

DISCUSSION(S)	ACTION POINTS AND AGREEMENTS
<p><b>01. Proposed Agenda</b></p> <p>1. Introduction and Approval of the Minutes of the previous Meeting</p> <p>2. Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Protection</li> <li>- GBV</li> <li>- Protection               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation of National Statistics Office on status of civil registration mechanisms in typhoon affected areas and support to local civil registrars for replacement and issuance of civil documentation</li> <li>b. Presentation of Public Attorney's Office on free legal aid to affected populations</li> <li>c. Presentation of IDEALS (Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services , Inc) on civil society initiative to provide free legal aid in 8 pilot areas</li> <li>d. Police and AFP training updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. SRP Indicators - see pages 63-65 of the attached "Master Doc Final Philippines SRP"</p> <p>4. Protection Assessment</p> <p>5. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was chaired by DSWD Social Welfare Officer Maricel Deloria and UNHCR.</li> </ul> <p>Corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-IOM reported on the Migration Outflow Desk (MOD)</li> </ul> <p>Clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-How are protection issues and response being reported at regional and national levels ie., while trafficking cases have pathways and referral mechanisms, there is no clear system for general protection issues</li> <li>• TOR on Ageing and Disability – if no comments are coming; it shall be finalized for the next meeting</li> <li>• Vulnerability Definition – was sent for comments but no feedback</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Point:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cluster and Sub-Clusters shall discuss and finalize</li> <li>2. LGBT and Mental Illness to be added to the Vulnerability definition; not to be lumped with disability as it might get ignored</li> </ol>
<p><b>02. Attendance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation by DSWD, NCIP, PNP, CBM, CFSI, Christian Aid, COSE, Handicap International, HelpAge, ICRC, IDEALS, IMC, IOM, NSO, OHCHR, WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR</li> </ul>
<p><b>03. Updates</b></p> <p>a. Child Protection Sub Cluster</p> <p>Comment: Quick fixes of schools for re-opening of classes may not be acceptable as it triggers other problems ie., secondary displacement; UNICEF need to watch out for these</p> <p>UNICEF: will share data of schools that will be opened in January</p>	<p>UNICEF reported the following:</p> <p>The week was devoted for SRP planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have done comparative mapping between proposals to the SRP and 5Ws and have found out great differences in time and locations of projects.</li> <li>• To propose to add reporting on numbers of disabled children</li> <li>• Structure and staffing: full team of IMOs in Tacloban, Manila, Guiuan, Roxas and Borongan. Full team of sub-cluster leads. CPWG Sub-cluster working in Guiuan, Roxas, Borongan and they have been getting lots of support from protection cluster coordinators.</li> <li>• Communications remain a challenge in some areas making coordination difficult.</li> <li>• IOM and ICRC are doing big support in ECs as they help in identification of parents and children</li> <li>• 83 UAS children identified and to be followed up; trafficking remains a big issue; Mayor of Guiuan is absolutely</li> </ul>

b. Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

c. Additional Protection Updates

On Bunkhouses:

NSO Presentation:

Comment: How is death of a person counted/recorded if it is without a cadaver?

NSO: (1) A Barangay Certificate maybe issued; (2) Civil Code of the Philippines Article 391 Section 3 says that "A person who is in danger of death under other circumstances (ie., calamity) and his existence has not been known for 4 years" is

preoccupied in trafficking issue

- DSWD challenge is the lack of staff to do casework
- Child Friendly Spaces (CFS): 110 are already operational; 183 more are planned
- CP issues: family tracing of separated children; road/physical safety in some areas with CFS; begging children; playing children in ruins and garbage dumps
- UNICEF support funding to maintain CFS until school opens and communities are rebuilt

No update on GBV

UNHCR reported the following:

