

Referral Pathway - Tacloban City

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that women, men, boys and girls are safe in their communities and homes. Please immediately refer the following types of cases*

- An individual who is being trafficked
- Sexual violence/abuse
- Children below age 18 and are not with their primary care-giver or another family member
- Rape
- Domestic violence
- **Any violence against women and children**

You should not attempt to investigate a case or do any type of case management. There are trained professionals available to help!

Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC)

The only hospital in the region that can provide clinical management of rape and other complimentary services such as the following:

- A lab that has the capacity to test for all sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Counsellors on duty 24 hours a day
- A female Women and Children's Protection Unit police officer is based at the hospital

Tacloban Central Police Station – 0917 631 7752

- There is an officer on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Request that the incident be transferred to the Women and Children's Protection Unit (WCPU) located at the police station, which is staffed by specially trained female police officers.
- If it is an immediate protection need – **CALL THE POLICE**

City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) – 0915 966 4456

- Lili Baltazar, Social Worker, CSWDO
- CSWDO has staff that can provide individual and group counseling
- They do not have consistent access to a vehicle; they often have to coordinate with the police or the local shelter to facilitate transport of clients.

Women's Shelter – 0928 996 9244

- Carmela Bastes, Center Head, City Social Welfare (CSW)
- The city-run shelter is a safe space for women and children who are unable to live at home due to safety concerns.
- It can accommodate adult women and male and female children. They have access to a vehicle; therefore, they can pick-up clients who might not want to report to the police.

***Adults have the right to choose whether they want to be referred for services. Any protection concerns regarding children need to be reported immediately. ✨ All referrals need to be kept CONFIDENTIAL. ✨**