## DSWD FO III reactivates Donors/Social Welfare Inquiry Desk

(City of San Fernando, Pampanga) To facilitate a smoother disaster operation in Central Luzon, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office III has recently reactivated its Donors/Social Welfare Inquiry Desk (D/SWID).

This is a part of the Field Office III's continuing preparation for any disaster that might visit the country, said DSWD Field Office III Director Adelina S. Apostol. The Donors/SWID, which will be manned by designated staff from the Standards Unit (telephone number- (045-861-2413) under the Quick Response Teams (QRT), is immediately activated during the occurrence of disaster, Apostol added.

The Donors/SWID will directly answer queries on information pertaining to disaster updates as well as provide information to non-government organizations and other groups who may be interested to give donations to the disaster victims particularly those in the evacuation centers, Apostol stressed.

Apostol also said that the D/SWID will provide prospective donors on areas that are least served including the list of goods/commodities that are not being provided by the government or non-government organizations involved in disaster operation.

To speed-up the repacking of goods, the Field Office will be utilizing volunteers from the Philippine Air Force, Philippine National Police, national government agencies and nongovernment organizations. ### (Evelyn T. Manalo-SMU) July 17, 2014