



Department of Social Welfare and Development

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**HON. RISA HONTIVEROS**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Women, Children  
Family Relations and Gender Equality  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City

**ATTN: Ms. Gemma Genoveva Tanpiengco**  
Committee Secretary

Dear **Senator Hontiveros**,

This refers to your request for comments and recommendations on Senate Resolution No. 595: "Resolution Urging The Appropriate Senate Committee/s To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Alleged Human Trafficking And Cyber Fraud Operations At The Clark Sun Valley Hub Corporation Inside The Clark Freeport Zone With The End In View Of Eliminating Human Trafficking In Cyber Fraud Industries In The Country"

Please be informed that as Co-chairperson of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is responsible for providing comprehensive and coordinated services to victims of human trafficking, employing case management as a tool. This includes immediate and long-term assistance, such as shelter, counseling, medical and legal support, and social reintegration programs. The DSWD also ensures that the rights and welfare of trafficked persons are protected throughout the process.

Concerning the joint operation at Sun Valley Clark, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, may we respectfully inform the good Chairperson that the DSWD Field Office III, together with the Mabalacat City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Pampanga Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office conducted an assessment of the rescued victims last May 5-6, 2023. In addition, packed meals were immediately provided, witnesses were lodged at the Tahanan ng Inyong Pag-Asa for temporary shelter, and financial assistance was likewise provided for each displaced person due to the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order by the Clark Development Corporation to the manpower agencies involved.

Please be assured that the DSWD, in coordination with the IACAT members, will continue to monitor the situation of the victims and ensure the provision of appropriate services are tailored to the specific needs of each victim.

For the Chairperson's information and reference.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**REX GATCHALIAN**

Secretary

Date: **MAY 31 2023**