

Republic of the Philippines INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (IACVAWC)

> RESOLUTION NO. 03 Series of 2018

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "GUIDELINES ON THE PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (NGO) REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (IACVAWC)"

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and Their Children (IACVAWC) composed of 12 member agencies: DSWD, CSC, CHR, PCW, CWC, DOJ, DILG, PNP, DOH, DepEd, DOLE, and NBI was created by virtue of Section 39 of Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC) Act of 2004and is tasked to develop programs and projects to eliminate violence against women and also serve as the monitoring body as regards VAWC initiatives;

WHEREAS, Section 54 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9262states networking with other stakeholders as one of the functions of the Council;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid provision directs the Council to create a mechanism to ensure the participation of NGOs, academe, private sector, civic and religious groups in the implementation and monitoring of VAWC;

WHEREAS, Section 60 of the IRR of Republic Act No. 9262, states that the Council shall ensure the participation of NGOs working on VAWC to effectively implement the act, as follows:

- 1. Formulate and implement policies and programs to eliminate VAWC;
- 2. Conduct capacity building activities for government personnel and share their experiences in handling VAWC cases;
- 3. Coordinate with concerned agencies, LGUs, and other NGOs in reporting alleged perpetrators, rescuing victims of VAWC and conducting investigation, if necessary;
- 4. Document VAWC cases;
- 5. Disseminate related policies and guidelines to eliminate VAWC to their networks both at the local and international levels; and
- 6. Provide services to the VAWC victim-survivor and their families.

WHEREAS, the selected NGOs and NGO representatives are expected to fulfill the following functions:

- 1. Contribute to the development of gender-responsive anti-VAW policies, programs, and services;
- 2. Assist IACVAWC in conducting advocacy to end VAW, awareness raising on women's rights and related laws on gender-based violence, and capacity building for frontline service providers;
- Provide assistance in monitoring the functionality of local mechanisms on VAW such as PCAT-VAWC, LCAT-VAWC, and Barangay VAW Desks; and
- 4. Attend Council and TWC meetings as necessary.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the implementation of RA 9262, the Council agreed to prescribe the procedures for the participation of three (3) NGO representatives with one representative from each theme – advocacy, legal assistance, and service provision, as agreed during the 34th IACVAWC Meeting last July 25, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Council to adopt the Guidelines on the Participation of Non-Government Organization (NGO) Representatives in the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and Their Children (IACVAWC).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the said Guidelines shall take effect immediately after the signing of this Resolution by all Council members.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, Two Thousand and Eighteen in Manila, Philippines.

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