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RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION PROGRAM FOR TRAFFICKED PERSONS
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I. INTRODUCTION

This report intends to illustrate the various activities conducted for the implementation of the program in Region V.

II. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hereunder are the highlights of the program for the given period.

A. Advocacy Against Trafficking

Orientation on RA 10364 and RRPPT to members of the Pag - Asa Youth Association of the Philippines – Region V will be conducted on September 26, 2014 in Naga City, Camarines Sur. This will be participated by 47 youths from the six provinces of Bical Region. As part of their counterpart, the organization's president agreed to assist in creating the layout for the program brochure.

B. Capability Building/ Enhancement

SWO I- VAW regularly conducts monitoring visits to RRPT Beneficiaries in Malinao and Tabaco, Albay; Basud, Camarines Norte; Pasacao and Iriga City, Camarines Sur; Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

Other than this, assessment was also undertaken to other cases of organ trafficking in Camarines Sur specifically in Pasacao and Tinambac. As to date, four cases were submitted for livelihood assistance from the said municipalities. More so, technical assistance was also provided to MSWDOs Labo, Camarines Norte and Cataingan, Masbate for a child prostitution case. Both cases were likewise assessed and submitted for livelihood assistance. SWO I – VAW also forwarded a list of organ sellers in Labo, Camarines Norte identified last year by Asia ACTs to the MSWD Officer for validation and assessment.

Technical assistance pertaining to RRPT services and the creation of Local Council Against Trafficking was given to Ms. Eva Gregorio, one of the service providers from CSWDO Naga City. This undertaking precipitated after an entrapment operation in a prostitution den conducted by the CIDG – Camarines Sur rescuing about 15 adult female entertainers. Per information, most of the rescued victims were from neighboring municipalities and provinces and eventually decided to return home. SWO I – VAW is continuously coordinating with Ms. Gregorio to identify the current whereabouts of the victims-survivors for possible DSWD intervention.

C. Services To Trafficked Persons

▪ Economic Assistance for Livelihood

Livelihood assistance was released to 5 TIP victims-survivors in Pasacao, Camarines Sur on September 5, 2014. Documents are on-process of TIP victims-survivors from Camarines Sur (4), Masbate (1) and Camarines Norte (1). Release of assistance is expected to take place on the last week of September 2014. In addition, documents of one among the five victims of organ trafficking from Tinambac will be submitted by the MSWDO Officer before the end of the quarter.

Documents of one TIP victim-survivor of child prostitution from Cataingan, Masbate were processed for livelihood assistance. Said case was referred by DSWD FO

I. Undersigned conducted homevisit and assessment to the minor's parents who proposed for a fish vending project.

▪ Skills Training

Assistance for skills training will be released to one TIP client taking a short TESDA course on Food and Beverage Service NC II in Legazpi City on September 29, 2014. Said victim-survivor was also a recipient of livelihood assistance last CY 2013. Nevertheless, his project did not prosper.

▪ Auxiliary Support for Victims/ Witnesses

A victim-survivor from Malinao, Albay with case filed in court was found eligible for the service however, documents will still be collected from the MSWD Officer.

D. Management of Information Systems/Data Banking

A total of six calls received and acted upon in the TIP Helpline for this quarter. Concerns were mainly on RRPTP services and requests for technical assistance.

E. National Referral System

Consultation Meetings in the provinces of Camarines Norte and Catanduanes were held on July 31, 2014 and August 6, 2014 respectively were successfully conducted this quarter. Agenda primarily focused on the following:

- ∞ Accomplishment Report of RRPTP for the 1st Semester CY 2014
- ∞ Services under RRPTP
- ∞ Updates per LGU in response to RA 10364
- ∞ Other matters including updates of cases relative to RA 9775

Main attendees of these meetings were MSWD Officers and social workers. SWO I - VAW presented the number of cases served for the 1st semester and the place of origin of the victims-survivors.

In Catanduanes, SWO I – VAW emphasized the need to conduct consciousness-raising thru massive advocacy campaigns along anti-trafficking to their respective communities so that, the members may become aware of the issue and assist in reporting cases as there are no reported case in the field office from the province since January, 2014.

Whereas, in Camarines Norte, there is only one case referred for auxiliary support. Upon revisiting the services, undersigned emphasized the fund augmentation which LGUs can apply for to implement project-related activities.

F. RRPTP Management

This quarter's RIACAT-VAWC Meeting (Regional Referral Network) took place in Virac, Catanduanes on September 24 – 25, 2014. The meeting was hosted by the provincial government of Catanduanes through the initiative of PSWD Officer, Ms. Delia Bernal. One of the highlights of the meeting was the provision of technical assistance to Ms. Bernal on the creation of the PIACAT- VAWC. The participating agencies also cited their plans for the upcoming 18-Day Campaign Against VAWC yet, another meeting will be scheduled for finalization of activities.

III. MAJOR ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Hereunder are some issues and concerns noted.

- ∞ Target number of clients for the succeeding months has increased as indicated in the catch-up plan due to the remaining current subsidies. Previous assistance provided to TIP clients were charged under the continuing appropriations fund. Assessment of cases from LGUs with identified TIP victims-survivors remains slow due to other priority cases and tasks,
- ∞ No update on the request of carbonized RR Forms from CO to be replenished to MSWD Offices and other partner agencies.

IV. RECOMMENDATION/s

- ∞ Fast-tracking of assessment otherwise, re-alignment of subsidies to trainings and other advocacy campaigns will be considered to maximize current funds.

V. PLAN FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Produce advocacy materials on RRPTP Services such as brochures etc.
- Continuous conduct of home visits/ monitoring and technical assistance to LGUs and RRPTP beneficiaries.

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