

**PSWD Office Weekly Accomplishment Report
(June 16 to 20, 2014)**

- The Regional Committee on Disability Affairs (RCDA) II was conducted on June 17, 2014 here in Isabela as the Host province for its 2nd quarter meeting. It was held at the Senior Citizens Conference Room, Capitol Compound, Ilagan City, Isabela.



The 2nd quarter meeting was led by former Assistant Director of DSWD Region 02 and now the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) Regional Program Coordinator, Mr. Andres Rhudy B.

Aravelo. Other partners from different line agencies in the region were also present namely;

1. Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
2. Department of Education (DepEd)
3. Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
5. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
6. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
7. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
8. Provincial/City Social Welfare and Development Office
9. Regional Federation of Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
10. Isabela PWD Federation Officers, and;
11. National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)

The activity focused with discussions the agenda items below:

1. Details of “Kakayahan 2014”

As per information and directions of Ms. Amalia Decena, President of the Regional Federation of PWDs, a three-clustered contested activities mentioned below shall be open for PWDs during the 2014 NDPR Week Celebration in Manila on July 17-23, 2014.

- A. Painting, Photography, Floral Arrangement, Waste Re-use and Cooking;
- B. Creating Web Pages, Desktop Publishing and English Text Processing
- C. E-Life, E-Tool, and E-Games

2. NDPR Week Preparations

The plan of activities at the regional level relative to the upcoming 36th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week celebration covering the dates from July 17-23rd 2014, with the theme: **“Talino at Paninindigan Taong may Kapansanan Pasaporte sa Kaunlaran”** was laid and further discussed by DSWD FO 02 PSU Head, Ms. Lucia s. Alan including other concerns such as cases and situations of our PWD’s in the region being referred to other agencies/institutions to take it as a delicate issue considering their physical condition and that proper intervention must be observed to avoid disappointment on the part of the PWD.

The PSWDO will hold its culminating activity in the province relative to the NDPR Week celebration on July 24, 2014 highlighted by the inauguration and

blessing of the Office of the Persons with Disability Affairs (OPDA) with the plan for installation of the leg and arm prosthesis facility on the same day

3. Updates on CBR

Updates on CBR was facilitated by our partner from NCDA, Mr. Andy Ravelo, wherein the creation of PWD Regional Situationer was emphasized as one very important tool in order to provide basic services, which according to Mr. Ravelo, *the PWDs even being deprived of*, but a tool that will unite them to bring one common goal in their fight for their right and also an official organization of the group in every locality as this will help them become aware of the programs and services of the government

4. Updates from the Sub-Committees

PIA - Sub-Committee on Advocay – representative from PIA Tuguegarao committed to support the RCDA in their advocacy services through the “Tipon-Tipan” aired in Radio every Tuesday between 9:00-10:00 AM slot

CHR - PWD cases initiated and assisted – Mr. Benjie Banatao, Special Investigator of the CHR presented cases of physical and sexual abuse in the region involving persons with disabilities of which others are resolved while the others are now filed in court

5. Other Issues/Concerns/Recommendations

- The DOLE as in-charge of the employment of PWDs following the employment policies
- Other programs and services for PWDs
- Target for education-PWDs mainstreamed in the DepEd program
- Strict compliance to Accessibility Law or BP344
- 20% discount privileges under RA 7277
- Monitoring Checklist as part of the PWD Situationer
- 1 week Speakers Bureau Training for PWDs



- Swo III, Ms. Charmiya Rosalina L. Cruz, attended the 2nd Quarter RSCWC Meeting at the Conference Room of the City Hall of Tuguegarao City on June 19, 2014 with the agenda below:

- Anti-Bullying Act of 2013 (RA 10627)– The speaker, Atty. Cecilia G. Lazaro explained thoroughly *What is Bullying* as stated under Sec 3b and others that refers to the Act such as:
 - its coverage
 - prevention program
 - intervention program

- mechanisms and procedures in handling bullying incidents in schools
- composition of child protection policy (CPC)
- its jurisdiction
- procedures
- due process; and
- other salient features
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Atty. Lazaro further stressed the major role of teachers in the implementation of this Act including the role of the participants as member of the local council for the protection of children

- School Based Supplementary Feeding Program
498 schools – DSWD’s remaining coverage for Isabela Province
- Child Friendly Local Governance
The DILG stressed the implementation of annual and mandatory audit in all cities and municipalities under the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit starting this year 2014 to gauge their level of performance in so far as implementing programs and instituting measures to uplift the welfare status of children. The Assessment Criteria includes 12 Indicators, to wit;
 1. Percentage reduction in the death among children below 5 or under 5 mortality rate.
 2. Percentage reduction in the number of children below normal weights under 6 yrs. old.
 3. Percentage Increase in the number 3-4 yrs old children attending center-based day care services.
 4. Percentage increase in the completion rate for the elementary schooling.
 5. Absence of child labor or reduction in child labor cases.
 6. Percentage reduction in the number of child victims of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.
 7. Percentage of safety measures for children in the community and schools.
 8. Extent of mainstreaming of Children’s Rights to survival, development and protection in the core development agenda of LGUs.
 9. An ordinance establishing Barangay Violence Against Women and their Children or VAWC Desks.
 10. 2013 Philhealth accreditation in its main health facility or rural health unit for maternal care services and primary care.
 11. Local School Board (LSB) Plan for CY 2013 that is aligned with the School’s Improvement Plan/SIP.
 12. Completed at least 70% of its LSB Plan for 2013.
- RSCWC Resolution re: resolution encouraging all LGUs to comply with the provisions of RA 10630 (An Act Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System in the Philippines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9344
 - The resolution says, that in all rehabilitation or training facilities, it shall be mandatory that children shall be separated from adults unless they are members of the same family.
 - The representatives from PSWDOs committed to include in the agenda the provisions of this resolution during regular meeting with the MSWDOs
- Presentation of the Result of the Needs Assessment of the Child Laborers cum Action Planning

The DOLE also presented their statistical data on Child Labor Case, Isabela has 140, 73 of which are from San Mariano while 67 are from Benito Soliven, this case was associated with the existende of the Ethanol Plant in San Mariano. The kids and their families were rescued both by the DOLE and DSWD. The families

underwent series of counselling and responsible parenthood services. An FGD among the families, community and partner agencies was conducted while Orientation on Child Labor by the DOJ was also done prior to DOLE provision of an amount of P319,000 each municipality for the families to start Negokart (Negosyo sa Kariton) business. The orientation includes the different programs and services such as;

- ✓ Pangkabuhayan
- ✓ Financial Assistance
- ✓ School Supplies
- ✓ Livelihood Program
- ✓ Motorcycle
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Etc.

- The PSWD Office conducted feeding of hot meal among children in the day care centers during the two separate farmers congress conducted this week, on June 17 in the Municipality of Mallig and on June 20 in the Municipality of Quezon, benefitting a total 167 pre-schoolers.

