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REGION V - BICOL
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CATANDUANES

August 12, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON CHILD PROTECTION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
        Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
        Chief, Schools Governance and Operation Division
        Public Schools District Supervisor
        Elementary and Secondary School Heads
        All Others Concerned

1.   The Bantay Bata 163 (BB163), the child welfare arm of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc., in collaboration with UNICEF, is organizing an online Regional Dialogue with the theme "Strengthening Child Protection in Disaster Response".

2.   The online event seeks to discuss the challenges and best practices on child protection, especially in crisis situations.

3.   In line with this, child protection coordinators, guidance coordinators, teachers, and school personnel are invited to participate in the first Regional Dialogue on Child Protection on August 30, 2022, via Zoom and Facebook Live.

4.   It is also requested that representatives will fill out the Regional Dialogue Survey and registration form through this link: https://bit.ly/RegionalDialogue on or before August 19, 2022.

5.   For information and dissemination

SUSAN S. COLLANO
Schools Division Superintendent

August 8, 2022

SDS SUSAN S. COLLANO
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
Schools Division of Catanduanes

Dear SDS Collano,

Bantay Bata 163 (BB163), the child welfare arm of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc., has been in the forefront of upholding and protecting the rights of Filipino children since 1997. For more than 25 years, we have continuously implemented programs aimed to respond to and prevent child abuse from happening.

The onset of COVID-19 and other disasters of recent years have heavily affected the way we work in the development sector, especially in terms of child protection. In 2020, Bantay Bata 163 received a 20% increase in abuse cases reported to the Hotline. There was also a significant 696% increase in social work counseling provided for parents and children. This was during the increase in COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

We recognize the value of your organization's partnership in ensuring child protection measures are put into place in every local government unit. To be able to further strengthen this partnership, BB163, in collaboration with UNICEF, is organizing an online Regional Dialogue with the theme "Strengthening Child Protection in Disaster Response." The said online event seeks to discuss the challenges and best practices on child protection especially in crisis situations. The inputs that will be recorded during the consultation can help schools, in assessing and improving their own child protection programs. Reports from the said consultation shall also be shared to relevant parties in aid of legislation and program implementation. Furthermore, learning sessions on relevant topics on child protection shall also be discussed during the event.
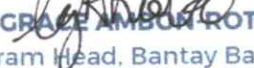
In line with this, we would like to invite your child protection officers, guidance coordinators, teachers and school personnel to participate in the first Regional Dialogue on Child Protection on August 30, 2022 via Zoom and Facebook Live. Your assistance in disseminating this invitation to all concerned parties is highly appreciated.

We are also requesting that your representatives fill out the Regional Dialogue Survey and registration from through this link: https://bit.ly/RegionalDialogue on or before August 19, 2022. Summary of the inputs shall be presented during the event as part of the discussions.

For any concerns or inquiries, please feel free to contact our Program Officer, Ms. Ailene Alea, through her email: ALAlea@abs-cbnfoundation.com or through SMS/Viber at 09184399889.

Looking forward to your support for this event! Thank you!

In the Service of the Filipino Child,

LEVI GRACE AMBON ROTA, RSW
Program Head, Bantay Bata 163

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