

Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN**  
c/o DSWD Field Office Caraga, Capitol Site, Butuan City

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN**  
**Resolution No. 01**  
**Series of 2015**

**“A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF THE REGIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WORKING GROUP (RCPWG) UNDER THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN (RCWC)”**

**WHEREAS**, child protection is crucial in the prevention of psychosocial distress arising from violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination of children;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish a structure at the regional level to address the issue on child protection during emergencies, both human induced and natural disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the RCPWG shall operate during emergencies to coordinate activities and provide strategic direction and leadership to ensure that child protection is regarded as a priority concern in times of emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, the RCPWG shall;

- Meet twice a month (during and after emergencies) and quarterly (during normal condition) to respond to child protection issues;
- Gather in one forum child protection actors and partners operating in areas affected by both natural and human induced disasters to ensure timely and consolidated monitoring and reporting of child protection concerns;
- Facilitate the development and coordination of child protection strategies and responses;
- Advocate for support and assistance with authorities and humanitarian actors as necessary.

**WHEREAS**, considering the function of the RCWC and the RCPWG and in order to streamline the organization of regional structures on children, the members of the RCWC shall automatically compose the RCPWG;

**WHEREAS**, in order to realize the objectives of the Terms of Reference of the National Child Protection Working Group for Philippine Disasters, the Department of Social Welfare and Development as the lead agency shall capacitate the concerned agencies and Non-Government Organizations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to confirm Resolution No. 1, s. 2015, supporting the creation of the Child Protection Working Group under the Regional Committee for the Welfare of Children.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the members of the RCWC and RCPWG to provide the necessary support in the realization of this Terms of Reference.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to provide a copy of the resolution to the Council for the Welfare of Children and all concerned agencies for their appropriate action.

**APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015 in Butuan City.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**



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**APPROVED:**



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