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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2011 - 133

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, THE ARMM GOVERNOR, THE ARMM DILG REGIONAL SECRETARY, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FORMULATION OF LOCAL LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS CHILD LABOR AND INTEGRATION OF ANTI-CHILD LABOR INITIATIVES IN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9231, the state shall provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development including child labor and its worst form; and provide sanctions for their commission and carry out a program for prevention and deterrence of and crisis intervention in situations of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination.

The National Child Labor Committee's (NCLC) goal for 2011-2012 is the reduction of incidence of child labor in the country, hence reiterating the implementation of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) at all LGU levels.

In support of the PPACL, all local chief executives (LCEs) and the Local Sangunian shall ensure that programs, projects and activities that will eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor (WFCL) are included in their respective Local Development Plans (LDPs) and formulate local legislations/laws to address child labor concerns. They are likewise encouraged to tap their respective Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs) to lead in the implementation of all programs addressing problems and issues on child labor.

The worst forms of child labour as defined by Article 3 of ILO Convention No. 182 are the following:

1. All forms of **slavery** or practices similar to slavery, such as **the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom**, as well as **forced or compulsory labour**, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in **armed conflict**;
2. The use, procuring or offering of a child for **prostitution**, for the production of **pornography** or for pornographic performances;
3. The use, procurement or offering of a child for **illicit activities**, in particular for the **production and trafficking of drugs** as defined in relevant international treaties; and

4. Work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to **harm the health, safety or morals of children.**

Be reminded that Section 60 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides for grounds for administrative disciplinary action against local elective officials. Unlawful refusal to implement the provisions of the law such as R.A. 9231 may constitute dereliction of duty (Sec. 60 (c), RA 7160) and may give rise to administrative liability.

All DILG Regional Directors are directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all concerned within their respective regional jurisdiction.

For strict compliance.


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