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# creating Safe Communities For children

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## 1st Quarter Newsletter "AKO NAMAN: Panunumbalik ng Katiwasayan ng Katauhan"

*(Restoring the Well-being of Ministry Leaders Through Challenging Times)*

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## Message from the National Director



### God's Call: Ministry Leaders and Workers' Well-Being

Fe A. Foronda

National Director, PCMN

Consider this: In the book of John 11:35 when Jesus deeply moved, and his compassion can't be contained by words, wept at the death of Lazarus, a family friend. When Elijah was running away from the wrath of Queen Jezebel, what he foremost wished is to die, out of frustration and desperation on the persecution he received despite following all that God has commanded him.

So are we. We do not have superhuman strength. We can't stay late nights and work to no end and expect that we will not be wearing out our bodies. Guilty as charged, I have had no regard for my health. I do ministry work as if there is no tomorrow. The truth is, we are finite, with a body that succumbs to illnesses, injuries, and viruses.

When PCMN features this webinar workshop on March 25, "AKO NAMAN: Panunumbalik ng Katiwasayan ng Katauhan." (Restoring the Well-Being of Ministry Leaders Through Challenging Times), I have only the ministry leaders and workers for children in mind. We are all caregivers- of our organizations, our staff, our families, our church, our discipleship group, and everyone else. However, we missed the first person we are to take care of - ourselves!

When the call for performance is paramount, and people and events are stressing us out, we break down. God's desire for us is to be a whole person, not broken. When one is whole, all the parts of us are working together efficiently. In the Bible, when loving God, we are commanded to **wholly** love him, with all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength.

When a part is painful, the whole body feels the pain, and the body cannot function to its maximum. After brokenness, as we will all experience in our seasons of life, we are to make a journey to wholeness, albeit arduous. But there are ways, God has given us people who can guide us, and tools to use for our wellness. We need to take notice and listen to our body signals. As leaders and workers for children, we are called to be whole!

#### Highlights of 1st Quarter 2021

We began the year with high hopes that all will be towards wellness for the country as we look forward to the arrival of the Covid-19 vaccine. We all know by now that we received a small fraction of the need, exacerbated this March by the surge of infection in NCR plus.



## Message from the National Director



*ongoing conduct of Operation Safe to respond to children affected by typhoon Ulysses in 3 municipalities of Rizal, namely, Rodriguez, San Mateo, and Tanay*

At PCMN, we conducted several key events, foremost of which are the 21st General Assembly, and a webinar on Growing Local Giving for Sustainable Fundraising in partnership with Christian Stewardship Association. After the General Assembly, the BOT met and elected their officers. This year, we have the following officers of the Board of Trustees: Fr. Lendehl Sallidao of Jigsaw Kids Ministry as Chairperson, Rommel Fuerte of WV as Vice-Chairperson, Norman Agustin of Lingap Pangkabataan, Inc. as Corporate Secretary, Sol Balbero of Kanlungan sa Erma as Treasurer. Other members of the Board are Leah Genson of MCMN, Ptr. Jackson Natividad of Gintong Aral, Annalyn Alenton of Samaritan's Purse, Ptr. Ana Sasi of ESCRAN, and Bishop Noel Pantoja, occupying the permanent seat as National Director of PCEC.

For the period, PCMN met each of its regional networks to provide technical support on network governance and activities for the year. We likewise started to respond to children affected by typhoon Ulysses in 3 municipalities of Rizal, namely, Rodriguez, San Mateo, and Tanay through the Rizal Children's Ministries Network and the ministerial associations

of the municipalities. A similar project will commence in April to assist children affected by typhoon Goni in Virac and Bato in the province of Catanduanes in partnership with Gintong Aral Development, Inc. and local churches in the areas with support from Viva and Global Care.

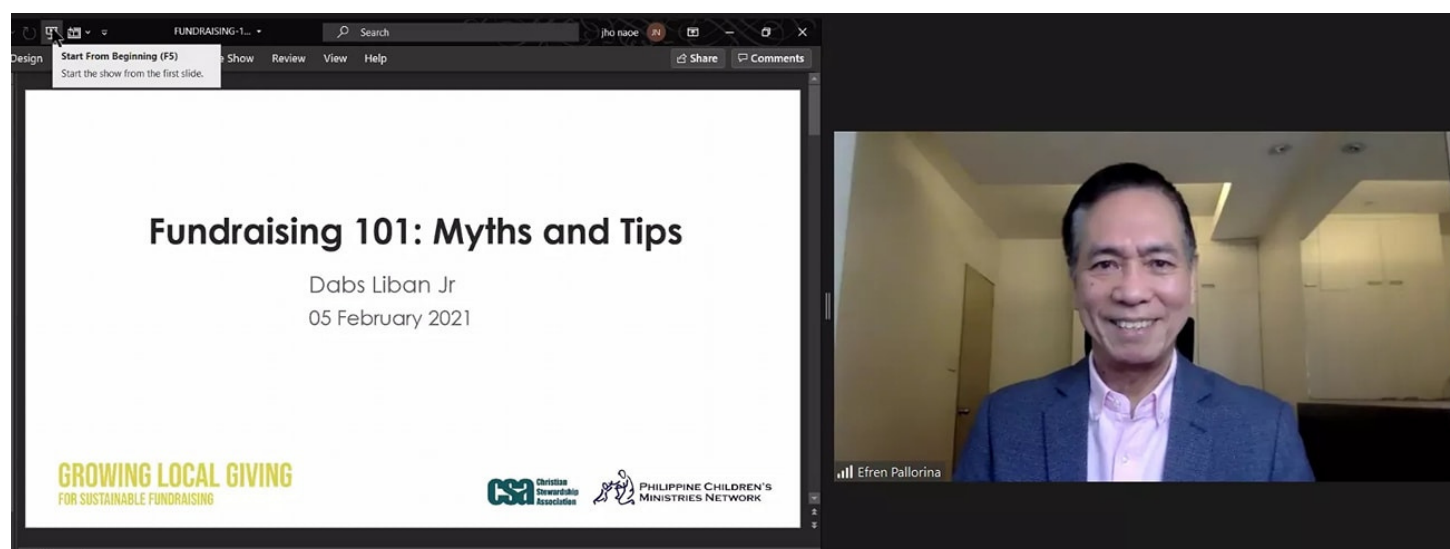
For the next quarter, significant events are the conduct of the National Youth Summit (Assembly) on April 10, and part 2 of the webinar on Growing Local Giving on April 23. We likewise continue to implement End OSEC with IJM and Viva Denmark consortium and Let's Eliminate Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation project in partnership with the LGUs and various stakeholders in the cities of Dasmarinas, Iligan, and Antipolo.

