

# DSWD Central Luzon Nagsagawa Ng Program Launching at Municipal Orientation sa Quezon, Nueva Ecija



Isinagawa ang Program Launching at Municipal Orientation ng Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 3 – Central Luzon sa pamamagitan ng Kapit Bisig Laban Sa Kahirapan, Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Service Kapangyarihan at Kaunlaran Sa Barangay (KALAHICIDSS KKB) sa Quezon, Nueva Ecija.

Isa ang Munisipyo ng Quezon sa nabigyan ng pagkakataon na mapasama sa Phase 2 ng KALAHICIDSS KKB.

Sa pangunguna ni DSWD Regional Director Venus F. Rebulde dinaluhan ito ng Assistant Regional Director for Operations Armont C. Pecina, Promotive Services Division Division Chief

Melanie M. Barnachea, katuwang ang Munisipalidad ng Quezon, Nueva Ecija sa pangunguna ni Municipal Mayor Mariano Cristino N. Joson sa pamamagitan nina Sangguniang Bayan member Winchino F. Capalungan at Municipal Social Welfare Development Officer Avelina R. Dela Cruz, mga kawani ng Local Government Unit, at ang 16 barangays.

Kasama sa aktibidad ang Memorandum of Agreement Signing, pagbibigay ng Orientation sa mga barangay, at pagbibigay ng suporta sa stratehiya ng KALAHY-CIDSS na CDD sa pamamagitan ng pagpirma sa Pledge of Commitment.

Nagbigay din ng inspirational message at pasasalamat si ARDO Armont C. Pecina, "Ang pag-aabot kamay ng National Government at LGU ay nagpapahayag ng simbolikong pagpapahayag ng malinaw na ugnayan. Nandito kami bilang guide post kung saan pwede kami makatulong at gumabay sa lokal na pamahalaan para makatulong sa pamayanan. And through this mechanism we can make a difference sa ating pamayanan. Marami pong salamat. "

Ang KALAHY-CIDSS KKB ay gumagamit ng stratehiya na Community Driven Development (CDD) na naglalayon na bigyang pagkakataon ang mga komunidad na magdesisyon, magplano, at magbigay priyoridad ng mga problema sa barangay na patunay sa pagkakaroon ng pagbabago at kaunlaran sa kanilang mga komunidad. ###

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# DSWD Field Office 3 – Central Luzon Naglunsad ng Phase 2 para sa KALAHÍ-CIDSS sa Nueva Ecija



Sa pangalawang pagkakataon idinaos ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) sa pamamagitan ng Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services Kapangyarihan at Kaunlaran sa Barangay (KALAHÍ-CIDSS KKB) ang Program Launching at Municipal Orientation sa Munisipalidad ng Licab, Nueva Ecija. Hinighlight sa aktibidad ang Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing, Pagbibigay ng Orientation sa programa, at pagbibigay ng suporta sa stratehiya ng KALAHÍ-CIDSS na CDD.

Sa pangunguna ni DSWD Regional Director Venus F. Rebulde dinaluhan ito ng Office of the Assistant Director for Operations Social Welfare Officer III Beatrice Marie A.



Bondoc, Regional Program Coordinator ng KALAHI-CIDSS, Aladin L. Naje, katuwang ang Munisipalidad ng Licab, Nueva Ecija sa pangunguna ni Municipal Mayor Eufemia D. Domingo, Municipal Vice Mayor Oliver V. Villaroman, mga kawani ng Local Government Unit, at ang 11 barangays.



Bilang panimula ng proseso inaasaahan na magcoconduct ng barangay meeting ngayong buwan ang 11 barangays para at pagplanuhan at pagusapan kung ano ang ipprioritize na proyekto. Ang KALAHI-CIDSS KKB ay gumagamit ng stratehiya na Community Driven Development (CDD) na naglalayon na bigyang pagkakataon ang mga komunidad na magdesisyon, magplano, at magbigay prioridad ng mga problema sa barangay na patunay sa pagkakaroon ng pagbabago at kaunlaran sa kanilang mga komunidad

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**Mahigit 60k na 4Ps**

# Beneficiaries inaasahang magtatapos ngayong 2024

Ang Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) ang pangunahing pambansang estratehiya upang basagin ang siklo ng kahirapan na naglalalayong pataasin ang antas ng pamumuhay ng mga Pilipino simula ng taong 2007. Taong 2019 nang naisabatas ang RA 11310 o 4Ps Act.

Ngayong taon inaasahang nasa 62,183 (Aurora – 1,697; Bataan – 3,794; Bulacan- 20,141; Nueva Ecija – 15, 175; Pampanga, 10,225; Tarlac – 9,510; Zambales – 1.,641) na mga sambahayan ang opisyal na magtatapos sa 4Ps sa Gitnang Luzon.

