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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS,
DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, BARMN MINISTER
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND ALL OTHERS
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE 2020 WORLD DAY AGAINST
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (WDAT)

In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly declared every 30th of July as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The day shall be observed to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.” Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights, hence, everyone should take part in combatting human rights violations.

Moreover, Republic Act 9208, known as the *Act to Institute Policies to Eliminate Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, Establishing the Necessary Institutional Mechanisms for the Protection and support of Trafficked Persons, providing Penalties for its Violations* as amended by RA 10364, mandates local government units, among others, to:

- a) monitor and document cases of trafficking in persons in their areas of jurisdiction;
- b) undertake an information campaign against trafficking in persons; and
- c) encourage and support community-based initiatives which address the trafficking in persons.

In line with our continued campaign against trafficking in persons, the Department is in full support in the observance of the 2020 World Day Against Trafficking that carries the Theme, “***Isang Bayan, Isang Paninindigan, Laban sa Trafficking ng Mamamayan***”. Thus, all local government units are encouraged to conduct relevant activities on July 30, 2020, such as, but not limited to the following

1. Hanging of Tarpaulin carrying the Theme of the 2020 WDAT celebration;
2. Conduct local radio or tv broadcasting and interviews on Anti-Trafficking efforts;
3. Conduct online activities, such as Webinar, etc to:
 - a. discuss local situationer and updates on LGU's interventions/initiatives in addressing trafficking in persons.
 - b. Video presentation on Anti-Trafficking
4. Print, reproduce and disseminate IEC materials on anti-trafficking.
5. Other related activities.


A link of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on Anti-Trafficking in Persons is provided to all LGUs for publication through local radio and TV broadcasting, social media and online viewing. The said materials that were developed by our partners to combat trafficking in persons at the national level may be accessed through link shorturl.at/kmJU4.

Further, the DOJ IACAT Secretariat will host a Webinar for the observance of the 2020 WDAT focusing on the roles and responsibilities of barangay officials in combating trafficking to be held on July 31, 2020 at 2:00PM via Zoom and FB Live. Barangay Officials and community stakeholders are encouraged to join the Webinar by registering in advance to:

1. https://aseanact.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xdAiLFgmR9yq2nxDe8o5Cg or
2. <https://www.facebook.com/InterAgencyCouncilAgainstTrafficking/>.

All DILG Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Local Government are directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective regions.

For compliance.


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Secretary