The first quarter is almost gone, this is the time in our life history when it is imperative to stay healthy and whole. Cheers, be well everyone! We keep the faith, our sovereign God is not sleeping, He is with us in this journey.#

## News Updates

# PCMN, in collaboration with CSA, hosts its first-ever paid webinar on local giving

by Ma. Luisa A. Bautista,  
Communications Officer, PCMN



"Fundraising is a journey. We take our donors on a journey to discover the freedom and joy of giving." Christian Stewardship Association (CSA) Ambassador, Mr. Efren Pallorina said as he concluded the webinar on Growing Local Giving for Sustainable Fundraising held last February 5, 2021, via Zoom.

A total of 91 participants from the Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN) members and partners, CSA contacts, and external partners registered to join the webinar.

"To raise fundraisers at this unprecedented time is a step of faith and a hard task." PCMN National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda, said as she gave the welcome remarks and stated the objectives on why PCMN, in partnership with CSA, hosted a webinar on fundraising. The webinar aimed to inform and inspire the PCMN member organizations that raising indigenous support ensures the long-term sustainability of ministries.

Mr. Pallorina, the webinar's moderator, gave biblical-theological teaching and examples from the Bible. He quotes Proverbs 11:25 "whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and the one who waters will himself be watered." He emphasized that the generosity of the believers came out of the fullness of the Holy Spirit in them (Acts 2:44-45). He said that through fundraising, we build a community and a communion of giving and receiving.

The webinar showcased stories of local fundraising. CSA president and former Asian Theological Seminary development director, Zenet Maramara, shared how ATS transitioned from foreign funding to local support. David "Dabs" Liban, debunked fundraising myths when World Vision began local fundraising. Visions of Hope executive director, and founder of Right Start, Arlene Sy showed how they raise all-local support through various fundraising campaigns. A ministry supporter, Carol V. Roa, gave her testimonial as a local donor.

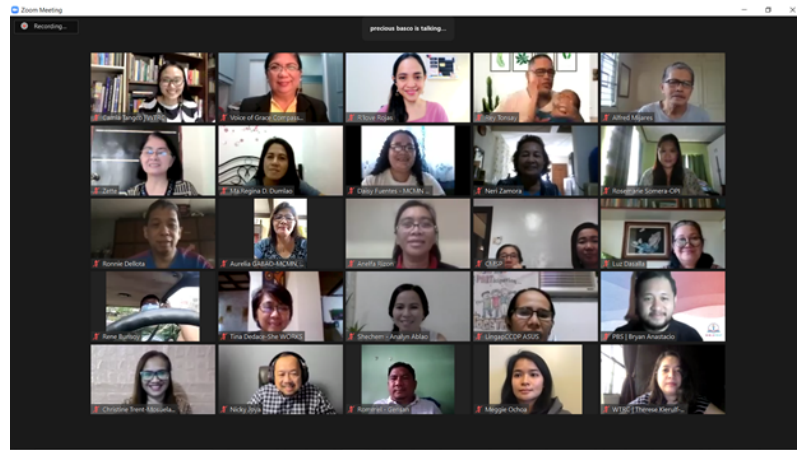


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Ms. Maramara's talk focused on her stewardship journey and setting up the local fundraising department. She showed four keys to the success of local giving, i.e. a clear theology of fundraising, full-time fundraising, support from the board and leadership, and setting up an annual giving program. She recommends that the fundraising person forms a fundraising committee of four to six people to help with the planning and execution of the development plan.

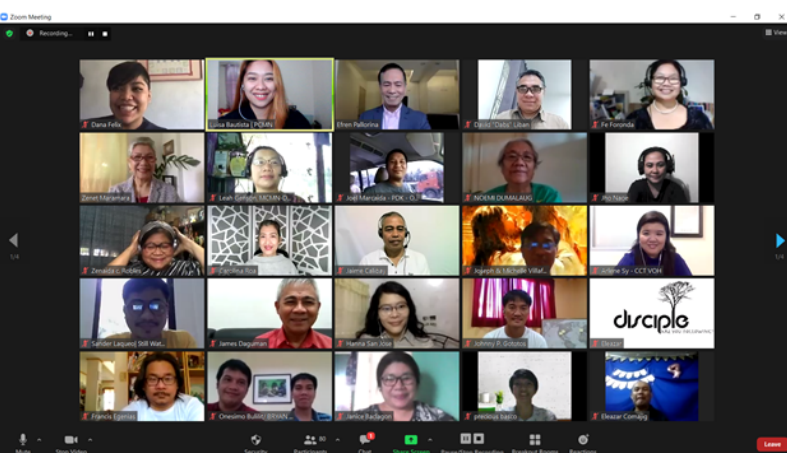
"We are raising stewards, not raising funds." – the line that captured the advocacy of Mr. Liban as he discussed the myths of fundraising and tips on effective fundraising such as using bite-size stories and development nuggets and guiding people every step until they discover the heart of Jesus in the face of children we are helping.

"Find your niche", stresses Arlene Sy, as she shared the steps and strategies in building a startup fundraising program. She shared the steps she used in an NGO, Right Start, which she builds it from zero to a four million annual budget. "Funders look for impact rather than the activities.", she added.



