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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**WORLD VISION CEREMONIAL LAUNCH OF COMMUNITIES AGAINST CHILD
TRAFFICKING (C-ACT)**

**To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of SGOD and CID
Division Focal Person for CPC Partnership
District Supervisor of Cordova District
Elementary and Secondary School Principals, Guidance Counselors, SSG Advisers of
Cordova NHS, Day-as ES, Ibabao ES & Gabi ES**

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached herewith is the letter from **Mr. Ariel D. Odtojan**, CPC Project Manager of World Vision Development Foundation. World Vision thru its Child Protection Compact Project in partnership with the International Justice Mission and the University of San Carlos will hold a **Launching of Community Against Child Trafficking (C-ACT) Campaign** on **March 28, 2019, 1:00 pm** at the **Michael Richartz Center, University of San Carlos – Talamban Campus**.
2. Participants of this launching are the Division Focal Person for CPC Partnership, PSDS of Cordova District, School Heads, Guidance Counselors & SSG Advisers of the following schools;
 - o Cordova NHS
 - o Day-as ES
 - o Ibabao ES
 - o Gabi ES
3. School Heads are ensured that no classes will be left behind if in case presence of some teachers will be asked.
4. This memorandum serves as an Authority to Travel of the participants.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is hereby directed.


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Schools Division Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Angtud:

Greetings of solidarity!

World Vision thru its Child Protection Compact Project is implementing programs on OSEC and CLT prevention, protection and local level response particularly to strengthen existing community-based mechanisms for identifying and protecting child victims of these crimes. In Region 7, the project covers OSEC prevention programs in the Municipality of Cordova and the City of Lapu-Lapu and CLT Prevention and protection programs in Cebu City and Mandaue City.

In order to synchronize the advocacy efforts in combatting child trafficking in these areas, the project will launch a regional campaign to protect children from OSEC and CLT. This campaign aims to mobilize partnership with different actors from government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, academic institutions, and community stakeholders who will work to strengthen the formal and informal child protection systems and service provision at the community level.

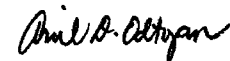
In partnership with the International Justice Mission and the University of San Carlos, we will hold a Launching of **Community Against Child Trafficking (C-ACT)** Campaign on March 28, 2019, 1:00 pm at the Michael Richartz Center, University of San Carlos – Talamban Campus.

In relation to this, we would like to collaborate with DepEd Division of Cebu Province in this campaign. We strongly believe in the invaluable contribution that your office can extend in this initiative. We will be deeply honoured if you can grace this event. Please see attached program and concept note for more details. We would also appreciate if you can send the following personnel from your division to attend this event:

- Division Focal person for CPC Partnership
- District Supervisor of Cordova District
- School Principals, Guidance Counselors, SSG Adviser of the following schools
 - Cordova National High School
 - Day-as Elementary School
 - Ibabao Elementary School
 - Gabi Elementary School

We are hoping for your positive response on this matter. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,



Ariel Odtojan
CPC Project Manager
World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness. Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.



**Ceremonial Launch of
Communities Against Child Trafficking (C – ACT)**

Once we see, we act! Protect Children from OSEC and CLT

University of San Carlos

Michael Richartz Center | Talamban Campus

March 28, 2019 | 1:00

1:00 – 1:30	Registration	
1:30 – 1:45	Invocation and National Anthem Acknowledgment of Participants	USC Choristers
1:45 – 2:00	Opening Remarks	Rev. Fr. Dionisio Miranda, SVD, Ph.D, SThD President University of San Carlos
2:00 – 2:30	Child Trafficking in the Philippines	Atty. Sam Inocencio National Director International Justice Mission, Philippines
2:30 – 2:50	Child Trafficking Situation in Central Visayas	Prosecutor Fernando Gubalane Regional State Prosecutor – Central Visayas Department of Justice
2:50 – 3:05	Prevention of Child Trafficking in Communities	Dir. Rommel Fuerte National Director World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.
3:05 – 3:15	Statement of Support	Rev. Fr. Aleksander Gaut, SVD, Ph.D Vice-President for Academic Affairs University of San Carlos
3:15 – 3:45	Statement of Support	Dir. Rebecca P. Geamala Regional Director, DSWD 7 Dir. Leocadio Trovela Regional Director, DILG 7 Dir. Juliet A. Jeruta, Ph.D. CESO IV Regional Director, DepEd 7 Dir. Salome O. Siaton Regional Director, DOLE 7
3:45 – 4:05	Responses	Local Government Units Municipality of Cordova, Cebu Lapu – Lapu City Cebu City Mandaue City
4:05 – 4:20	Symbolic Launch of C-ACT and Ceremonial Commitment Signing	
4:20 – 4:30	Closing message	Child Leader



Communities Against Child Trafficking (C – ACT)

