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REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON CHILD PROTECTION

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. BB163, in collaboration with UNICEF, is organizing an online Regional Dialogue on Child Protection with the theme: "Strengthening Child Protection in Disaster Response" on September 20, 2022 via Zoom and Facebook live.

The activity aims to:

1. The continuous implementation of programs aimed to respond to and prevent child abuse from happening,

2. Recognize the value of partnership in ensuring child protection measures are put into place and.

3. To be able to further strengthen this partnership.

In line with this, we would like to invite guidance counselors, mental health coordinators, child protection coordinators, GAD coordinators, DRRM Officers, teachers and other school personnel concerned.

Participants are requested to fill out the Regional Dialogue Survey and registration through the link: https://bit.ly/RegionalDialogue on or before September 11, 2022.

Attached herewith is the letter from Ms. Levi Grace Ambon-Rota, RSW, Program Head of Bantay Bata 163, for your reference.

For any concerns or inquiries, please feel free to contact:

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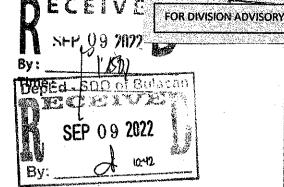
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In the Service of the Filipino

AUGUST 31, 2022

MS. ZENIA G. MOSTOLES
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
DEPED-BULACAN



Dear Ms. Mostoles.

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 local government units, like yours, 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 guidance counselors, mental health coordinators, child protection coordinators, GAD coordinators, DRRM officers, teachers and other school personnel directly handling children to participate in the first Regional Dialogue on Child Protection on September 20, 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 September 11, 2022. Summary of the inputs shall be presented during the Regional Dialogue 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!

n the Service of the Filipine Child,

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