Mensahe ni Regional Director Venus F. Rebuldela, “Ang tagumpay ninyo laban sa kahirapan ay tagumpay din namin sa kagawaran. Kayo ang patunay na hindi hadlang ang kahirapan upang magtagumpay sa buhay. Kayo ang testimonya ng inyong mga municipal links sa kanilang mabungang pagtatrabaho. Kayo at ang inyong mga pamilya ay patunay lamang na malayo ang mararating ng pangarap na may kasamang pagsisikap.” ###

**DSWD recognizes  
transformative role of social  
workers in World Social Work**

# Day celebration

In line with the World Social Work Day celebration, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in partnership with the ASEAN Social Work Consortium-Philippines, held a forum to promote the development of the social work profession on Wednesday (March 20) at the DSWD Central Office Auditorium in Quezon City.

The World Social Work Day is celebrated annually on the 3rd Tuesday of March with this year's event slated on March 19. With the theme, "Buen Vivir: Shared Future for Transformative Change," the World Social Work Day honors the hard work and dedication of social workers to bring transformative change to communities through the principle of "Buen Vivir," which means "living well" or "life in harmony."

In her opening remarks, Undersecretary for Standards and Capacity Building Group (SCBG) Denise Bernos-Bragas enjoined the participants to continue to "cooperate, coordinate, and collaborate" in addressing the contemporary challenges and bring into fruition the aspirations of social work in the global setting.

Undersecretary for National Household Targeting System and Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Vilma Cabrera, who is a veteran social worker, highlighted the importance of social work in promoting social justice, human rights, and sustainable development.

"Social work is a practice-based profession, whose core mandate or core intention is to effect social change, social development, social transformation, and changes favorable to the society, the individuals, the families, and the nation," Undersecretary Cabrera explained.

Undersecretary Cabrera pointed out that promoting the celebration contributes to the initiatives of the roadmap in

the implementation of the Hanoi Declaration on Social Work that aims to strengthen the social work and social service workforce towards “the effective, responsive and sustainable delivery of inclusive and quality social service” in the ASEAN region.

“By commemorating the World Social Work Day, stakeholders can leverage the momentum generated by this global event to highlight the role of social work in addressing regional challenges and provide a platform to showcase successful social work interventions and initiatives that have made a positive impact,” Undersecretary Cabrera said.

Several speakers discussed specific topics related to the strengthening of the social work profession. The resource persons included DSWD Asst. Secretary for SCBG Janet Armas; Ateneo de Davao University Social Work Department Chairperson Dr. Epifania Melba Manapol; Association of Local Social Welfare and Development Officer Jocelyn Arzaga; and, Ateneo de Davao University social work student Jhunhalyne Villarta.

Also gracing the event were ASEAN Social Work Consortium-Philippines Chairperson Glady Bunao; Department of Health League of Medical Social Workers President Evelyn Muniz; National Association of Social Work Education, Inc. President Khalachuchi Flores-Caballes; Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. official representative Rosauo Luntayao; and, Philippine Association of Court Social Workers, Inc. official representative Precious Loida Ladaga. #

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# **Tara Basa! Tutoring Program**

# **pormal nang inilunsad sa probinsya ng Bulacan**

DSWD Field Office 3 – Central Luzon , pormal na inilunsad ang Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program (TBTP) na ginanap sa Bulacan State University, Malolos, Bulacan.

Personal na dinaluhan ni Usec. Eduardo Punay kasama si DSWD Field Office 3 – Central Luzon Director Venus F. Rebuldela ang Grand Launching ng TBTP sa probinsya. Kasabay din nito ang paglagda ng Memorandum of Agreement sa pagitan ng DSWD, Lalawigan ng Bulacan, Lungsod ng Malolos at San Jose del Monte, Bulacan State University, Bulacan Polytechnic College, at City College of San Jose del Monte, na sinaksihan ng mga kinatawan mula sa Department of Education (DepEd) Region 3.

Sa mensahe ni Usec. Punay, saad niya na “Hindi po tayo papayag na ang mga kabataan dito sa bayan ng makakata ay hirap magbasa.”

Sa pangwakas na mensahe ni Dir. Rebuldela, kanyang binigyang diin na “Tunay na magiging maganda ang outcome ng programang ito kung lahat tayo ay magbubuklod-buklod at sama-sama tungo sa isang adhikain para sa Bagong Pilipinas.”

Target ng TBTP na matulungan ang 1,583 mag-aaral sa kolehiyo. 1,319 bilang mga tutor at 264 bilang mga Youth Development Workers (YDW) ang makakatanggap ng reformatted education assistant na Cash-for-Work program.

Ayon sa datos mula sa DepEd, tinatayang 13,188 ang mga batang nahihirapan o hindi kayang magbasa ang tututukan sa loob ng 20 tutoring sessions. Kaakibat nito ang pagkakaroon ng parenting session ang mga YDW sa mga Nanay-Tatay Teacher upang magtuloy-tuloy ang progreso sa pagbabasa ng mga mag-aaral. ###



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# **60 centenarians in Central Luzon received their cash gift worth ₱100k each**

The Republic Act No. 10868 also known as the Centenarian Act of 2016 is an act to honor and recognize Filipino senior citizens who have reached 100 years of age or above, living in the Philippines or abroad.

