



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND FIELD OFFICERS, THE ARMM GOVERNOR AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DILG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On the 18th of October 2010, a Memorandum of Agreement on Anti-Trafficking was forged between the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Civil Society Groups, namely: Blas F. Ople Center and Training Institute, Visayan Forum Foundation Inc., Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines, and Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy.

Said CSOs shall be the primary partners of the Department in scaling up the advocacies, interventions and active participation of local government units (LGUs) in the fight against human trafficking.

The parties agreed to perform the following functions:

The DILG shall:

1. Promote and support a systematic information dissemination and prevention campaign against trafficking in persons; and
2. Issue directives and advisories to local government units (LGUs) relative to the:
 - a. Institutionalization of recruiter-monitoring mechanisms;
 - b. Increase in public awareness regarding trafficking in persons;
 - c. Promotion of family and community empowerment to prevent trafficking in persons; and
 - d. Activation, strengthening and mobilization of existing committees, councils or similar bodies to prevent and suppress trafficking in persons.

The NGO Partners shall:

1. Develop guidelines, instruments and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on the following:
 - a. Identification and response to trafficking cases in source, transit and destination areas;

- b. Models and good practices on effective preventive actions; and
 - c. Prevention and awareness campaign.
2. Conduct Trainer's Training among DILG personnel and personnel of selected LGUs on prevention, detection, prosecution, re-integration and community education;
 3. Undertake joint information dissemination campaign under the War Against Trafficking;
 4. Conduct planning workshops with selected LGUs and generate templates and models for inclusion of trafficking in local development plans and budgetary allocations;
 5. Conduct workshops or writeshops on the development of model local ordinances and programs; and
 6. Assist the DILG in developing and implementing sustainable support programs for LGUs in pursuance of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Republic Act No. 10022 (Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act) and the Memorandum of Agreement.

In addition, Compassion2One, a US-based organization with programs and services in various countries where there are cases of child trafficking, has expressed its firm resolve to address the issue in the Philippines through active engagement with the LGUs. Thus, we are encouraging all local chief executives (LCEs) to forge possible partnerships with the said organization through Ms. Rina Filart, one of its leaders in the Philippines on child protection. You may coordinate with her via mobile phone number 0921-6916387 or 0915-4987368.

For information and guidance.