After the fundraiser's perspectives, Ms. Roa shared her testimony as a local giver. As she provided the seven principles to be considered between organizations and funders and noted that it was never a transactional but a transformational relationship. She adds, "prayer is the greatest asset, discernment is second." Giving is a way of life for generous people! That is our goal to grow generous people. That is why we need to give people giving opportunities." Ms. Maramara said as she synthesized the takeaways of the webinar.

PCMN collaborated with CSA as PCMN wishes to build the capacity of its member organizations and partners to resource locally more effectively.#



To download the presentation from the webinar, visit:

<https://www.thepcmn.org/webinar-on-growing-local-giving>

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ZENET MARAMARA

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## News Updates

# PCMN hosts its 21st General Assembly through remote communication: A trailblazing practice

**by Ma. Luisa A. Bautista,**  
**Communications Officer, PCMN**

and National Director of Philippine Council of the Evangelical Churches (PCEC), Bishop Noel Pantoja, graced the General Assembly providing a message to the participants.

PCMN Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairperson, Fr. Lendehl Sallidao, provided words of welcome to the participants of the GA. Fr. Sallidao emphasized the efforts by the members of the network and PCMN to thrive even in a crisis. He commended everyone and looks forward to a fruitful meeting.

PCMN National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda, also gave the purpose of the meeting to provide an overview of the program, including ministry opportunities for the network members and reporting the accomplishments and ways forward for 2021.



*Fr. Lendehl Rey Sallidao, PCMN BOT Chairperson*



*Mr. Noel Pabiona, PCMN BOT Vice-Chairperson*

"God is going to help us to thrive." Compassion International Philippine National Director Mr. Noel Pabiona emphasized in his devotional during the 21st General Assembly with the theme: Thriving in The New Landscape last February 19, which 54 participants attended held via Zoom.

The Assembly served as an avenue to present and ratify two new policies approved in 2020, a report of the PCMN BOT Chairperson on the Board's actions, a report of the National Director on the Network's activities, the status of the finances of PCMN by the Treasurer.

Chairperson of the Philippine Interfaith Movement Against Human Trafficking (PIMAHT)

Mr. Noel Pabiona gives the Biblico Theological Reflection at the 21st General Assembly where he focused his devotion that crisis is connected to the will to thrive because of our sustenance source.

Mr. Pabiona tackled that in life, there are two ways to live: to thrive or to die. It is one's choice. In a crisis, when you are undergoing one, it is essential to be reminded that the Lord is with us when we thrive.

In his devotion, he discussed Jeremiah 17:5-8, where he gave contrasts and implications between thriving and dying based on the scriptures.



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In the afternoon session, the member agencies of PCMN voted for the election of three seats in the PCMN Board of Trustees (BOT). The PCMN BOT Officers for 2021 are Fr. Lendehl Sallidao as Chairperson, Rommel Fuerte as Vice Chairperson, Norman Franklin Agustin as Corporate Secretary, and Consuelo Sol Balbero as Treasurer. Other members are Jackson Toledo Natividad, Leah Yebes Genson, Ana El Sasi, Annalyn B. Alenton. Bishop Noel Alba Pantoja occupies the permanent seat as PCEC Director and Fe A. Foronda as Ex-Officio member.#



PCMN Board of Trustees for 2021

## Project Corner

# PCMN kicks off the first out of ten training in partnership with IJM: Trauma-Informed Care

by Bianca Silva,  
Community Organizer, and  
Advocacy Officer, PCMN



*Physical training observed health protocols provided by the Department of Health.*

PCMN, through its End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (End OSEC) project, conducted its first out of ten training in partnership with the International Justice Mission (IJM) Philippines. Last March 2 to 4, the End OSEC Dasmariñas City Team conducted the Trauma-Informed Care training with 32 participants via Zoom and 30 participants at Jabez Campsite located in the City of Dasmariñas.

Participants are from different representatives from church-based organizations, academe, local government units, and social workers from various shelters, to name a few.

Together with the E-OSEC Dasmariñas team were six (6) resource speakers with a great understanding of the Trauma-Informed Care Training modules. The speakers from IJM, namely Ms. Melanie Olano, Ms. Marie Joy Abasa, Ms. Jessa Lazarte, Ms. Mary Joy Bilason, Ms. Ma. Karen April Asuncion and Ms. Teresita Parana have shared their expertise in their field as social workers and demonstrated proper techniques on handling and addressing challenging behaviors caused by trauma using trauma-informed approaches.

PCMN Iligan City will  
conduct the TIC Training  
on April 20 to 22

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The modules go about the Foundations of Trauma, which goes over understanding trauma, its triggers, and its impact on survivors. The training also tackles Foundations of Trauma-Informed Care and its approaches and how to prevent oneself from experiencing Trauma Stewardship.

The Trauma-Informed Care training held in Dasmariñas City is the first of the ten training to be conducted by PCMN and IJM. The TIC Training will be conducted at Iligan City by April 2021. #



*Physical training observed health protocols provided by the Department of Health.*



*PCMN staff from different workplace situations gathered through a virtual team-building.*

As most organizations face this challenging time due to COVID-19, the Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN) aims to strengthen working relationships among its staff, regardless of the different workplaces and project locations, and the unique set-up of virtual communications. With this, a virtual team building happened via Zoom on January 29 with the theme: "Virtual PCMN Team... A group of many hands but with one mind.. working apart but moving together in one direction," attended by 18 staff members.

The event's objectives were achieved with the invited facilitator and resource person's guidance, Ms. Maria Theresa A. Gayares, LPT, RGC, faculty of Alliance Graduate School or AGS. These objectives include raising awareness of each staff member's unique personality and circumstances, emphasizing the importance of communication, cooperation, and courage or the "3 C's in teamwork," and discovering ways to improve the working relationships' dynamics between them.

Staff members learned from the expertise of Ms. Gayares as she shared the 3 C's in teamwork and the different challenges virtual teams commonly face, especially during this time of dealing with a "new normal" work set-up.

