA, one case from Haven for Women and Girls provided transportation assistance in attending court hearing and another one for balik-probinsya assistance for her reunification to her family in Eastern Samar. There were various activities undertaken within the semester. These include activities related to management of information system/data banking, national referral system.
- Aside from the activities, programs and services conducted in connection with RA 9208 as amended by RA 10364, focal person and other staff from PSU has given the chance to enhance their knowledge and skills through attending National training of Trainers on Comprehensive Intervention Against Gender-Based Violence (CIAGV) with emphasis on emergencies and Women Friendly Space in Tagaytay City last November 24-29, 2014.

- Hereunder were the issues and concerns that cropped up which was encountered by the focal person: 1) LGUs with most number of referred cases made use of the general intake sheets despite provision of copies of RR forms and TA provided, 2) target number of clients for the succeeding months has increased as indicated in the catch-up plan due to the remaining current subsidies, 3) there is no update on the request of carbonized RR forms from CO to be replenished to MSWD Offices and other partner agencies. *(Note: For details, please refer to the report submitted by RRPTP focal person)*

### **3. Gender Responsive Case Management (GRCM)**

- For the second semester, Haven for Women and Girls in Nasisi, Ligao City was able to serve nine (9) women under its care using GRCM tool. Application of GRCM provides the worker a clear view and focus intervention planning with the clients' involvement. The goal focuses on empowerment and being gender fair promotes the healing relationship between the worker and the victim-survivor. Using gender fair languages decreases gender inequality. Case manager increases competencies in problem assessment using the different perspective human rights.
- Other activities undertaken at the same time attended by center's staff to really improve and enhance their knowledge and skills in handling and in managing of cases under care include:

### **4. Counseling Services for the Rehabilitation of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (CSRPDV)**

- Respective LGUs implemented with this program continuously conducting various activities as part of the preventive measures and information campaign.
- Acted as resource person during the conduct of Orientation on Counseling Services for the Rehabilitation of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (CSRPDV) in Sorsogon City last November 12-14, 2014. A total of two hundred seven (207) barangays official (128 females and 79 males) divided into three batches coming from sixty six (66) barangays citywide attended and oriented on the said program. Issues and concerns in their minds as to how to handle VAW cases and its procedures were clarified after the orientation was made. The knowledge they have gained in the said orientation will now be applied in handling different cases on violence against women and their children in their respective barangays not only as barangays officials/government servants but as responsible citizens of the country. As part of the activity each barangays had prepared action plan for the coming year. As indicated in their plans, activities include sharing and feedbacking with other members of barangays council during their scheduled regular council meeting. With this, cases of domestic violence will be lessen if

not be prevented. In their coming general assembly meeting in the barangays all the information they got in the training will be discussed as one of the agenda.

- The office continuously providing technical assistance to intermediaries/LGU social workers depending on their needs either by phone, text messages and or homevisits thus, issues and concerns were clarified.

## **5. Character Leadership Program**

- Ever since the Program on Character Leadership was introduced, the office continuously implementing the program on a weekly basis incorporated during Flag Ceremony every Monday at the Field Office as well as at the centers and institution. The office sees to it that there is a unit in-charge from the four (4) divisions. Whoever the one in-charge will share to the group their insights/personal experiences based on the assigned character in any different ways - drama, balagtasana, video presentation, singing and or lecture-sharing.

## **6. Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities (ERPAT)**

- In Region V, Regional Quarterly ERPAT Federation Mobile Meeting was sustained. It is being done on a regular quarterly basis being sponsored by Local Government Units with ERPAT organizations.
- Organization of ERPAT is increasing in numbers specifically LGUs with active organization.
- Acted as resource person and discussed topic on Module 8 - Fathers as Advocates in the Prevention of HIV and AIDS during 2-Days Training of Father Leaders in the municipality of Tiwi, Albay last October 3, 2014. *(Note: For details, please refer to the report submitted by focal person on ERPAT)*

