



## DSWD - NCR conducts the fourth family camp for street families



The Padro Family from Quezon City expressing their gratitude to the government for the experience of being away from the streets. In this photo are Ms. Corazon T. Jimenez, MMDA General Manager (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan.

The DSWD-NCR, in partnership with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Population Commission (POPCOM), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and LGUs of Metro Manila held the Family Camp 2014 recently at the Island Cove in Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite. This is one of the activities of the Department's Comprehensive Program for street children, street families and Indigenous Peoples, especially Sama Bajaus which started in 2011. The event carried the theme, "Pamilyang Pilipino, Tanging Yaman ng Lipunan (Pahalagahan at Protektahan)" and aimed to strengthen the bond of the participating homeless families and to foster camaraderie among their co-participants. Some 197 homeless families from five (5) LGUs attended the said family camp, (continued on page 2)

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as follows: 42 from Manila, 53 from Parañaque, 25 from Makati, 32 from Pasay and 45 from Quezon City. Among others, activities in the said camp included Orientation on Comprehensive Program for Street Families and Indigenous Peoples especially Sama Bajaus, as well as Values Enhancement and Parenting Sessions.

Our partner agencies also conducted several learning sessions for the participants. The MMDA spearheaded a simulation and discussion on Disaster Preparedness and PDEA held a lecture on drug-abuse prevention. On the other hand, orientation on responsible Parenthood, Family Planning, Gender, and Early Pregnancy was led by the POPCOM, while TESDA organized a Livelihood training for selected participants. This was the fourth family camp since the Comprehensive Program was implemented. ###

## World Bank officials visit Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries in Taguig City



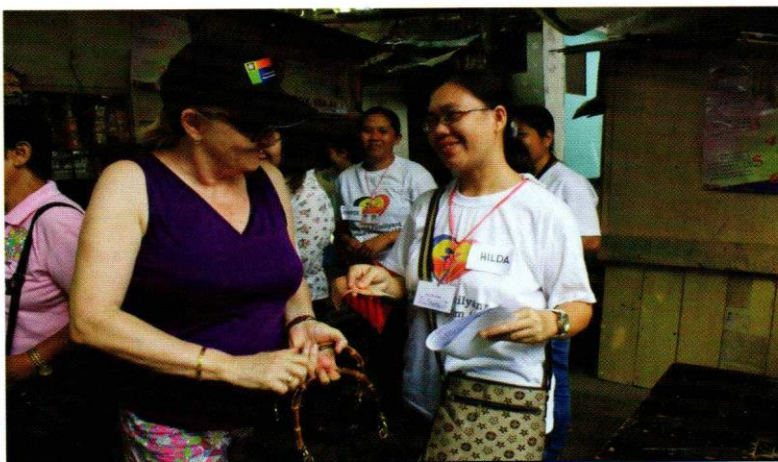
*Photo above shows (from left) Mr. Shinchiru Kurasawa, the World Bank Advisor for Japan, Mr. Hideaki Suzuki the World Bank Executive Director for Japan, DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan, Ms. Sashka Posarac, the World Bank Country Sector Coordinator of Human Development Team in Manila and two (2) grantees namely: Ms. Annaliza Nipas and Ms. Ma. Cristina Milado, during a group discussion.*

The DSWD-NCR facilitated the visit of World Bank officials in Barangay Sta. Ana, Taguig City recently. The activity was part of the World Bank mission which aimed to assess the impact of the Pantawid Pamilya program in the area.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan first oriented the World Bank officials on the status of implementation of the Pantawid Pamilya program in Taguig City and this gave them an overview on how the program works in the said locality.

World Bank officials were pleased to learn that Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries whom they interviewed are saving a part of the proceeds from the small-scale business they have put up thru the capital seed provided to them under the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) of the Department.