## Staff and Membership Care Corner

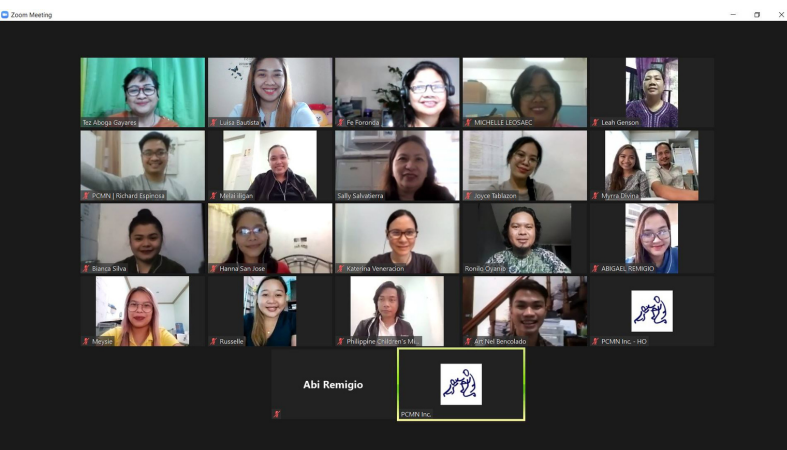
**"Working apart but moving together in one direction."  
PCMN hosts its team-building for its staff via Zoom**

**by Hanna San Jose, Network Development Officer, PCMN**



## Staff and Membership Care Corner

In addition to Ms. Gayares' talk, they gained a lot more insight from the interactive and vibrant activities laid out during the event and from sharing with their colleagues during the break-out room and primary room processing. Some of the reflection highlights include the importance of listening well, clarity in communication, focusing on the tasks, being intentional in connecting with others, and learning to accept one another's similarities and differences.



"It was a good team-building activity. After so many months of working from home, it was good to connect with the others. I think a stronger bond was forged between the staff, and I grew to understand and appreciate everyone. I especially enjoyed seeing the work selfies. Also, it was easy to identify with the others in the WFH team and arrive at the SMART way of working." said PCMN Partnership and Advocacy Officer, Ms. Katerina Veneracion.

"The team building activity has a good dynamic. It's very fun, at the same time, it was encouraging," said PCMN Community Organizer in Antipolo City, Ms. Michelle Albacaro.#

## Policy Change Corner

### At the heart of PCMN's #End OSEC policy advocacy

**by Katerina Veneracion,**  
**Advocacy and Partnership Officer,**  
**PCMN**

At the heart of PCMN's #End OSEC policy advocacy are two goals:

- 1) To advocate for the review and amendment of existing OSEC-related laws and
- 2) to advocate for the enactment of HB1556 "An Act Establishing a Human Trafficking Prevention Education Program for the Youth, and Appropriating Funds Therefor."

With the first one, we are calling on decision-makers to support a specific policy issue and, in the second, PCMN, together with Child Rights Network, are lobbying behind a particular bill.

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 1556



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ALFREDO A. GARBIN, Jr. and  
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR THE YOUTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

## Policy Change Corner

Through PCMN partners' advocacy actions, such as the published OSEC Report of the International Justice Mission (IJM) and the matrix of laws of the Child Rights Network (CRN), lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the Senate see the need to take action. Aside from the resolutions that call for "An investigation, in aid of legislation, on the alarming situation of OSEC in the Philippines," several bills have been filed this past year to strengthen the existing laws on child protection. The laws are the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, the Anti-Child Pornography Act, and the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act.

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Second Regular Session

SENATE

S.B. No. 1929

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

AN ACT  
STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9208, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10364, ENTITLED "AN 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 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Trafficking in persons remains a significant issue in the Philippines, with a vast majority of victims being women and girls. In 2019, there were 1,443 victims of trafficking in case officially reported to the authorities. Studies conducted reveal patterns in these cases of trafficking – nearly all victims of trafficking come from economically-disadvantaged communities, the trafficking syndicates are supported by other interlinked syndicates such as those involved in passport falsification and airport control, the internet and its technologies are now used as a gateway for the recruitment, grooming, and sexual exploitation of victims.

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Though these and other laws are already in place, they do not include or define the term OSEC or consider the distinct nature of this crime. That is why it is important to make changes to protect children in all aspects—prevention, rescue, and restoration—and aid in the investigation and prosecution of offenders and facilitators.

PCMN has joined forces with our partners and other stakeholders—both nationally and locally to push for this. The fight against OSEC requires a multi-sectoral and holistic approach. Representatives from the private sector, civil society, and government have come together for the recent deliberations and hearings at the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Through these ongoing consultations, lawmakers are able to identify the gaps in the existing laws and draft the amendments that will best address OSEC or OSAEC, which includes "abuse" or sexual violence against a child, with or without compensation.



Some provisions that are being discussed are:

- The duties and obligations of private entities, such as Internet service providers (ISPs), internet content hosts or websites, social media companies, business establishments, and banking and financial institutions.
- The provision of exceptions in the Anti-Wiretapping Act and Cybercrime Prevention Act.
- Measures to strengthen government authorities' powers to implement laws and ensure that crimes are investigated and perpetrators are punished.



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- The development of a unified referral pathway for reporting, detecting, investigating, prosecuting, and providing aftercare assistance and support in OSAEC cases.
- The provision for local governments to pass an ordinance to localize efforts against OSAEC, take into account local culture and norms, institutionalize community-based initiatives that address OSAEC at the barangay and level, and establish OSAEC prevention programs.
- Mandatory services and programs for the rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of OSAEC. Appropriate measures to prevent, protect, and rehabilitate children.



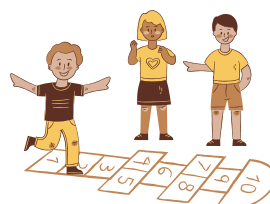
Among the proposed preventive measures is institutionalizing a "Human Trafficking Prevention Education Program" to protect children and youth against the dangers of human trafficking in its various forms through HB 1556.

