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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, PUNONG BARANGAYS, SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND FIELD OFFICERS, DILG ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RETENTION OF BARANGAY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) DESK PERSONS/OFFICERS

Pursuant to Section 389 (b) (e) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”, the “Punong Barangay, upon approval by a majority of all members of the Sangguniang Barangay, shall appoint or replace the Barangay Treasurer, the Barangay Secretary, and other Appointive Barangay Officials”.

While it is the prerogative of the Punong Barangay to appoint or replace appointive barangay employees, it is worth considering that the incumbent Barangay Violence Against Women (VAW) Desk Persons/Officers were already provided with trainings by the national and/or local government and gained sufficient skills, knowledge, and experiences in the performance of their respective functions and duties and responsibilities particularly in handling cases of violence against women.

In view thereof and to continue utilizing and maximizing their knowledge, skills, and experiences in their field of services and to keep away from investing again in the training of their replacement which is costly and affects the continuous provisions of reliable and quality services to VAW victim-survivors, all Punong Barangays (PBs) and Sangguniang Barangay Members (SBMs) are hereby strongly encouraged to reappoint them, including those barangay officials who were designated as Barangay VAW Desk Persons/Officers during their term from 2013 to 2018 but did not run or were not re-elected in the 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE), provided that they have performed effectively while in service in the past barangay administration.

All DILG Regional Directors and Filed Officers, and DILG ARMM Regional Secretary are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance to all concerned local authorities within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For information and guidance.

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