Among the beneficiaries who participated in the group discussion is Ms. Hilda Lilang, 37 years old, and a mother of four (4) children. She shared that she is using a piggy bank which was a gift from her son in saving small amount of the proceeds from her small business of frozen meat which she put up from the SEA-K capital seed fund. Since January this year, DSWD-NCR has provided capital assistance to 84 SEA-K associations in Metro Manila composed of 1,560 Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries in the amount of P11,346,200.00. ###



*Ms. Sashka Posarac handed a Php20 bill to Ms. Hilda Lilang which she requested to be placed inside the latter's piggy bank.*



## Pulling “ingrowns” out of their lives



*Ms. Analyn doing pedicure for her customer to augment their family's income.*

Analyn Atienza, 35 years old, untiringly pushes out the ingrown nails of her customers every day in the middle of the busy streets in Western Bicutan, Taguig City so that she will have additional income, aside from the proceeds from their sari-sari store. Analyn's family is among the 8,004 beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilya program in Taguig City who, since December 2008, receives cash grants according to their compliance to the program conditionalities. Her family hails from Samar but since their transfer to Taguig City in 1989, they experienced struggling for their everyday living because they are not accustomed to live in the city. Being the eldest of six (6) children, Analyn already experienced how it was to be a helper, scavenger and vendor of sweet potato leaves at an early age of 10 to help her parents provide the basic necessities for their family. As parent leader in their area, Analyn ensures that her fellow beneficiaries religiously comply with the conditionalities of the program, and that her family walks her talks. “Yung pagiging parent leader ko ay hindi ko inakalang makakaya ko... nakakatuwa na napaintindi ko sa kapwa ko benepisyaryo yung kagandahan ng

pagsunod sa kondisyon ng programa (continued on page 6)

### DSWD-NCR validates qualified program recipients

Some 10,714 beneficiaries of Social Pension program for indigent senior citizens and Modified Conditional Cash Transfer for Families in Need of Special Protection (MCCT-FNSP) in Metro Manila, are undergoing special validation and assessment.

For social pension, the assessment will affirm the continuation of payment of monthly stipend to social pensioners. On the other hand, the inclusion of MCCT-FNSP beneficiaries-families in the *Listahanan* database will facilitate their advancement to the regular Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program as a result of this validation.

DSWD-NCR also hired 63 field staff to do this validation. Of these, 43 were assigned to confirm the status of the 7,349 social pension beneficiaries who were not in the *Listahanan* database, while 20 staff would assess 3,365 potential beneficiaries for the MCCT program.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan said, “Through this validation process, we will be able to identify poor families who truly need our assistance. This is to ensure also that resources are properly managed and distributed to the legitimate poor.”

Under social pension program, each pensioner receives P500.00 monthly stipend as financial assistance for food expenses and medical needs.

MCCT-FNSP, on the other hand, provides cash grants to street and displaced families, nomadic indigenous peoples (IPs) or those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas provided that they comply with its conditions on health and education. ###

### Registration of Beneficiaries for Pantawid Pamilya under Set 7 Batch 3

The DSWD is currently conducting the validation of potential beneficiaries who were identified poor by *Listahanan* for registration under set 7, batch 3 of Pantawid Pamilya program. Metro Manila has 28,872 families who are potential for registration under this batch provided they meet the basic eligibility requirements, like having children aged 0-18 or pregnant mothers.

Anent to this registration, the Department issued a list to different barangays in Metro Manila containing the names of the qualified families that are potential beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilya program who passed the Eligibility Check Routine (ECR).

At present, there are a total of 219,952 Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries in Metro Manila from Sets 1 to 7 batch 2. ###



## Around the Centers and Residential Care Facilities

**Sanctuary Center:** Right photo shows Ms. Margarita J. Ortega (2nd from left), SWO III and OIC, together with the 21 student-clients who graduated during the fifth recognition day at SC where she acknowledged the perseverance to improve their residual skills.



**New buildings for NK:** Left photo shows DSWD-NCR Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan as she receives the MOA for the turnover of the new buildings for **Nayan ng Kabataan** from Ms. Marnie Tambolero of Branchforth Foundation Inc.

**Haven for Children:** Right photo shows the 3-day summer camp organized by Haven for Children and held at the Philippine Marines Base Camp, Ternate, Cavite, so the children may experience team building activities and share their talents.



**Beat the Heat 2014 at Haven for Women:** Left photo shows the **Haven for Women** staff together with Mr. Froilan D. Maglaya (standing, 2nd from right), SWO IV and OIC, during their summer sports fest last May 12-16.

**NVRC @ 60:** The right photo shows some of NVRC's hearing and visually impaired trainees dance the traditional Filipino "Tinikling" during their anniversary.