The development of these school and community-based programs aim to:

- 1) Educate children and youth about fundamental rights concerning labor and employment, liberty, and human security, as well as other essential rights;
- 2) Orient children and youth about the dangers of international and domestic trafficking in its various forms, including but not limited to illegal recruitment, unfair labor practices, involuntary servitude, sexual exploitation and prostitution, and child labor;
- 3) Provide children and youth with information on services provided by the government agencies and non-governmental organizations to aid and protect victims of trafficking in persons;
- 4) Identify children and youth who have been or are currently victims of human trafficking and refer them to the proper agency or organization for protection and rehabilitation; and

This fifth objective is an added point in Senate bill 1929, which amends the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act and also includes the provision for preventive education:

- 5) Establish a safe and proactive trafficking reporting mechanism that allows members of the school community to report suspected or confirmed cases of human trafficking within the school, the school-based program shall cover all students enrolled in junior high schools, senior high schools, colleges and universities, and technical or vocational education programs.



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PCMN has proposed the inclusion of elementary-level children as recipients of the program. While many human trafficking schemes target the youth, OSEC, as the name implies, targets children. What is more, according to the IJM report, young children are the most vulnerable, with the median age of victims being 11 years old. Our recommendation is in line with the design of our OSEC education modules, which were rolled out to students as young as grade 3.

It is our shared responsibility to work together. We all can engage in advocacy and influence legislators. We all can change attitudes and create awareness wherever we are. Together, we can work toward stronger mechanisms to protect and empower our children. In one of our workshops, Kuya Rene quoted the American anthropologist Margaret Mead. I would like to aptly end with her words, which ring true in policy change:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."#

## Testimonial

### Creation of PCMN - Youth For Safety Youth Organization in the City of Dasmariñas

**by Art Nel L. Bencolado, PCMN  
- Y4S - Dasmariñas President**



*Physical meeting by the Youth Advocates observed health protocols provided by the Department of Health.*

In addition to the national legislative actions, PCMN sees the value of advocating for policy change at the local level through ordinances that will strengthen the fight against OSEC in the communities where it matters most. Our advocacy workshops in the cities of Dasmariñas, Iligan, and Antipolo focus on policy development by equipping the city advocates with skills and tools to draft an ordinance that is effective and responsive against OSEC.

When I was a child, I taught myself that one day I could do something extraordinary. That as an individual, I can somehow trigger little change. Then, I realized that making a change should start in me, and it's not a matter of doing extraordinary things but having a meaningful life.

I'm a youth leader in our barangay, an elected SK Councilor holding the Committee on Education and Culture. I was capacitated with various leadership training and garnered lots of skills for project implementations that are undoubtedly beneficial to our constituents.



## Testimonial



...the youth's faces that I currently serve, and it's like another achievement of mine was unlocked. I feel happy but not feel satisfied. The feeling of not being satisfied led me to distinguish my other calling. Someone introduced to me the End - Online Sexual Exploitation of Children advocacy. I embrace advocacy, and it opens my eyes to another perspective of life. I learned that the OSEC is detrimental to the holistic health of every individual, especially the children. It gives trauma, anxiety, and long-term adverse effects. With that new perspective, I joined the Training of Trainers on the Safety of Children Online with the theme of Harnessing the Youth to End-OSEC. I met lots of new friends having the same goals of advocating to end the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children and to access their rights and no more protracted experience cruelty.

They inspired me; they're great people, knowledgeable about the issue, and empowered youth to be considered the hope of our motherland.

The PCMN - Y4S had an election to re-organize the organization. Someone nominated me for the position of President. Surprisingly, I was elected to be the President of PCMN - Y4S just by saying, " We are one with the advocacy aiming to End -OSEC. I wish that a person who will have the President's position is someone who will know that he/she was dutybound to give his/her very best for the success of the advocacy".

My dream to trigger little change is slowly moving. Being elected as President, I realized many things. We need to embrace the differences of each because there's beauty in diversity. I learned to maximize their talents and skills. It created significant impacts on the success of every activity that the PCMN-Y4S had. I'm genuinely grateful that the Philippine Children's Ministries Network has this kind of project to empower the youth and create safe communities for children.



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I was lucky to be capacitated and engage in this kind of advocacy. We believe that there's a bright future for every child, and as youth advocates of End - OSEC, we must be a good example and prepare them to have the skills to protect themselves against it. The PCMN-Y4S Organization is now an accredited youth-serving organization under the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) in Dasmariñas. Having a seat to represent the PCMN-Y4S in LYDC has an excellent opportunity for End - OSEC advocacy success. With enough confidence to broadcast the advocacy's importance, the PCMN-Y4S continued to build partners. Currently, we had partnerships with 5 (five) Sangguniang Kabataan Councils in the city (SK of San Andres 1, SK of Zone 3, SK of Sta. Lucia, SK of Buro 2, and SK of Fatima 2). We also gained the trust of different LYDC accredited youth organizations like Leo Club and Rotaract.

I'm amazed that the dream of mine when I was a child slowly manifesting. The minor change that I want to trigger created a significant impact on my community. I'm grateful that the Philippine Children's Ministries Network helped me to realize my real purpose. It equipped me with lots of wisdom that I can use to influence my constituents in PCMN-Youth For Safety. I'm looking forward that my term as a President of PCMN-Y4S Dasmariñas will be fun and engaging. I know that the diversity adapting to change will have a tremendous impact on solidarity advocating End - OSEC. I believe that a community without OSEC will bring prosperous blessings and unlock many opportunities. If we learn to nurture every child's gift, we can have a wonderful world away from abuses and exploitation. #

## Partnership Corner

### PCMN reaches out to vulnerable families in times of pandemic: A project with Consuelo Foundation

**by Leah Y. Genson,**  
**Executive Director, MCMN**



*Mentors of phone mentoring program undergoing weekly debriefing and reviewing the scripts for the scheduled phone call.*

In February of 2021, PCMN has signed the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with Consuelo Foundation on Child and Family Phone Mentoring Programme (CFPM). The program calls for recruitment of mentors to implement the curriculum. PCMN partnered with the Mindanao Children's Ministries Network (MCMN) and existing community actors and churches in Davao City to implement the program, in coordination with the Davao City Local Council for the Protection of Children and the City Social Welfare and Development Office.



