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HONORABLE LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

Chairperson
Committee on Women and Gender Equality
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Honorable Congresswoman Villarica:

This has reference to the request of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality for our Department's official position on House Resolution Nos. 1512, 788 and 780 authored by the Honorable Congresswoman, Representatives Luzviminda Ilagan and Emmi De Jesus.

Our Department wishes to express its full support for the adoption of these resolutions which will extend further protection to women and children during disasters, calamities and other crisis situations. Further, may we also inform the Honorable Congresswoman that we are implementing the following programs in support of these resolutions:

1. Recovery and Reintegration Program for Victims-Survivors of Trafficking (RRPTP) – a program designed to hasten the healing of victims-survivors from trauma and victimization and effectively address their needs until such time that they are fully adjusted in their respective families and communities.
2. Women-Friendly Spaces (WFS) – a facility/structure that utilizes a strategy to mainstream gender as a cross-cutting issue in providing humanitarian responses in evacuation camps, transitional sites or disaster-affected communities. The WFS addresses the specific needs of women affected by disasters and provides a more systematic, organized and gender-responsive way of delivering services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO SOLIMAN
Secretary