- Training of police started in Roxas; familiarization of trainors from UNFPA, CHR, DSWD, UNICEF were done; roll out of trainings to include PWDs
- Sixty-plus policemen from different municipalities in Iloilo were trained; child protection being handled by UNICEF, GBV by UNFPA and UNGPID by UNHCR;
- Training is usually interactive but time always lacking to discuss case study
- Next trainings are newly deployed female officers in different hubs and the AFP
- More training needs to be conducted at the field level; integration with the National Disaster Risk Reduction Law (NDRRMC) with UNGPID to support the reactivation of Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC)
- HLP-WG drafted guidance notes with CCCM, Shelter, ER, PC and Wash clusters. Issues tackled in the guidance include about how bunkhouses are built, where, the size, the design, and others;
- The government agency in charge of bunkhouses is DPWH, not anymore DSWD; DPWH builds, DSWD identifies the beneficiaries in coordination with LGUs. The target until Christmas is 375 bunkhouses and 3,000 until next year for 300,000 beneficiaries;
- The guidance will inform the UN Country Team and OCHA to prepare advocacy messages and raise this to the government. Luiza is meeting DPWH Secretary Singson on the bunkhouses.
- Mandate of NSO
  - Provision of quality statistical products
  - Civil registration services
- What have done so far for Yolanda:
  - Several surveys including Labor Force Survey, Automated Fingerprint Information System (AFIS), Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF). Also, inventory of statistical records of regional and provincial offices; coordinated with department of Agriculture on agriculture loses.

declared dead; (3) missing persons can also be declared dead by a Presidential Order, if there is none, the Civil Code prevails.

Comment: PWDs and their condition were not part of the survey

NSO: Inclusion of PWDs in the survey will be discussed by NSO with relevant departments of government who are conducting the survey.

(Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc) IDEALS presentation on civil society initiative to provide free legal aid in 8 pilot areas. Currently, they have funding of Php6M and have been conducting notarial services and issuing postal identification cards to Palo residents in coordination with Palo LGU.

- Vital events during the typhoon that have not been operational in most areas:
  - Birth
  - Marriage
  - Death
- The NSO shall aim for free registration and re-installation of PhilCris system in NSO offices in Yolanda affected areas.
- Re: potential Trafficking Cases: Agreement with Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on the issuance of certification for travel documents pending registration for children who will be brought outside the country by their parents or guardian
- Batch Request System (electronic copies of civil registration documents) can be obtained in the cities of Cebu, Catbologan, Catarman and Maasin. However, the service is irregular depending on availability of electricity (running on generator) and internet.
- IDEALS serve as the legal resource institute and member of trade advocacy groups in the Philippines. They also render research and legal support and advocacy to marginalized sectors of Philippine society about international trade, land rights and legal equity.
- In Yolanda areas, they found issues/gaps on the following: lack of comprehensive information about social protection and other types of insurances and benefits that can be accessed by families-victims; complexity in the processes of legal claims and access to benefits; very minimal legal support to communities with respect to social protection and benefits; absence of coordination between government agencies concerned on this issues.
- They are conducting legal support activities in 8 pilot areas: Palo (6), Tacloban (1) and Tanauan (1).
- (6) months Activities: Legal research at the national level; Scoping and Validation; Needs Assessment; Facilitation of Claims and benefits and Continuing Legal Education
- What have done: Notarial services in the pilot areas, dialogue with local government units; partnership building with government agencies, academe and law groups and civic institutions.

#### 04. Issues discussed

1. Coming of Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to the Philippines

2. On Protection Reporting

Comments:

- a. No agreement on frequency of the protection updates: bi-weekly or monthly; but all agree there needs to be a regular Protection report to keep track of our Cluster work
- b. Integrating with other reporting mechanism

- The SG is coming to the Philippines 21 December and will visit Tacloban. He will be briefed per objective, not per cluster.
- The updated version was presented with the new layout; context, highlights, statistics and protection updates per objective.

**Action Point:**

DSWD will push for the activation of BCPCs so that reports at the barangay level are reflected in the updates.



Protection Cluster

c. Is the Referral Pathway working or not? It is operational at the field level but it is not clear at the national level. It is recommended that a Hotline is a better option. Tarps and other printed materials in the local dialect will be available in 2 weeks.

3. On SRP Indicators

- Detailed discussion. GBV and CP will finalize indicators separately. Next meeting indicators will be presented for agreement.

**05. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting to be held Friday, 13 December, 1000 hours at UNHCR office.