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The goal of the CFPM program is to reduce violence against children. This program will enable PCMN-MCMN to access the most vulnerable families who will otherwise be unreachable, particularly those with a lack of internet access and economic vulnerability.

CFPM action group identified 10 barangays coming from the congressional districts 1, 2, and 3. Each barangay is represented by its Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) to work with MCMN member staff as its partner who will serve as mentors to reach out to 400 families within four (4) months. These 20 mentors will talk with an average of 20 families each through a focused conversation with one parent and one child in the family through six sessions delivered by phone call, online or in-person where this becomes possible. These sessions are participatory and engaging and support proactive action for the family on each topic. Games or activities for the parent and child to do together following the call are part of the sessions.

The project engages 20 barangays in Davao City, partnership is signed with barangay LGUs. The training on CFPM and the monitoring tool, KOBO, was conducted last February 24, 2021.

20 mentors enlisted 200 vulnerable families to undergo the CFPM in its first cycle.

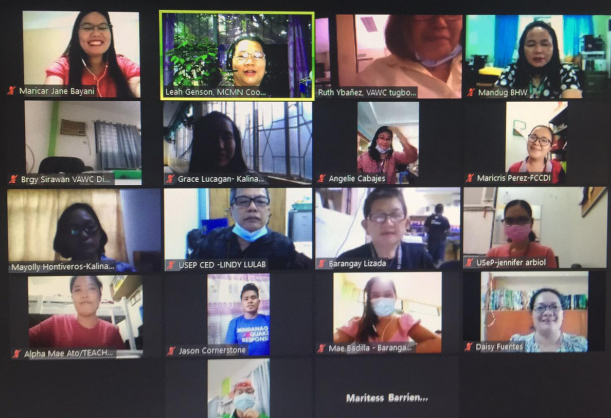
CFPM Programme was successfully launched last March 9, 2021, through 1197 DXFE on-air and FB live coverage represented by the MCMN BOT Chairperson Aurelia Gabao, LCPC Action Officer, and CSWDO Dept. Head, Atty. Marlisa Gallo and USEP Extension Head, Lindy Lulab with Leah Genson and Daisy Fuentes as co-hosts.

The first week of implementation was very challenging considering the COVID-19 protocols. A group chat for mentors was created for closer communication among each other. A Buddy system was created as an accountability mechanism.

In the first call, some mentors discovered some child protection concerns of families they called. The issues besetting the families were thoroughly discussed and recommendations were forwarded per each resolution. #



**The CFPM program being implemented in Davao City is funded by Consuelo Foundation.**





## Partnership Corner

# Church-community engagement, a resilience-building model

**by Ronilo Oyanib,**  
**Program Manager, PCMN**



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In partnership with Rizal Children's Ministries Network and Gintong Aral Development, Inc. as the lead agency, PCMN is implementing a Community-Based Psychological First Aid program for one thousand (1,000) children between the ages of 6 and 14 years in three of the worst-hit municipalities in Rizal. The project will run for six (6) months and serve as an opportunity for PCMN to mobilize local churches and explore the viability of a broader and more sustainable response to the province's child protection needs.

PCMN launched this project in Tanay, San Mateo, and Rodriguez as a post-disaster response to Typhoon Ulysses that hit these municipalities last November 2020.

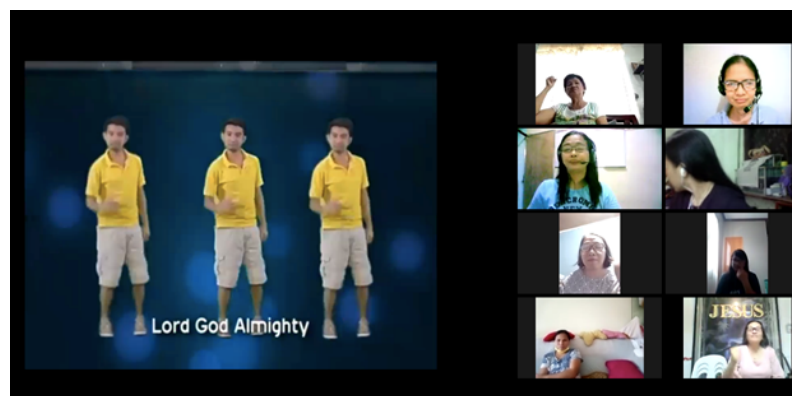
Operation SAFE camps have been conducted firstly in Tanay. Operation SAFE teaches children five important principles to psychological first-aid.



With stories, crafts, songs, and games, children learn at their level, make friends, share their experiences, and regain hope. Children first step to healing are through these activities designed to be friendly and engaging. Easily run by volunteers and coordinated by locals, Operation SAFE frees up professional counselors to work with the most severe trauma cases and helps identify which children need the most help.

Another important component of the project is engaging churches through the Hope Bearer, a curriculum that offers 30 lessons to help kids live confidently in the face of uncertainty. It is designed to help organizations focusing on children's work function in the new normal. If adults are having difficulty coping with the pandemic crisis and its effects, how must children feel? They, too, need to be reassured that in the midst of what seems to be chaos, there is hope. Like grown-ups, children need to understand that there are things that never change, such as love from parents and duty bearers. It maximizes the scripture on its lessons on Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid for children.

