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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

**LINGAP CENTER
ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

For Year: 2023

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Lingap Center for Street Children is a 24-hour residential facility that continuously reaches out and provides social work interventions to victims of neglect, abandonment, maltreatment, and street children. It provides protection and rehabilitation services through temporary residential care. The Center has been in operation for twenty-three (23) years now under the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) since its turnover in 2000.

It aims to provide programs and services geared towards the total development of the children, meeting their basic rights to survival, development, and participation, and preparing them to become productive citizens of the community. The center may not be a replacement for the family, but in times of crisis where there are no available relatives to accommodate the child, it is still the best alternative placement while working out or exploring other possible placements.

The Center is continuously providing substitute parental care to the children/residents. They are given opportunities to continue their studies, provided with their basic needs and helping them function normally. In the center, they are trained for practical skills and do household chores to prepare them for their adult lives and become disciplined and responsible people. These residents are provided with tender loving care which they mostly need while growing up.

Further, Lingap works at developing the competence and effectiveness of the Center's staff and service providers, through the initiatives of PGI and in partnership with DSWD and NGO, in the management of cases through proper placement and other rehabilitation services for residents. Meetings, case conferences, and home visits are conducted for proper coordination and linkages to the family, community, and Local Government Unit (LGU) through their respective City/Municipal Social Welfare & Development (MSWD) Offices.

Their families are assisted by C/MSWDO for the provision of social services with the end goal of reintegration, as the family is still the best place and the best people to take care of their children. To maintain the parent-child

relationship and minimize homesickness among the children, family members are advised to visit their children at the center at least once a month.

The Center management is doing its best to provide a family-like experience and continuously prepare Lingap children to become productive, law-abiding, and self-reliant citizens of the community.

II. SALIENT ACCOMPLISHMENT

- SUMMARY OF CASES**

CLIENTELE CATEGORY	CASES SERVED						DISCHARGED										STILL AT CENTER						
	Carry Over		New		Total		Families		Relatives		Transferred to other institution		left w/out permission		Foster Family		Total		Under Assessment		Hard To Place	With Court Cases	Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			Total
ABANDONED																							
MALTREATED			1	1	1	1													1	1			2
CHILD LABOR																							
NEGLECTED	9	12	1		10	12	3	7									3	7	7	5			12
STREET CHILD																							
SUBTOTAL	9	12	2	1	11	13	3	7									3	7	8	6			14
GRAND TOTAL	24																				14		

The above data shows that the center was able to serve twenty-four (24) children for the year 2023, of which twenty-one (21) of them were carried over from year 2022 and three (3) were newly admitted. Out of the 24 children served, ten (10) were already discharged back to their parents after a thorough preparation and assessment of their parental capability to ensure the safety and development of the children under their care. At present, there are fourteen (14) children left in the center. These children came from the different municipalities of the province. An after-care plan is prepared and signed by all parties for monitoring and proper turn-over of minors.

The Local Government Unit (LGU) Social Workers were active partners in preparing for the return of children to their families and relatives, as they would be monitoring the family and providing needed support services. An assessment report will be submitted after six (6) months of the child's reintegration into the community.

- **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

1. **SOCIAL SERVICES:**

The social services are focused on case management processes for all clients admitted to the center. These include a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation, care, coordination, evaluation, and advocacy for options to meet the needs of the clients. Case Management is the lifeblood of the center. All children have individual folders that contain all their records, like Social Case Study Report, Helping Plans, Progress Reports, Psychological Evaluations, Health Records, etc.

The Center Social Workers updated all recordings, conducted case conferences with the rehabilitation team, conduct home visitations, collateral interviews, and other activities that would fast-track the rehabilitation of every child. All activities conducted are properly documented.

Ten (10) clients were reintegrated to their respective families and communities. Meanwhile, three (3) are new admissions for the year 2023.



2. **HOMELIFE CARE**

The center provides homelife services to meet the basic needs of each resident, such as food, clothing, and toiletries, with well-balanced and organized activities that provide a wholesome family experience to meet their physical, emotional, mental, and social needs. It is a second home to the children operating 24/7. The center staff's functions as substitute parents who provide directions, guidance, and tender loving care to these children. They are guided in doing their task as well as in

their dealings with co-children. They are treated equally and with respect.

