KALAHI-CIDSS FO 3 finance team meets to strengthen procurement, finance strategies

To ensure full compliance on official procurement procedures, the Regional Program Management Office (RPMO) of the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Region 3 held its fourth Regional Fiduciary Workshop (RFW) last July 19-22 in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija.

"We need to do this to determine and solve even the smallest loopholes in the procurement process," said Hyacynth Rivera, regional capability building specialist of the KALAHI-CIDSS Region III.

Along with Rivera, the event was participated by Regional Finance Analyst Keisha Morales, Regional Community Infrastructure Specialist Ranel Lombres, finance analysts, area coordinators, community finance facilitators, and administrative officers.

The team conducted intense and participative discussions to determine the frequently occurring finance and procurement issues. Moreover, they devised ways on how to address these issues and prevent them from happening in the future.

"We should implement strict review standards of the procurement documents. From the documents, signatures, and stamping, we should make sure that all the requirements are complete," suggested Peejay Morales, FA III.

Finance Analyst Keisha Morales also added, "Finance officers must reach out to all community-based finance and procurement

personnel and educate them further on due process to prevent issues".

As the RFW ended, the team was able to develop a proactive strategy on how to achieve full compliance from all concerned personnel in the finance and procurement process. ### (Ma. Dennielle M. Lomboy)