

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Education CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet



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To

Schools Division Superintendents

Public and Private School Heads

All other concerned

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From

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Director IV

Subject

CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, VIOLENCE, AND

DISCRIMINATION QUICK RESPONSE ACTION

This Office noticed that child abuse, exploitation, violence, and discrimination against children cases are not immediately being forwarded to this Office as schools first require the parents of the child to submit a complaint complete in form. Thus, this is to clarify the process/procedure in the "quick response action" that schools shall undertake in said cases.

The following shall be the Guidelines in the Quick Response Action that every School shall undertake WITHIN FORTY EIGHT (48) HOURS from receipt of a complaint:

- All child abuse, exploitation, violence, and discrimination complaints shall be
  directed to the School Head, who shall immediately forward it to the proper
  Disciplining Authority the Regional Director for complaints against teaching
  personnel, the Schools Division Superintendent for complaints against nonteaching personnel. If the complaint is not in accordance with the prescribed
  form, the School Head shall inform the complainant/s of the requirements of a
  formal complaint. Once the complainant files a formal complaint, it shall also be
  immediately forwarded to the proper Disciplining Authority.
- At the same time, the School Head shall convene the Child Protection Committee who will immediately interview the child and accomplish the intake sheet.
- 3. During the course of the investigation, the Child Protection Committee shall refer the child to the Hospital/Clinic for Medical Check-up and the issuance of a medical certificate; to the Women's Desk of the Philippine National Police for blotter; and to the LSWD for assessment, psycho-social intervention and protective measure. The child may also be referred to any National Government Organization for any assistance it can give (The flow chart is attached as Enclosure 1).



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4. The parents of the child shall be advised to submit to the School Head a copy of the Medical Certificate, the police blotter, and the LSWD assessment. Once said documents are submitted, the School Head shall immediately forward said documents, including the intake sheet, to the Disciplining Authority.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE AND WIDE DISSEMINATION.

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Secondary Education Division