## **7. Program on Persons Living with HIV and AIDS**

- The department through the Crisis Intervention Section (CIS) was able to serve 4 PLHIVs needing assistance. These four were provided financial assistance for their medical needs in the amount of P5,000.00 per PLHIV. Said cases were referred by focal person from Albay AIDS Council and at times by the HIV Counselor Peer Education of the Positive Action Foundation Philippines, Inc. (PAFPI) assigned at Bicol Regional Training and Teachings Hospital.
- Technical staff from STU was able to attend the Kamustahan Dialogue with the Regional AIDS Assistance Team(RAATs)-Scaling up Effective and Sustained Response on HIV and AIDS last November 19-21, 2014 held at The Exchange Regency Hotel, Ortigas Center, spearheaded by the Local Government Academy(LGA) of DILG, Manila. The activity intends to increase commitment in action, addressing HIV and AIDS at the regional level with the following challenges: a) resource support to RAATs, b) coordination and harmonization

among RAATs, c) political support of LCEs for policy support to effect local actions and to incorporate HIV and AIDS agenda to their programs and activities. It was mentioned by USEC Parisya Hashim-Taradji in her opening message that said dialogue is timely due to alarming social concerns on HIV and AIDS. With the mandate given to DOH, DSWD & DILG, this does not mean that we are the only agencies responsible, because there is PNAC and the local champions are in the regional level when it comes to different programs and responses concerning HIV and AIDS. As RAAT we focus on strong governance through the Local AIDS Council(LAC) and our primary audience at LGU is the Mayor. With the presence of USEC Taradji on the first day, she instructed Ms. Elgin Mazo, focal person on HIV and AIDS program for DSWD Central office to conduct a small group discussion with all DSWD FO participants with the following issues and concerns: 1) functionality of the RAAT at the FO must be ensured 2) DSWD is determined for a more enhanced Referral System to really provide the necessary interventions to victims and its families, 3) observation and recommendation – 1) PLHIV as one of the completed SOCTECH Projects at FO , should have been transferred already at the PSU from STU, hence the RAAT focal person must come from PSU and STU. Early next year, the PSB shall be communicating with all FOs to submit their updated RAAT focal person from PSU for the issuance of CO Special order for their permanent designation.

- Other activities undertaken by social technology technical staff include:
  - Orientation of LGU social workers in the three (3 )provinces of the region on the Psychosocial Care & Support to PLHIV and their Families last July 7-8, 2014 for the province of Sorsogon, July 29-30, 2014 in Legazpi City for the province of Catanduanes, and Aug. 7-8, 2014 in Naga City, for the provinces of Camarines Norte. LGU Social workers provincialwide of the three 3 provinces were oriented on the Psychosocial Care and Support for Persons Living with HIV and AIDS, one of the programs among the fifteen completed social technology projects discussed with them. Majority of the LGU social workers signified to replicate the program in their respective municipalities.
  - Attendance to the 2-Day Full Council Meeting, Casa Basilisa, Guinobatan, Albay/June 30-July 1, 2014, Preparation of Action Plan/activities to be undertaken for October 2014. DSWD RAAT FP provided TA to members of the provincial AIDS Council on the said meeting, hence the DSWD Psychosocial Care and Support for PLHIV and the Referral System was promoted.
  - Acted as resource person and discussed the Referral System for Care and Support for Persons Living with HIV and their Families in Legazpi City last August 4, 2014. LGU social workers and health workers of the province of Albay composed forty persons (40 females & 10 males) were oriented/guided in the delivery of care and support services to PLHIV following the national referral system as their reference. With this, limited number of Program Manual on Care and Support Services for Persons Living with HIV and the Referral System on PLHIV was promoted and issued for their reference.

- Acted as resource person on Module 8-Fathers as Advocates in the Prevention of HIV-AIDS during the 2-Day Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities (ERPAT) Training on October 3, 2014 in Tiwi, Albay. 20 ERPAT Presidents/father leaders were oriented and mobilized as partners/advocates in the prevention of HIV-and AIDS. Knowledge, attitude, and skills and behaviors of father leaders enhanced.
- Continuous conduct of advocacy activities and information dissemination campaign, technical assistance to LGUs, POs and stakeholders relative to RA 8504 is being done not only because it is one of the completed social technology projects, but because we can no longer deny the increasing number of PLHIVs.