The modality by which OpSafe and Hope Bearer is conducted is through active engagements with local actors such as volunteers from churches and barangays.#

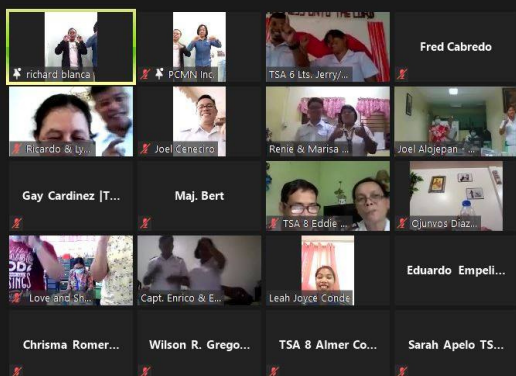


*Taken during the Hope Bearer Training last March 20.*

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# World Hope International invites PCMN as training speakers for PAVE 2 Project

**by Neil Braga,**  
**PCMN Project Officer in Iligan City.**



"The training for church and youth leaders was conducted not only to provide awareness on the issue of OSEC. It is also a way of empowering them to advocate the rights of the children in their respective communities", said the World Hope International (WHI) Social Worker, Mr. Fredirico Cabredo

WHI invited PCMN to conduct the Safety of Children Online Training of Trainers to their advocates from Churches and Salvation Army in Regions 6,7,8 and selected participants from Cagayan de Oro and General Santos City in line with their "Protecting At-Risk Children Vulnerable to Exploitation (PAVE 2) project". A total of 42 individuals participated from the said regions and cities.

The PAVE project of WHI aims to develop and strengthen systems for comprehensive care of survivors of OSEC in the Philippines.

The project supports social workers and other stakeholders in identifying OSEC survivors, strengthening comprehensive service delivery for OSEC survivors, and increasing much-needed shelter provisions.

It is also working with churches and training leaders to identify OSEC survivors in need of care and prevent exploitation within their churches.

With the current End OSEC Project, more local and international NGOs have gained trust in PCMN's Prevention Campaign Materials. With continuous efforts in empowering the community to fight OSEC, WHI sees this as an opportunity to empower the communities they are working with the lessons from PCMN's Safety of Children Online Module with nine topics. The module has topics on the following: I am important; I have rights; OSEC Definition; Situation and Incidence; How does it happen?, What are its forms?; Who are vulnerable to OSEC?; My Role: What can I do to prevent OSEC?; People I trust, and How do I Report OSEC?.



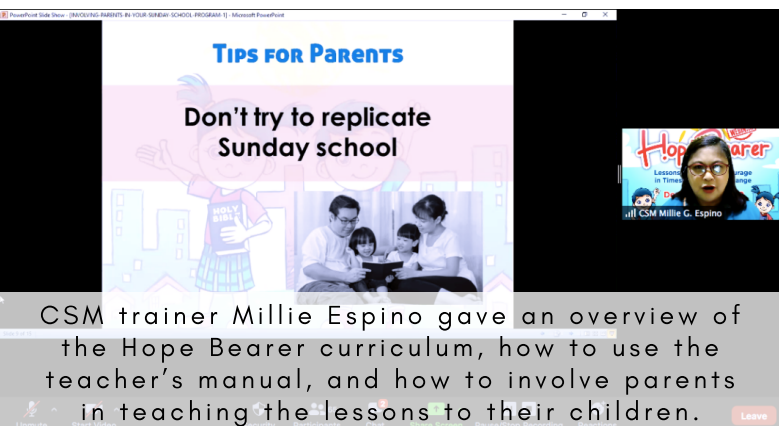
"Sobrang galing! Very active ang pax dahil sa activities ninyo! Good job sainyo! Ang galing!" (*Excellent! The participants are very active because of your activities! Good job to you!*), words of amusement from Mr. Fredirico of WHI who organized the event.

The trained advocates are expected to conduct the said module's roll-outs to their respective regions and cities. With the trust WHI gave PCMN's prevention materials, more communities will be informed and equipped to fight OSEC.#

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### 60 Teachers Trained for Hope Bearer in CSM-PCMN Webinar

**by Rev. Reuel Alfonso,**  
**Training Officer, CSM**



Sixty (60) children's ministry workers from 39 churches and organizations were trained online to teach Sunday school lessons from Hope Bearer last March 20, 2021. The webinar was jointly organized by Church Strengthening Ministry, Inc. and the Philippine Children's Ministry Network (PCMN) that registered participants from Cavite, Rizal (Montalban, San Mateo, Rodriguez, and Antipolo), Bacolod, and Davao. Webinar facilitators were trainers Millie Espino and Niña de Mesa who led sessions on the role of parents in teaching spiritual matters, characteristics of children, and teaching techniques that may be applicable online.



Hope Bearer: Lessons of Hope and Courage in Times of Crisis and Change is CSM's latest curriculum for Sunday school. Developed as a response to the changes brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, Hope Bearer has 30 Bible lessons for ages 4 to 12 that will teach kids how to live confidently even amid uncertainty. Parents and teachers can use Hope Bearer to continue their God-given mission to teach and disciple kids whether online, home-based or in regular Sunday school. Hope Bearer is available at all CSM online stores in Lazada and Shopee.

CSM's next webinar is Feeding the Shepherds on April 24, 2021 (Saturday), 9:00-11:30 AM led by Ptr. Archie dela Cruz, a certified counselor of AMARA Center for Counseling and Training, CBN-Asia trainer, and resident resource person at The 700 Club-Asia. #

## Converging Opportunities through Sharing

**by Richard Espinosa, RSW**  
**Project Coordinator, PCMN**

"Maraming salamat sa tulong na gamot (para saamin) at ito ay napapanahon ngayong madami ang nagkakasakit...", (*Thank you so much for the help (medicine for us) as it is timely now that many are getting sick*) Mrs. Lourdes Ibia, one of the recipients and volunteers, shared during the distribution of 10,000 pieces of medical supplies (Biogesic Paracetamol and Neozep) donated by Unilab Inc., last January 15, 2021, held at PCMN Dasmariñas City.

Various organizations like PCMN continue their commitment to collaborate with other private institutions such as Unilab, Inc., and Universal Robina Corporation to augment the people's primary needs in the City of Dasmariñas.



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Subsequently, Hon. Jamil Ibardolaza, SK Chairman of Fatima II, Dasmariñas City, said "We are grateful to have you as one of our generous partners. We are looking forward to more years of partnership with PCMN to serve our community better". This was his response during the distribution of 9,200 packs of Magic Flakes Biscuits in partnership with Gintong Aral and Universal Robina Corporation last February 1, 2021.