**Dreams achieved:** Left photo shows Mr. Adcar Salmorin, during his recognition as the top 5 on the Licensure for Massage Therapist. He graduated from **National Vocational Rehabilitation Center** in 2007.



## DSWD - Rehabilitation Sheltered Workshop residents engage in urban farming

The DSWD-NCR's Rehabilitation Sheltered Workshop (RSW), through the Quezon City government and Sinag Foundation, Inc., began efforts in urban farming in their rehabilitation compound that will improve the health and environment of its residents and staff. Likewise, this initiative will provide locally produced organic food.

"We take it as a challenge to convert our idle land into an ideal urban farm. There is no source of organic produce at RSW. By showing that it is possible to grow food in an urban area, we hope to inspire others to start growing their own food in the under-utilized spaces around them," Edna Sacedor, Officer-In-Charge of RSW, said.



*Staff and residents of Rehabilitation Sheltered Workshop are engrossed in tilling a vacant lot in their center as part of their urban farming initiative.*

Further, the project adds to their urban greenery which may improve visual and

psychological conditions. In February, RSW staff and residents attended an orientation conducted by the Quezon City government which aimed to introduce urban farming and teach them about waste management, garden designs, products and organic fertilizers.

The local government also provided free tools, equipment, and plant seedlings that may be used to cultivate the land at RSW. Thus, this project is cost-free. In addition, growing food locally in the large areas of usable space in urban waste land and unused plots may begin to address the lack of access due to affordability and availability of quality produce. Urban Farming also holds the potential to raise awareness about organic food growing practices, healthy eating habits, and provides beautiful, green outdoor spaces that the staff and residents will enjoy. ###

## DSWD-NCR holds first Social Welfare and Development forum for 2014

The DSWD Field Office - NCR recently held the first SWAD forum for the first semester entitled "*Paghahanda sa 7.2 m Lindol sa NCR: A Magnitude of Conversations*." The forum assessed the preparedness of the Field Office to handle a 7.2 magnitude earthquake through the experiences gathered from the disaster response to typhoon Yolanda.

The said forum was used as a new method of data gathering called "The art of hosting." It is a technique where there is no resource person to discuss a specific topic. Instead, the "host" culls out all the necessary information from the participants using conversational means. (continued on page 8)



dahil kung tutuusin, hindi naman iyon para sa gobyerno...kundi para sa amin din.” (I never thought that I can perform my duty as parent leader... it feels good that I’m able to make my fellow beneficiaries understand the advantage in complying to the program conditionalities because those are not for the government... but for us) she emphasized. Analyn also shared that prior to inclusion in the program, they did not have any plans to improve their situation, unlike now that they have goals which include the preparation of a brighter future for her children.



*Analyn now has her own family with her husband Romel, 37 years old, and happily living with their five (5) children aged 15, 13, 12, 9 and 7.*

In 2011, the Atienza family availed the Self-Employment Assistance – Kaunlaran (SEA-K) capital assistance of P7,000.00 which was used to put up a small sari-sari store which now serves as their major source of living. In June 2012, Analyn attended the “Ganda Mo, Hanapbuhay ko” training in partnership with the TESDA where she acquired knowledge on cosmetology.

This skill enabled Analyn to earn even at home by doing manicure and pedicure services in their neighborhood while at-

tending to the needs of their children and managing their sari-sari store. Likewise, her husband earns by driving their newly-owned tricycle. Analyn also engaged in the trainers training on Community-Driven Enterprise Development (CDED for Implementation of SLP) in May 2012 where she learned how to manage a small-scale business.

Earlier, Analyn ensures that her children are attaining the 85% average attendance in school just to comply with the education conditionality of the program as she eventually realized that it is the future of her children which will be compromised if they will not attend classes regularly. “Sa totoo lang, dahil sa namulat ako sa kahalagahan ng edukasyon, nag-enroll ako ngayon sa Alternative Learning System (ALS) at sa pasukan ay papasok na rin ako bilang estudyante sa grade 3.” (In fact, since I became conscious of the importance of education, I enrolled myself in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and this coming school year, I will enrol as grade 3 pupil), she continued.