## **8. UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)**

- For Region V, RIACAT-VAWC Meeting was sustained. This is being done on a quarterly basis. Since it is a mobile meeting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting was conducted in the province of Catanduanes last September 25-26, 2014, sponsored by the provincial government of Catanduanes. On the other hand, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting was sponsored by DSWD FO through RRPTP Fund under coordination meeting.
- Supposedly, there was a special meeting for the RIACAT-VAWC TWG members to meet solely to discuss details on Grievance Redress Committee together with the FUN Walk as culminating activity in observance of the 18-Day campaign to End VAW 2014 with the theme: last December 11, 2014. However, based on the announcement of Director Arnel B. Garcia during Flag Ceremony/Peptalk last December 8, 2014, per Memo received from the Secretary all activities both local and national which is not related to disaster is being cancelled. Since region V, was one of the regions devastated by Typhoon Ruby and is considered on disaster mode, thus the cancellation of the said activity. Other activities scheduled prior to typhoon Ruby by member agencies, including LGUs were pushed through.
- Still in line with the celebration, undersigned worker acted as resource and discussed RA 9262 during GAD lecture on Violence Against Women last December 12, 2014 at Resettlement Site, Banquerohan, Legazpi City. A total of ninety five (95) parents in the said school (composed of 87 female & 3 males) and 7 female elementary teachers. Said participants gained additional knowledge, attitude, and skills on the law. Because of the orientation attended they can relate on how to handle cases of violence and its programs, services as well as the protocol in availing such services. They are also able to learn what really the purpose of such law and other laws on women. Issues and concerns in their minds now given appropriate interventions/actions and were clarified. Sponsoring school plans to have another activity by next year for these parents to understand more their duties and responsibilities as parents but they preferred the fathers to attend if possible.

- One of the activities conducted by the province of Albay in line with the 18 Day Campaign is the conduct of Orientation of the VAW Referral System with the PCAT-VAWC members last December 10, 2014. Undersigned worker acted as resource person on this. As a result of said activity, the committee was able to come up with a draft an ordinance establishing and managing a Referral System on Trafficking and Violence Against Women in the different municipalities and cities in Albay. Adopting a comprehensive program thereof and for other purposes. Aside from this, province of Albay is already on its finalization of GAD Code, with branch at RTC Ligao as Family Court.

## **9. Social Technology Projects for Replication and Adoption**

- Relative to the social marketing and advocacy of the fifteen (15) completed social technology projects, Field Office V conducted the following activities:
  - Orientation of 15 completed SOCTECH projects for LGU social workers of Sorsogon, at Villa Angelina Hotel, legazpi City last July 9-10, 2014
  - Orientation of 15 completed SOCTECH Projects for LGU social workers of Catanduanes, at Villa Angelina Hotel, legazpi City last July 29-30, 2014
  - Orientation of 15 completed SOCTECH Projects for LGU social workers of Camarines Norte, at Westfiled Hotel, Naga City last August 7-8, 2014
  - Acted as resource and discussed FDAPP project with barangays officials of Sorsogon City last August 6, 2014 sponsored by the City of Sorsogon in partnership with Dangerous Drug Board.
- Certification from the DSWD Centers and Institutions for the use of GRCM and MSSM in handling and management of cases under care was already submitted to CO.
- The office continuously doing follow up of SB Resolutions and MOA and at the same time marketing of the fourteen (14) completed SOCTECH Projects to LGUs nationwide.

## **10. Pilot Implementation of Three (3) SOCTECH Projects namely: 1) ACCESS 2) TeamBRE and 3) START**

### **1. ACCESS (Adaptation to Climate Change through Enhanced Social Services)**

ACCESS started in June 2013 after we received communication from Central Office in May through an initial orientation with the LGU partners in the provinces of Catanduanes and on June 6, 2013 in the province of Camarines Sur, respectively. This was followed by another orientation with the province, LGUs Canaman and Calabanga, Camarines Sur. Said activity was simultaneously done in the province of Catanduanes specifically in the LGUs Virac and Bato, Catanduanes last September 26-27, 2013. This was attended by representative from SP, SB members and social workers from the local social welfare office, Provincial and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management focal persons.

In November 18-21, 2013, Training of Trainers cum MOA Signing on ACCESS was conducted at Tyche Boutique and Restaurant, Legazpi City. This was attended by LGU Social Workers from the pilot provinces and LGUs, MDRRM, and the Honorable Mayors and Governors for the MOA signing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2013. Said activity was successfully done with the presents of expected participants from the LGUs and DSWD field office and central office.