These senior citizens, also called centenarians, receive a cash gift worth Php 100,000.00 and a certificate of recognition from the national government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development as well as a letter of felicitation signed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

60 centenarians across Central Luzon were awarded for the first quarter of the year while another 18 centenarians are scheduled to be awarded this April.

Centenarians must present their Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) Identification (ID) Card, Philippine Passport for those living abroad, or any valid government-issued ID indicating their date of birth.

The DSWD Field Office 3 – Central Luzon has a set target of 190 centenarians to be awarded for this year.###

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# **DSWD brings Tara Basa! Tutoring Program to Cebu, other provinces**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is set to kick off on Friday (March 8) the expanded implementation of its Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program through a ceremonial program launch to be held in Cebu City, an agency official said on Wednesday (March 6).

DSWD Asst. Secretary for Strategic Communications Romel Lopez said the Department will implement the tutoring program, which is the agency's recalibrated educational assistance, in other regions after its successful pilot run in the National Capital Region (NCR) last year.

"Following the good feedback and success of our pilot run in Metro Manila, we are about to bring Tara, Basa! program to more communities around the country," Asst. Sec. Lopez, who is also DSWD spokesperson, said.

The DSWD official pointed out that the expansion will cover areas including San Jose Del Monte City; Malolos City; Bulacan Province; Cebu City; Marawi City; Taraka in Lanao Del Sur; Western Samar; General Santos City; and Quezon province. The program will also be implemented in more local government units (LGUs) in the NCR.

As part of the kick-off ceremony in Cebu City, the agency spokesperson said a memorandum of agreement (MOA) will be jointly signed by DSWD Field Office-7 (Central Visayas) Regional Director Shalaine Marie Lucero; Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama; and Dr. Daniel Ariaso Sr, State Universities and Colleges (SUC) President, Cebu Normal University.

The signing will be witnessed by DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian

and Undersecretary for Innovations Eduardo Punay.

The MOA will formalize the DSWD-LGU-SUC partnership in implementing the Tara! BASA program in Cebu City.

“The MOA stipulates the duties and responsibilities of the stakeholders in ensuring the proper implementation of Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program in Cebu City,” the DSWD spokesperson said.

With Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program, non and struggling readers in elementary will benefit through the provision of reading sessions, according to Asst. Sec. Lopez.

“Their parents and guardians will also be given cash-for-work (CFW) in exchange for their attendance to Nanay Tatay learning sessions and in assisting their children in preparing their needs for learning and reading and in their after-reading assignments,” the DSWD spokesperson explained.

Under the program, 2nd to 4th year college students will be deployed as Tutors who will teach children beneficiaries to read.

Additionally, Youth Development Workers (YDWs) will facilitate Nanay-Tatay Sessions to provide parents or guardians with parenting guidance.

Asst. Sec. Lopez reiterated that the Tara, Basa! Tutoring Program is the reformatted educational assistance of the DSWD that creates an ecosystem of learning wherein college students will be capacitated and deployed as tutors to teach poor and non or struggling readers in elementary and as YDWs to conduct Nanay-Tatay sessions. #

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# **DSWD honors women in celebration of National Women's Month this March**

In line with the National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) this March, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has reaffirmed its commitment to support and promote the rights of women towards a more inclusive society.

The 2024 NWMC carries the sub-theme, "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas; Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!" which highlights the need to showcase and harness the full potentials of women and girls in actively engaging in and reaping the benefits of national growth and development.

"Women have huge influence in our country, not only as homemakers, but as leaders in their chosen fields, and also as catalysts to nation building," DSWD Asst. Secretary for Strategic Communications Romel Lopez said.

Asst. Sec. Lopez, who is also DSWD spokesperson, said the Department, through its programs and services, will continue to strive to build more spaces for women to participate and become empowered citizens.

"The DSWD strongly believes in the power of women as change-makers. The government, as a duty-bearer, has the responsibility to continue to address the gaps that hinder women and girls to fully attain the benefits of gender equality and sustainable development. We encourage everyone to participate in the advocacy of strengthening the implementation of the Magna Carta of Women or Republic Act 9710," Asst. Sec. Lopez pointed out.

The DSWD will support and participate in the NWMC activities led by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), through the

conduct of advocacy activities such as the #PurpleFridays wherein DSWD employees are enjoined to wear their best purple attire every Friday of March, and the #PurpleYourIcon wherein offices are adorned with purple elements to symbolize solidarity with women's empowerment and gender equality, and promote conversations surrounding the NWMC.

The Department will conduct the “#Herspace is a Safeplace” online and face-to-face forum on March 19 and 20 to advocate and promote a fair, safe, inclusive and gender-sensitive working environment in the Central Office and all its Field Offices.

The DSWD is also encouraging the public to take part in all NWMC online activities through the hashtag #WeCanBeEquALL. #