“Yung sinabi sa amin ang tungkol sa ekspansyon ng Pantawid Pamilya na mula edad 0-14 ay 0-18 na ang mga benepisyaryo sa programa, natuwa talaga ako. Nae-excite na rin akong mag-aral kasabay ng mga anak ko,” (I’m really glad when we were informed about the expansion of the Pantawid Pamilya that from aged 0-14 beneficiaries, it will be expanded to 0-18. I’m excited to study along with my children) she further enthused.

Just like how the ingrown nails hurt the fingers of her customers, Analyn had painful experiences that she wants to forget. As she shared her learning during FDS with her husband, she is now confident that they will no longer have marital conflicts. Also, Analyn promised to herself that as long as she lives, she will never allow her children to experience the odds that she encountered. ###



## DSWD brings government services closer to the people through the Convergence Caravan

The DSWD-NCR, in partnership with the local government of Valenzuela City, recently held a convergence caravan at the Valenzuela Astrodome which served almost 1,500 Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries through the various services delivered during the event.

This 10th Convergence Caravan in Metro Manila awarded the following assistance to Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries: 1.) capital seed fund to seven (7) SEA-K Associations with 166 beneficiaries; 2.) taho vending materials and financial assistance to ten (10) beneficiaries; and 3.) pedicabs with vegetables to ten (10) Valenzuela residents wherein five (5) of them are Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries. (The items 2 and 3 are courtesy of Valenzuela Government)

The local government also showcased their barangay-based feeding program through the distribution of lunch boxes containing nutri-food to their children-beneficiaries who are in the identified poor families of *Listahanan*.

Meanwhile, DSWD-NCR Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan expressed her gratitude for the solid support of Valenzuela headed by Mayor Rexlon T. Gatchalian, in the implementation of the social protection and poverty reduction programs in the city. As presented by the Director, the city has already a total of 11,792 registered Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries who are being monitored for compliance on health and education.



*Beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilya Program flocked to the different booths in the job fair.*

On the other hand, in the inspirational message delivered by Director Rodora Babaran, for Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman, she said that this convergence caravan contributes in accessing the beneficiaries to various government services that would eventually help them to improve their level of well-being.

Overall, most of the services were availed by the Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries, as follows: 1,000 beneficiaries inquired in the Jobs Fair in partnership with the Valenzuela Public Employment Services Office (PESO); 50 participated in the Skills Demo on Food Carving in partnership with TESDA; 18 joined the orientation on Family Planning and availed the free provision of Implanon; 29 attended the Orientation on Domestic Workers in partnership with DOLE-NCR; 31 participated in the Orientation on Safe Drinking Water; 49 availed the free haircut; and 211 attended the orientation on Social Security System.

Also, the participants enjoyed shopping on the highly discounted goods and products being sold in Diskwento Caravan in partnership with DTI-NCR and availed the distribution of vegetable seedlings, courtesy of the Department of Agriculture. (*continued on page 8*)



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Caje, Leonita C.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
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Corton, Marcia G.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Dela Peña, Aibe G.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
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Gaspar, Romeo N.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Gonzales, Rita D.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Lucas, Anna Camilie M.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Luna, Noli M.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Mallen, Maria Victoria P.	PDO II	Field Office - SLP
Mirasol, Cielo Milar G.	Nurse I	Jose Fabella Center
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To begin this method, it is very important for the host to have a set of powerful questions or those that are answerable by procedures and reason. During the discussion, the host may ask questions answerable either by facts or information. Using this method, there are overarching intentions instead of objectives, which is more of an informal kind of symposium.

The forum was attended by 74 participants, such as division chiefs, heads of centers and residential care facilities, and other staff from the units and sections of the Field Office. It was a first in many aspects, that for one, it was the first time the art of hosting method was used by the region as a means to gather data. Another first - it was the first time that disaster response was discussed as a main topic in a SWAD forum. ###

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Further, since it is vacation time which indicates proliferating cases of dog bites amongst children, the Regional Office of the Department of Health (DOH) turned over 300 vials of anti-rabies vaccines to Valenzuela City Health Office.

Signing of commitments for the "Kaya ko" campaign were also done during the caravan to enlist the support of the stakeholders, parent leaders, beneficiaries and field office staff in the coming implementation of the Pantawid Pamilya high school expansion. ###