A planned menu is followed in preparing for their daily meals, following the basic food groups of go, grow, and glow. A monthly health check is done to monitor their weight, height progress, and Body Mass Index (BMI). Based on the latest weighing and height measurements, all of them have increased in weight and height. As per their BMI, eleven (11) children are in the normal range, and three (3) are overweight.

Children are provided with their supply of clothing twice a year. Last July 2023, they were issued with school uniforms, bags and shoes and last December 2023, casual dresses, pants and other undergarments were provided. Their toiletries (bath soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.) are given on a weekly basis for their personal hygiene. The conduct of Homelife meeting for directions and updates on their daily routine were done every Friday of the week. Giving and teaching the child daily chores and work assignments according to one's capability and readiness aimed at providing semblance of normal family life.



3. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

Education is one of the component services of the Lingap Center, wherein the children are enrolled in public school for them to continue their studies. Since the latter part of School Year (S.Y.) 2022-2023 until the beginning of S.Y. 2023 – 2024, the mode of learning in public schools has returned to the traditional five days of face-to-face classes a week.

For the S.Y. 2022-2023, three (3) children graduated from Kindergarten, two (2) in Junior High School (JHS) and one (1) in Senior High School (SHS). Moreover, some of them excelled in their class and were given medals and certificates of Academic Excellence.

SCHOOL YEAR 2022 - 2023	
KINDER	3
ELEMENTARY	9
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	8
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1
TOTAL	21

The above data shows that all the children were in school for S.Y. 2022–2023, in which the Elementary level was the highest in number. Of the twenty-one (21) children served, three (3) were in kindergarten, nine (9) were at the elementary level enrolled at Alibagu Elementary School, eight (8) were in JHS at Alibagu National High School, and one (1) was in SHS at Isabela Sports High School.

SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024	
ELEMENTARY	13
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1
TOTAL	14

Meanwhile, for the S.Y. 2023 – 2024, the above data shows that all 14 residents were enrolled wherein thirteen (13) children are elementary in Alibagu Elementary School, while one (1) child is currently a JHS at Alibagu National High School.

Part of the educational services is the attendance of Lingap Center staff to Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meetings, Receiving of Report Cards and School Awards of residents.

Under these programs, the children were provided with their school needs like school uniforms, bags, shoes, and school supplies such as notebooks, papers, pens, pencils, colors, etc. They also have a tricycle service that picks them up from the center to school and vice versa.

There are also children who could hardly read, and they are being assisted on a tutorial basis by the Houseparents. Library is available in the center for reviewing and assignment needs.



4. SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT AND VALUES INCULCATION:

Spiritual enrichment is an important intervention to transform the child holistically and give due respect to his or her religious beliefs to become a God-fearing person. The Center designs activities that will help the children enrich their spiritual development. They also attend fellowship and bible studies in the center, conducted by Houseparent/Pastor Mario Valdez, which are done every Sunday at 9:00 in the morning.

The staff emphasizes the importance of establishing a closer relationship with the Lord, especially at all times. They were taught and encouraged to pray, read the Bible, reflect, and follow the Ten Commandments. The group prays before and after taking their daily meals and going to bed. The Catholic Women's League Gamu Chapter extended their time thru Catechism. The children and the center staff also attended advent masses at the Provincial Capitol.



5. RECREATIONAL, SPORTS /SOCIO-CULTURAL SERVICES:

Sports, recreational, and other socio-cultural activities are essential elements of human biology and psychology. It is a method of promoting camaraderie, unity, active and healthy being, character building, and physical fitness. Recreation & sports are programs of the center that all the children enjoy most as part of their physical education and development. These activities develop sportsmanship among the children, teaching them to accept loss and failure. The children play basketball, badminton, and volleyball and other outdoor games. The children also play Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders, and Chess after their tutorial. These games help them improve their vocabulary and planning. Facilitation of indoor and outdoor games are being done daily while Zumba/ physical exercises are done at 7:00 – 8:00 AM during weekends.