## 2. TeamBRE (Team Balikatan Rescue in Emergency)

For the second semester, various activities were conducted both for the project partners and beneficiaries. This includes :

- Follow up submission of documents for Education Assistance/LGU Bacacay & pilot barangays last July 8, 2014 wherein undersigned worker stayed at the MSWDO the whole day after the coordination was made with the respective Brgy. Captain requesting all TV to visit MSWDO for them to sign in the CE. Certificate of Eligibility was facilitated/accomplished and brought to office upon return Made follow up documents e.g. CE for their financial assistance – livelihood assistance as well as documents on volunteer work. Visited and talked with one of the inactive TV. As a result, motivated him to join the group upon knowing the reason behind. Facilitated as well signing of CE on Educ. Assistance.
- Follow up status of Volunteer Work being done by TV as well as the documents e.g. CE for their financial assistance – livelihood assistance as well as documents on volunteer work.
- Inter-Agency Meeting last July 31 and August 20, at La Roca, Gogon, Legazpi City. On the said meeting project partners were informed of the remaining activities for the year thus provided directions relative to the ongoing project implementation. Able as well to plan out remaining activities within the year.
- Fieldwork in Bacacay to fast track submission of documents /coordinate w/ Brgy Captain re: 25 additional TV last August 28, 2014
- Fieldwork in Bacacay to fast track submission of documents /coordinate w/ Brgy Captain re: 25 additional TV last August 11, 2014 Talked /discussed with Brgy. Captain the need for another 25 volunteers (13 for Sogod & 12 for Igang). The same info. Was relayed to MSWDO. and again stayed in the MSWDO and facilitated CE for livelihood assistance of 25 TV, stayed in the MSWDO and facilitated CE for livelihood assistance of 25 TV.
- Follow-up w/ Pilot Barangays lacking documents on the Volunteer Work conducted and at the same time able to orient the new additional 12 TeamBRE Volunteers for Igang on their roles/volunteer work to do. Requested them to submit bio-data/profile where basic information about them were written and a picture if possible for identification.
- Talked with the couple(1 inactive TV) - Couple signified willingness to be part/join as TV .



- Ceremonial Program & Awarding of Checks to TeamBRE Volunteers at Sarung Banggi Resort, Sto. Domingo, Albay last September 18, 2014 with the presence of technical staff from CO, Ms. Manuel. TeamBRE Volunteers received checks amounting to P 12,805 broken down as follows: Educ. Assistance-P 2,000.; livelihood-P5,000; and cash for work P5,805.00 together with tool kits. ARDO Miña thanked the fisherfolks for the volunteerism they shown in the community. Additional of 25 volunteers coming from the same pilot barangay will also do volunteer work on post disaster phase for one month. The activity was participated in by LGU Bacacay represented by Mr. Santigao Betito, Mun. Admin., Pio Cañeso, Municipal Agriculture Officer, Ms. Barrameda, MSWDO
- Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Training/Coastal View resort, Sto. Domingo, Albay last September 29-30, 2014. Participants made mentioned that it increased their knowledge in saving lives of their constituents; Brgy. Captain commits 100% support to the project & to allocate disaster fund. For the DSWD pax – lucky to be given slots/involved in the training, willingness to share KAS learned; as first responder they only have theories but now in actual; in lieu of the trust and confidence given to them they will re-echo such information. As part of the evaluation, RPs confirmed that participants were fast learner, can easily adapt, observed to take notes evidence that they were willing to learn,. Resource Persons hoped that TV could re-echo not only as enforcer but also a protector.
- Training on Water Safety and Rescue (WASAR ) last October 14-15, 2014 at Coastal View Resort, Sto. Domingo, Albay. During training, 100 liters gasoline used during the said training was LGUs' counterpart. Per agreement, PCG were the resource persons during the conduct of said training. Volunteers KAS were enhanced. Lessons learned of the participants was the term casualty not only referring to dead person, but it includes missing and injured and CPR shall be given if the victim has no pulse and breathing.
- Program Review and Evaluation (PREW) on TeamBRE Project last November 4-7, 2014 at Oriental Hotel, Legazpi City was successfully and fruitfully done with the presence of the Social Technology Bureau Director, Dir. Violeta A. Cruz. TeamBRE . TeamBRE Volunteers made mentioned during the PREW in their sharing/testimony that the project really had changed/improved them a lot, their personality as a whole and even in dealings and care for their environment, constituents in the barangay which we considered as one of the highlights in the implementation of the said project.
- Writeshop on the Development of Manual on TeamBRE Project last November 25-28, 2014 at Oriental Hotel, Legazpi City. This activity was attended and participated in by TeamBRE Volunteers, project partners and focal persons of the three pilot regions – Regions V, 8 and CARAGA with the presence of the former undersecretary Ms. Celia C. Yangco as consultant and at the same resource person who provided inputs in the said writeshop.