Once we see, we act! Protect Children from OSEC and CLT

Background

Child Trafficking is a crime that exploits girls and boys for numerous purposes including forced labor and sex. It has many negative implications to victims and survivors, most notably destroying childhoods and perpetuating a vicious cycle of criminal activity. International law defines *child trafficking* as a crime involving the movement of children for the purpose of exploitation. Children may be trafficked for several purposes – sexual exploitation, domestic labour, adoption, for exchange of debts, recruitment for criminal activity, armed groups and (in a very small number of cases) organ harvesting.¹

The Philippines is one of the countries taking the lead on trafficking prevention efforts. However, Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) and Child Labor Trafficking (CLT) – the two forms of Child Trafficking—continue to exist. In 2018, around 289 victims were rescued in 109 operations (with over 87% of those rescued victims under the age of 18), through the collaborative efforts of IIM, PNP, and NBI. The average age of the rescued victim is 12 years old, and victims below 12 years old make up more than half, or 52%, of all victims rescued in OSEC. According to the 2011 survey by the Philippine government and the International Labor Organization, around 3 million children aged 5 to 17 remain trapped in hazardous labor activities, mostly in the agriculture and services sectors. In 2017, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) estimates that there are around 2.1 million Filipino children exposed to hazardous labor, which includes mining.

Although the Philippine government increased its efforts to prevent child trafficking, it is evident that there is still a need to increase public awareness on the issue. In doing so, it is important to highlight the role of communities in preventing these crimes and to take meaningful action to help protect children.

The Problem

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) commonly known as cybersex trafficking is the production, for the purpose of online publication, of visual depictions (e.g. photos, videos, live streaming) of the sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor for a third party who is not in the physical presence of the victim, in exchange for compensation. Boys and girls—some under 2 years old—are abused or forced to perform sex acts in front of a webcam. Cybersex trafficking can happen anywhere – victims can be moved to and abused in any location, as long as there is internet access, a webcam or a mobile phone. It has become a terrifying cottage industry with high profit margins.²

Child Labor Trafficking (CLT) also referred to as *forced child labor*, is defined by the Philippine laws as a worst form of child labor that refers to 1) all forms of slavery, or practices similar to slavery as sale and trafficking of children debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labor, including recruitment of children for use in armed conflict; 2) the use, procuring or exposing of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or pornographic performances; 3) the use, procuring or offering of a child for illegal or illicit activities, including the production and trafficking of dangerous drugs and volatile substances prohibited under existing laws; 4) work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is hazardous or likely to be harmful to the health, safety or morals of children.³

¹ (UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, 2000 (Palermo Protocol))

² IJM Casework Series

³ RA 9231 Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination amending RA 7610, Section 12(d) 2003



CLT includes situations in which the child is in the custody of someone other than an immediate family member who requires the child to perform work that financially benefits that person, as well as situations in which a parent provides a child to others who subject the child to forced labor in which the child does not have the option of leaving the employment. Children subjected to forced labor are usually inadequately cared for and not allowed to attend school and are often abused.⁴

The Context

The Philippines has successfully investigated and prosecuted several cases of child trafficking including OSEC and CLT, however, many local government officials and community leaders, including Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPC), have not received training on the indicators of OSEC and CLT, or on what action to take when cases are suspected or identified. Very few victims of CLT have been identified and assisted and few cases of CLT have been investigated and prosecuted. More specialized trauma-informed care services are needed for child victims of OSEC.

The Campaign

“Exploitation happens in community, so healing has to happen in the community.”

Communities Against Child Trafficking (C-ACT) is a campaign that supports the Child Protection Compact (CPC) partnership between the United States and the Philippines. The goal of this campaign is to strengthen existing community-based mechanisms for identifying and protecting child victims from OSEC and CLT and preventing these crimes.

A community-level Child Protection (CP) systems strengthening approach to the prevention of OSEC and CLT, which identifies and builds the capacity of community-based CP actors with a mandate to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children will be utilized to achieve this goal. This strategy requires a community-based analysis of CP issues to map out vulnerable populations, vulnerability drivers, as well as response from service providers and existing reporting and referral mechanisms, and related services.

Carrying out this campaign requires strong partnership with different actors from government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, academic institutions, and community stakeholders who will work to strengthen the formal and informal child protection systems and service provision at the community level. Partners will be encouraged to conduct prevention and protection activities, such as:

- (1) community sensitization and mobilization
- (2) strengthening reporting and referral mechanisms by promoting reporting local and interagency hotlines,
- (3) outreach and support to vulnerable children/households, and
- (4) increasing resilience and self-protection skills for children and youth.

These activities should lead to an increased capacity in community leaders to prevent and respond to both OSEC and CLT crimes. Thereafter, the C-ACT campaign will be extended to parents, schools, faith-based organizations and local community-based organizations with the goal of supporting vulnerable families to create a holistic environment of protection and care for their children. Materials will include specific messages aimed at building the capacities of children and youth to protect themselves and others from violence, including access to public justice system response in case of suspected abuses. Through these activities, children will be educated in concepts of Children’s Rights, as informed by the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as trained in

⁴ Development Services Group, Inc. 2016. “Child Labor Trafficking.” Literature review. Washington, D.C.: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. <https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/litreviews/child-labor-trafficking.pdf>



recognizing and reporting possible situations of abuse. These activities will build resilience by involving children in decision making/planning.