The recipients of the two out-reach program were the 25 Barangays covered by the Project in Dasmariñas City through Barangay Local Government Unit and VAWC Desk Officers, Dumagat Tribe (Indigenous People) through Rotaract-Dasmariñas City,

Sangguniang Kabataan (SKs), Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP), local churches such as Lift Jesus Cell Church, Victory in Christ Fellowship Inc., World Christian Fellowship, Members of Pastors Auxiliary Chaplains Association International Inc., PCMN Youth Advocates, Bus, Tricycle, and Jeepney Drivers, Street Dwellers, Mobile and Food Market Vendors, Security Guards and Jasper Community.

These augmentation activities were filled with never-ending stories of gratitude and heroism shared by the recipients, partner institutions, and volunteers. PCMN salutes its commitment towards helping others these most trying times.#

## Local partners recognize PCMN for its efforts in the grassroots implementation

**by Ma. Luisa A. Bautista,**  
**Communications Officer, PCMN**

Department of Education (DepEd) Divisions of Dasmariñas City and Iligan City awarded PCMN with three awards during the 1st Quarter of 2021.

For the DepEd City's Schools Division of Dasmariñas, they provided PCMN awards as (1) one of the Top Institution Stakeholders and (2) Hero's Hallmark for SY 2020 to 2021 PCMN's dedication, support, and valuable services extended to DepEd Dasmariñas.

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DepEd Region X awarded PCMN a plaque of recognition for PCMN's support in implementing the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan and Brigada Eskwela Program in Iligan City.



DepEd Dasma awarding PCMN as one of the Top Institution Stakeholders Hero's Hallmark for SY 2020 to 2021

PCMN strives to strengthen the partnership with local government offices in implementing programs for children's safety in the communities.

This first quarter of 2021, Dasmariñas City approved a resolution accrediting the Philippine Children's Ministries Network as a civil society member in Dasmariñas City. This will enable PCMN to connect and contribute to the local government's existing programs for children and communities.#



## PCMN's network in Rizal hosts a Network Vision Conference

by Rev. Maureen Okundi,  
Network Coordinator, RCMN



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In an effort to launch a local network in Rodriguez (Montalban) and San Mateo, PCMN, through Rizal Children's Ministries Network (RCMN), held a Network Vision Conference in both municipalities on February 26, 2021.

The target group was pastors and the leaders of children's ministries, youth ministries, and family ministries in various congregations throughout the two municipalities. Central to convening these members was a team of four pastors, the Chair and Vice-Chair of San Mateo-Montalban Ministers' Covenant of Unity (SAMMACU) Pastor Dominic Reambillo and Pastor Rick Leal, the Chair of the Movement for the Moral Transformation of San Mateo, Pastor Albert Operio, and Pastor Nelson Pascual, the Chair of Romans, a ministerial association based in Montalban.

Forty churches in the municipality of Montalban, represented by 102 leaders spent the morning receiving not only an orientation to the primary components of the projects—funded by the Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN)—to be implemented in the area over the next six months, but also listening to the testimonies, via Zoom,



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of the network coordinators in Mindanao, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Negros, and Iligan City about the ministry of churches standing together to address the needs of children, youth and families in their locales.



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The keynote address, entitled, “Understanding God’s Heart for Children” was presented by Leah Yebes Genson, the Network Coordinator responsible for overseeing the regional networks in Mindanao and Visayas.

In the afternoon, a similar conference took place in San Mateo. Twenty-four churches located in that municipality were represented by 78 leaders heard from the regional network coordinators as well as from Operation Mobilization, a member agency of RCMN. The keynote address, entitled, Six Truths the Bible is Saying About Children, was delivered by Vilma Awa-ao, a former volunteer of PCMN, now serving as a missionary in Taiwan.

Following each keynote address and an orientation to the components of the six-month project, a workshop was conducted as a preliminary strategizing and visioning session concerning how their respective congregations could engage with the projects and come together long-term as a network.

The catalyst project for the launching of the San Mateo and Montalban branches of RCMN comes on the heels of the damage wrought in the region by Typhoon Ulysses (November 2020). Key deliverables of the project include the provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) to 1,000 children, and the mentoring of 500 families through a Family Telephone Mentoring project. The project manager is Mr. Ronilo Oyanib of PCMN, and the lead implementing agency is Gintong Aral Community Development Foundation, a member agency of PCMN.

As central to PCMN’s operational strategy is the convening, equipping, and support of local churches throughout the Philippines to stand together for children, youth, and families within their respective locales, RCMN is working hand in hand with the local churches to develop a sustainable network in each municipality. It is envisioned that by the close of the project in July 2021, these two municipal networks will be well on their way to sustainability.#

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## Learning in the New Normal

**by Michelle Albacaro, LE-OSAEC**  
**Project Officer, PCMN**

“Let’s Eliminate Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children in a New Normal”

During the pandemic, PCMN never stopped working in advocating the protection of children against online sexual exploitation of children. According to the Child Rights Network, the number of abused children risen by three hundred percent due to lockdowns, where children are not able to call for help.



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LE-OSAEC Team held its first virtual meeting with the Department of Education attended by Mr. Albeno Laryosa del Monte Jr., Ms. Maan Aveno Barreto, Mr. Louie Baculo of youth formation, and Mr. Noel Concha Merino, to present the "Let's Eliminate Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children" project in Antipolo City.

Due to the pandemic, PCMN would not be able to do a rollout for the schools. With this, PCMN produced a worksheet that will be given to the students of three barangays in Antipolo City such as Barangay Cupang, Sta. Cruz and San Roque. This worksheet serves as a tool to spread awareness and advocacy of online abuse and exploitation of children. It also helps PCMN to identify if there is a possible abuse happening in the student.

### Collaboration and Partnership

Last December 15, 2020, PCMN and the Department of Education in Antipolo City had a virtual signing of Memorandum of Agreement via Zoom signed by PCMN National Director, Fe A. Foronda and Mr. Christopher, Diaz, CESO VI, from School's Division Office of Antipolo City. This partnership allows PCMN to strengthen the advocacy in ending Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children. #

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