




MEMORANDUM

No. 044 , series 2018

TO : Select Secondary Schools

FROM : 
RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS INITIATIVE

DATE : January 23, 2018

1. Balay Alternative Legal Advocates for Development in Mindanaw, Incorporated (BALAOD Mindanaw) is implementing a project entitled "The Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative: Integrating the Human Rights Framework in Educating High School Students on Anti-Human Trafficking" in support with the USAID through the Philippine-American Fund.

2. As part of the continuing action, a forum on "Bringing Together Champions for Sustainable Initiatives Against Trafficking in Persons" shall be conducted on January 26, 2018 Friday, 9AM to 5 PM at VIP Hotel, Velez St., Cagayan de Oro City.

3. Participants to the forum are the School Heads, Guidance Counselor/Designate, GPTA President and SSG President of the following schools:

Opol National Secondary Technical NHS
Alubijid Comprehensive NHS
Casinglot NHS
Sta Ana NHS
Tagoloan NHS
Tambobong NHS
Villanueva NHS
Kalingagan NHS
MOGCHS

4. For your guidance and compliance.

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18 January 2018

MR RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA, CESO VI
School Division Superintendent
Department of Education Misamis Oriental Division
Velez St., Cagayan de Oro City



Dear Sir:

Greetings.

Way back 2015, our Organization and the DepEd Misamis Oriental Division has been in close collaboration on the promotion for the information about counter trafficking in persons. In fact, as of July 2016 to present, Municipal National High Schools have been our recipients for the campaign against human trafficking. We have conducted awareness educational caravan to students under grade levels 9 and 10, trained students and teachers to be school paralegals, and have been recommending strategies on how to incorporate counter trafficking measures in the school's Child Protection Policy.

Why are we doing these? And who are we? **Balay Alternative Legal Advocates for Development in Mindanao, Inc (BALAOD Mindanao)** is a local, independent, non-stock developmental legal organization that exists in Cagayan de Oro since August 2000. Founded by pool of lawyers, the Organization advocates for human rights, in which, protection of children is a component project. Relative to this, we are implementing a project entitled **"The Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative: Integrating the Human Rights Framework in Educating High School Students on Anti-Human Trafficking"** in support with the USAID through the Philippine-American Fund, and the cooperation of your good office and of our very dynamic partner schools.

As part of our continuing action, we would like to ask you or a representative from your office to join us as we will conduct a forum on **"Bringing Together Champions for Sustainable Initiatives Against Trafficking in Persons"** on **January 26, 2018 Friday, 9AM to 5PM at VIP Hotel, Velez St., Cagayan de Oro City.** We would like also to request you to allow participation of the school head or his/her representative, teacher-paralegal (those who attended the Nov2016 Paralegal Training) in lieu thereof, the Guidance Counsel Designate; student-paralegal (those who attended the Nov2016 Paralegal Training); GPTA President or

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his representative, and SSG representative from each of our active partner schools, which includes:

1. Opol National Secondary Technical NHS ✓
2. Alubijid Comprehensive NHS ✓
3. Casinglot NHS ✓
4. Sta Ana NHS ✓
5. Tagoloan NHS
6. Tambobong NHS
7. Villanueva NHS
8. Kalingagan NHS
9. Molugan NHS
10. Misamis Oriental General Comprehensive HS ✓

We strongly believe that through our collaborative actions we can address the raising concern on human trafficking and eventually be able to ensure security, protection, and better lives for our children.

Also, we will gladly appreciate it if you will allow us to formally present the Organization and the Project with its updates in a meeting to be scheduled in a time most convenient to you. Your office may reach us through call (088) 881-1992; sms to the Project Coordinator (09778336444); or email balaodmindanaw@gmail.com.

We look forward to your continued support.

Very truly yours,

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