The key themes of this campaign are: ending online sexual exploitation of children and child labor trafficking; highlighting it when it occurs and holding those responsible to account; preventing OSEC and CLT wherever it occurs so no child has to experience it; working with survivors, strengthening the systems and services available to them to ensure they have the chance to heal and recover. Our goal is to amplify their stories and the voices of communities to give hope for children.

The Campaign Location: Central Visayas

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

Municipality of Cordova, Cebu

Barangay Day-as
Barangay Gabi
Barangay Ibabao

Schools:

1. Cordova National High School
2. Cordova Catholic Cooperative School
3. Day-as Elementary School
4. Ibabao Elementary School
5. Gabi Elementary School

Lapu-Lapu City

Barangay Babag
Barangay Maribago
Barangay Pusok

Schools:

1. Babag National High School
2. Pusok National High School
3. Maribago National High School

Child Labor Trafficking

Cebu City

Barangay Kamputhaw
Barangay Labangon
Barangay Tejero

Schools:

1. Kamputhaw Elementary School
2. Don Serio National High School
3. Tejero National High School



Mandaue City

Barangay Mantuyong
Barangay Paknaan
Barangay Tipolo

Schools:

1. Mandaue Comprehensive National High School
2. Paknaan National High School
3. Tipolo National High School

Campaign Activities

Activities	Time-line	Agencies Involved	Resources Needed	Duration	Target Participants	Proposed Venue
Orientation of USC Political Science Students	February 21, 2019	USC, WV	Resource Person	3 hours	90	USC Law Building
Orientation Workshop on Handling Disclosures And OSEC Prevention	March 1, 2019	WV Lapu-Lapu CSWDO Cordova MSWDO	Venue Lunch Workshop Materials	1 day (8 hours)	30	Citi Park Hotel
Launching of C-ACT	March 28, 2019	WV, IJM, USC, IACAT, DSWD, DILG, DOLE, DEPED, LGU, Schools, Children, Media	Venue Snacks Lunch for Guests Logistics	Half Day (Afternoon) 1:00 pm – 4:00pm	250	Michael Richartz, USC Talamban Campus
Orientation of School Heads, Guidance Designate and SSG Advisers	April 2019	WV, IJM DepEd Division of LLC Division of Mandaue City Division of Cebu City Division of Cebu Province District of Cordova	Venue Lunch	1 Day (8 Hours)	50 pax	TBD
Community Watch Groups Conference	April 2019	WV, CWGs	Venue Lunch	1 Day (8 Hours)	180	TBD
Parents, Caregivers and Children Leaders Dialogue	May 2019	IACAT, WV, USC	Venue Lunch Logistics	1 Day (8 Hours)	200	TBD



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World Vision

Child Trafficking Prevention Summit	July 2019	WV, IJM, USC, IACAT, DSWD, DILG, DOLE, DEPED, LGU, Schools, Children, Media ,	Venue Lunch Logistics	1 Day (8 Hours)	250	TBD
Partners and Stakeholders Consultative Assembly on OSEC and CLT	August 2019	IACAT, WV, USC	Venue Lunch Logistics	1 Day (8 Hours)	200	TBD

Capacity Building

Training Title	Duration	Target Pax	Facilitators	Timeline	Proposed Venue
Empowering Children TOT	2 Days	USC – PoSc 45 – OSEC 45 – CLT	WV	3 rd Week of March 2019	TBD
Empowering Children through Lifeskills	1 Day (8 Hours)	Children 4000 – CLT 4000 – OSEC	WV, USC	4 th Week of March and August	TBD
Caring Families TOT	2 Days (16 Hours)	FBOs 50 – CLT 66 – OSEC	WV, USC	3 rd week and 4 th week of March 2019	TBD
Caring Families Roll out	1 Day (8 Hours)	Parents 620 – CLT 620 – OSEC (LOP)	WV, FBOs	April 2019	TBD
Strengthening CWGs Training and CoMSCA orientation	2 Days (16 Hours)	90 – CLT 90 – OSEC	WV, DSWD, C/MSWD	April 2019	TBD
Strengthening LCPC Training	2 Days (16 Hours)	90 – CLT 90 – OSEC	WV, DILG, DSWD	June 2019	TBD
Case Management Training	3 Days (24 Hours)	45 Social Workers (CLT)	WV, DSWD	August 2019	TBD
Trauma Informed Care Training	3 Days (24 Hours)	45 Social Workers (CLT)	WV, DSWD	September 2019	TBD



#endOSEC

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

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Child Labor Trafficking