- Monitoring/Meeting and TA provision with TeamBRE Volunteers last December 3 and 4, 2014 at Barangays Igang and Sogon, Bacacay, Albay, respectively. As a result, pilot barangays was provided inputs in coming up with action plan for 2015, livelihood assistance given to them was followed up and each fisherfolks/TeamBRE Volunteers provided updates on where they used it. Their plans include increasing the number of members – TeamBRE volunteers, continuous advocacy and capacity building activities aside from their regular activities being conducted by their respective barangays on disaster response and prevention. Ms. Manuel made mentioned that additional funds shall be downloaded to the region for the new additional volunteers to be provided also with educational assistance aside from the livelihood assistance, the same services provided with the old volunteers.

3. START ( Strategies Toward Acceptance, Reintegration and Transformation) For Recovering Poor Drug Dependents

For the START project, activities undertaken include the following:

- Inter-Agency Meeting last August 4, September 5, October 24, November 11 and December 4-5, 2015 respectively held at La Roca, Gogon, legazpi City except for the last inter-agency meeting which was held at Malinao, Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in Malinao, Albay. As a result of the meetings identified agenda per meeting was successfully attained, project partners were provided updates on the activities conducted by the DSWD and vice versa wherein project partners also presented lists of programs and services that would be availed by beneficiaries. Profile of residents both the intervention and control group was presented, the programs and services under the Treatment and Rehab Center, The group also able to plan out activities for the next quarter and beyond. Onsite assessment on what possible intervention that each inter-agency can provide to clients at MTRC. Each member agencies presented their programs and services during the visit at TRC last December 5. During December 5 meeting, partner agencies conducted program and simple gift-giving to MRTC residents from personal pocket of respective focal persons. Department of Agriculture provided garden tools and vegetable seeds.
- Three clients under intervention group were referred for financial assistance within the semester, the rest still complying the required documents.
- Continuous monitoring and technical assistance with the TRC focal person was also done through homevisits, phone call and even through text messages.
- Problems encountered by the TRC include identification of the beneficiaries both for the intervention and control group with the following factors identified:

- Status of beneficiary which is poor. Some of the beneficiaries identified have the capacity to provide for themselves or their families.
- Possible beneficiaries are not residing within the identified area of the project
- Lapses of the beneficiaries in their drug use. Identified beneficiaries will be automatically out of the program once proven to have positive drug test result. However, addiction per se is chronic, often relapsing brain disease that causes compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences to the drug users and those around them. There is a big possibility that they will use during the course of the project.
- o Recommendations identified include those identified residents who are not very poor or those with capacity to provide for themselves; residents residing outside Legazpi, Sorsogon and Tabaco might be included in the beneficiaries; beneficiaries that encountered lapses might still be included in the project, but those who are in full blown relapse will be out in the project.

Other Activities undertaken/Involved in:

- Assisted in other activities, programs and services and other concerns being directed by the immediate supervisor.
- Participated during Typhoon Ruby as Action officer
- Facilitated the implementation of monitoring of KALUPI members on the DSWD major programs and services of the department.

Plan for the Next Steps:

1. Continue doing the :
  - monitoring and follow up and provision of TA in the ongoing implementation of SOCTECH Projects as well as the adoption and replication of completed SOCTECH projects regionwide.
  - Follow up the submission of SB Resolution, MOAs to LGUs signified to replicate the completed social technology projects.
  - Continues lobbying for the organization, creation of Local AIDS Council, Men Support Group(MSG) and the P/M/CCAT-VAWC.
  - Provision of technical assistance to People's Organization, intermediaries and stakeholders relative to Social Technology Programs and projects.
  - Coordinates and attends the capability building activities for project implementers
  - Monitors the delivery of services, advocacy, networking and submit reports
  - Capacitating the concerned LGUs specifically to identified beneficiaries relating to SOCTECH.
  - Advocacy and information dissemination campaign on GAD related laws, national and special events being celebrated.

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