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JOINT STATEMENT

The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) strongly condemn all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) during the COVID-19 crisis.

According to the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey, 3 out of 20 women and girls aged 15-49 have experienced physical violence, while 1 out of 20 have experienced sexual violence. Based on the same report, spousal violence has happened to 1 out of 4 married Filipina. Furthermore, while prevalence of violence against the LGBTQ+ remains undocumented, numerous anecdotal reports demonstrate the gravity of the issue. We are aware that the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, aimed to reduce transmission of COVID-19, may increase the frequency and severity of violence against these vulnerable populations.

As we call for strict compliance to the Enhanced Community Quarantine, we also urge everyone to be vigilant and immediately report any form of abuse in your homes and communities. We enjoin all GBV response units, Barangay VAW desks, PNP Women's and LGBTQ+ help desks, and Women and Child Protection Units, to respond quickly and effectively to all reports of GBV, using a survivor-centered approach. We call upon Local Government Units to maintain functional GBV referral mechanisms for efficient response. Most importantly, we urge victims to step forward and seek help.

In the spirit of bayanihan, let us fight gender-based violence. Let us do our part in protecting the lives of every Filipino!

#NoToViolenceStopTheAbuse #SafeAtHome #JuanaSaPanahonNgCorona

For reports and any assistance, please refer to the following:

POLICE/INVESTIGATION ASSISTANCE

PNP Hotline: 177

Aleng Pulis Hotline: 0919 777 7377

PNP Women and Children Protection Center

24/7 AVAWCD Office: (02) 8532-6690

Email address: wpcp_pnp@yahoo.com / wpcp_vawcd@yahoo.com / avawcd.wpcp@pnp.gov.ph

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Public Attorney's Office (PAO)

Hotline: (02) 8929-9436 local 106, 107, or 159 (local "0" for operator)

(+62) 9393233665

Email address: pao_executive@yahoo.com

REFERRAL SERVICES

Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children

Mobile numbers: 09178671907 | 09178748961

Email address: iacvawc@pcw.gov.ph

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