The center staff continue to celebrate annual events as part of socio-cultural activities namely:

- a) **Valentine's Day** – the staff and children celebrated Valentine's Day on February 10, 2023. The children have prepared a Cotillion dance wherein each of them gracefully showcased their talents in dancing while wearing formal attires and ballroom gowns. They also gathered the center staff, danced with them, and exchanged partners until they could dance with everyone. The program demonstrated the value of expressing love and appreciation to others.



- b) **Women's Month Celebration** – the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) has joined the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority in their “Serbisyo Para Kay Juana” campaign to celebrate Women’s Month on March 24, 2023. This includes Pastry-Making Training, in which the seven (7) girls from the Lingap Center have participated. They were taught to bake cakes, cupcakes, breads, and cookies. The trainers also let the children pipe icing and decorate their own cupcakes.



- c) **Stations of the Cross** – the center staff and children altogether went to the Ilagan Sanctuary, Serenity Hill Calvary in Sta. Victoria, City of Ilagan, on April 5, 2023. This is in observance of the Holy Week practice of Roman Catholics commemorating the sacrifices and love of Jesus Christ. The children were to lead a prayer in each station, followed by the elaboration of the teachings of HP/Pastor Mario Valdez.



- d) **United Nation Celebration**- this is one of the activities of the Center that promotes the essence of patriotism, unity and camaraderie among other nations/countries. This celebration aims to foster the understanding and appreciation for

different cultures of the nations. Through this, the children were able to showcase their confidence in presenting themselves by wearing costumes that represents their assigned countries with the provision and assistance of center staff.



- e) **Monday Convocation and National Children's Month Kick-Off** – in this program, the Lingap Center staff and children attended the Flag Raising Ceremony hosted by the PSDW Office on November 06, 2023. The Lingap Center residents were tasked to perform a song number and present it in front of the PGI employees and other officials of Isabela. Moreover, they were given a set of hygiene kits, seedlings and snacks. They have also received gifts from different PGI Department Heads, APDHs, and Government Officials from the province.



- f) **Balik Sigla, Bigay Saya 2023** – in this year, the Lingap Center were invited to be one of the beneficiaries of the Office of the

President's nationwide gift-giving program. Through the Zoom application, the center was able to virtually participate the said program. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., through the Secretary's Office, gifted each resident with a traveling bag which includes a bath towel, pillow and blanket. They also provided the staff and residents with Jollibee meals for breakfast and lunch.



- g) **Christmas Party** – aside from Christmas Parties and special events extended by donors/benefactors to residents, one-day celebration of Christmas Party for residents and staff was conducted last December 21, 2023.



h) OTHERS:

- **Sightseeing at Ilagan Sanctuary** – right after the Stations of the Cross, the center staff took the chance to accompany the children and have witnessed the different sceneries and

enclosed animals in the Ilagan Sanctuary. The staff and the children also gathered for a picnic and spend quality time together.

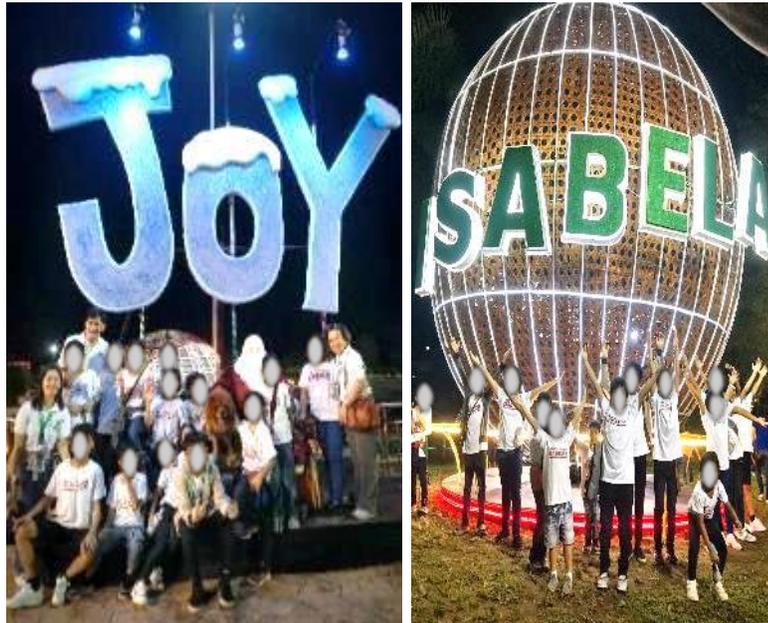


- **Summer Outing at Camp Samal** – all the Lingap Center children and staff went to Camp Samal, Tumauni, Isabela to have a swimming and sportsfest to strengthen the bond among staff and children, and have fun, relax and play. The outing includes games such as Cheering Competition, Sack Race, Calamansi Relay and Catching of Water in which each team is composed of center staff and children. All staff and children enjoyed the gathering and have shared meals and snacks together.



- **Sightseeing and witnessing of Christmas Lighting at Queen Isabela Park** - The children accompanied by Houseparent on-duty and staff joined in the opening of Christmas Village

in the Queen Isabela Park, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela. All children enjoyed the night by witnessing the carousel and life-size Christmas decors.



6. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION & PLAY THERAPY:

Psychological intervention is undertaken to help clients cope with emotional stress or problems as a result of the psycho-social problems encountered. The clients are subjected to periodic psychological assessments to determine their social functioning and development. This year, nine (9) children underwent psychological evaluation under Dr. Kathreen Joson at OJ Psychological Services. The result of their evaluation would guide Center social workers on how to deal with and help the children become better and more functional individuals. Nine (9) residents benefited from psychological assessment, while two (2) residents were brought to their clinic for a therapeutic session to identify and address their psychological needs.

The Isabela State University-Ilagan BS Psychology students rendered their on-the-job training period in the center. Residents participated in art and groupwork activities as a therapy for them.

The Center Psychometrician, Mr. Mc John Villanueva, also conducts recreational and groupwork activities and, at the same time, counseled the residents who were in crisis and in need of emotional support.



7. MEDICAL/DENTAL SERVICES:

Medical and dental services are given to every client ensuring that they have access to quality health care while they are in the center. They are accompanied to the GFNDy Provincial Hospital for medical check-ups, minor surgical procedures and tooth extraction when necessary. Medicines and vitamins, which are readily available in the hospital, are being provided thru the Malasakit Center while other medical needs/supplies are being purchased.

Constant checking and health monitoring of the residents were done by the Center Nurse, Lanie T. Calabazon, and also conducted several lectures on personal hygiene, dengue, food poisoning, Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) and other common diseases for awareness and prevention. Three (3) boys were circumcised assisted by HP Valdez on August 10, 2023. Two (2) were given medicine for deworming. Isolation, first-aid and management of four (4) residents due to Chicken Pox were administered. Management of skin allergies, lesions and bruises were also properly treated.



8. GENDER and DEVELOPMENT FUNDED ACTIVITIES

- a. Nine (9) residents were provided with Psychological Services from January to December 2023.



- b. Enhanced Parent Effectiveness Service Training was conducted on August 2 & 3, 2023 which was attended by fifteen (15) parents of residents



9. CAPACITY BUILDING

This aims to provide and enhance skills of residents in preparation towards independent living and productivity.

- Participation of Lingap Center residents on quarterly simultaneous earthquake drill



- Seven (7) girls from Lingap Center participated in the Pastry Making Training that includes baking breads, cookies, cupcakes, and cake decorating and icing.



- Pedya Kamp 2023 – five (5) Lingap Center residents, together with Houseparent Cauilan, were delegated to join the Pedya Kamp 2023 at Calatagan, Batangas, on July 27 – August 1, 2023. This camp offers fun-filled activities and experiences to children who are less fortunate and have special needs.



- October 30, 2023 - Fire Safety & Earthquake Drill and Basic Life Support and First Aid Training is a must for the Lingap Center children to be knowledgeable about their own safety in times of crisis while they are here in the center. They were trained to do fire safety and earthquake drills, as well as basic life support and first aid.



10. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Aside from regular monthly meeting, the center staff attended seminars/trainings to equip themselves with knowledge, attitude, and

skills (KAS) to be able to serve the children under their care for better and upgrading on delivery of services.

For this year the center staffs were able to attend the following seminars/trainings:

- Participation of staff and children on quarterly simultaneous earthquake drill



- May 18–20, 2023 - ALSWDOPI's Training in Engaging Barangay Officials and Other Service Providers in Handling Family Related Cases attended by SWO I Vergara in Baguio City



- June 8-9, 2023 – Attendance of Lingap Center staff during the Advanced Training Program for Houseparents and Caregivers in Residential Care Facilities facilitated by the PSWD Office and conducted by the DSWD Region II



- July 17 & 18, 2023 - Monitoring of DSWD Central Office by SWO II technical staff, Ms. Massachusetts T. Banza-Nacino, for Lingap Center's accreditation



- August 14-17, 2023 - 26th National Social Welfare and Development Forum and General Assembly attended by OIC/SWO III Batoon in Davao City



- September 25, 2023 – Attendance of OIC Batoon, HP Atraje and AA Villanueva during the DAGYAW 2023 webinar conducted by the Department of Interior and Local Government Region 2

- September 26-27, 2023 – Attendance of HP Atraje during the PGI Safety Officer Basic Course Training initiated by the Provincial Safety Office (PSO) in Capitol, Alibagu, City of Ilagan



- September 27, 2023 - Orientation on Safe Spaces Act attended by AA Villanueva at Balai Capitol, City of Ilagan



- September 28-29, 2023 – Attendance of HP Valdez during the PGI Safety Officer Basic Course Training initiated by the



PSO n Capitol, Alibagu, City of Ilagan



- October 2, 2023 – Facilitation of OIC Batoon and attendance of SWO I Vergara during the Parent Effective Service Training conducted by the PSWD Office



- October 5-6, 2023 – Attendance of HP Vicente during the PGI Safety Officer Basic Course Training initiated by PSO in Capitol, City of Ilagan



- October 10, 2023 – Attendance of SWO I Vergara during the Online Risk Management Refresher Course conducted by the Provincial Government of Isabela

- October 10-11, 2023 – Lecture – Workshop on Basic Communications at the Provincial Government of Isabela Session Hall attended by AA Villanueva



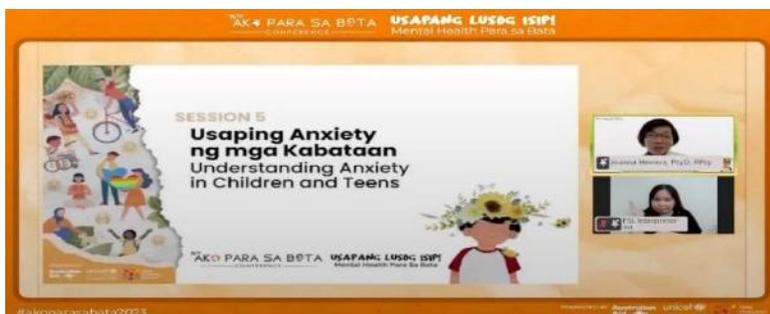
- October 10-11, 2023 – PGI Safety Officer Basic Course Training attended by HP Plata at the PDRRM Office, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela



- November 8-10, 2023 – 75th PASWI National Convention held at Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City attended by SWO I Vergara



- November 9, 16 & 22, 2023 – Attendance of OIC Batoon and AA Villanueva during the “Ako Para sa Bata” webinar session initiated by Child Protection Network



- November 22-28 & 28-30, 2023 – Parent Effectiveness Service Training facilitated by OIC Batoon among WCPD officers and Women leaders at Hotel Sophia, Cauayan City



- December 5, 2023 – Attendance of OIC Batoon and AA Villanueva during the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children at the Provincial Capitol Session Hall



- December 6, 2023 – Attendance of OIC Batoon and SWO I Vergara during the launch of Men Opposed Violence Everywhere (MOVE) at CSU Andrews Convention Center, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan



- December 27, 2023 – Attendance of OIC Batoon to Program Year-End Review of Provincial Green Ladies (PIGLAI)



III. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE AGENCY:

1. Approved plan to repair and construction of kitchen, children's cabinet, laundry sink and common restroom.
2. Ongoing construction of Girls' Comfort Room
3. Two (2) newly assigned Houseparents
4. Installation/linking of Generator Set

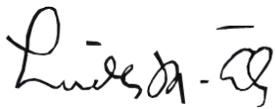
IV. PLANS FOR 2024

1. Additional manpower
2. Permanent positions of contractuales
3. Landscaping of garden/playground

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