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Regional Memorandum
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OBSEVANCE OF THE 2026 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the communication from the Regional Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (RCAT-VAWC IV-A)¹, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the aforementioned subject commemorated every second week of February, with a theme **“AKO, IKAW, TAYO: Nagkakaisa Laban sa Child Sexual Abuse”**.
2. The activity aims to raise awareness among parents, families, communities, and stakeholders on the scope and impact of these issues on children and society, while reinforcing their shared responsibility to safeguard children through stronger collaboration, collective action, responsible digital citizenship, and the creation of safer and more secure digital and AI environments.
3. In view of the foregoing and in support of these annual observances, all Schools Division Offices and Schools under CALABARZON are encouraged to actively participate in and organize relevant activities.
4. In addition, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) will conduct a **CSAAW Webinar on February 13, 2026 (Friday)** to engage parents, barangay leaders, teachers, other stakeholders, and duty bearers in strengthening collaborative efforts to combat OSAEC. The webinar may be accessed through the CWC Facebook Page at [fb.com/CWCgovph](https://www.facebook.com/CWCgovph). Relative to this, all of the expected participants under CALABARZON who wishes to attend the webinar shall accomplish this google form link for monitoring and documentation purposes. <https://tinyurl.com/CSAAWWebinar>.
5. Resource materials are available through the following links:

¹ Observance of the 2026 Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week and Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines



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- CSAAW 2026 Banner – <https://bit.ly/CSAAW26banner>
 - CSAAW 2026 Campaign Materials – <https://bit.ly/CSAAW26xSIDPH26materials>
6. For queries or concerns, kindly contact ESSD-LRPD via email at learnershelpline.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph.
 7. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.


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Regional Committee on Anti-Trafficking and
Violence Against Women and their Children (RCAT-VAWC) IV-A

DRN: IV-A-FO-PSD-A-COMM-26-02-08253-S

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL RCAT-VAWC IV-A MEMBER-AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC)

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND RCAT-VAWC IV-A CHAIRPERSON

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF 2026 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK AND SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES

DATE : 05 FEBRUARY 2026

The Regional Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (RCAT-VAWC) IV-A expresses its full support for the national observance of the **National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation**, also known as the **Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW)**, commemorated every second week of February pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 731, s. 1996. The Committee likewise supports the observance of the **Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines**, held every second Tuesday of February in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 417, s. 2018.

This year's CSAAW theme, "**AKO, IKAW, TAYO: Nagkakaisa Laban sa Child Sexual Abuse,**" together with the local Safer Internet Day theme, "**AKO, IKAW, TAYO: Konektado at Protektado Laban sa OSAEC at CSAEM,**" underscores the critical importance of a whole-of-nation approach to child protection in the digital age, with particular focus on preventing online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC) and the proliferation of child sexual abuse and exploitation materials (CSAEM). The observance seeks to **raise awareness among parents, families, communities, and stakeholders on the scope and impact of these issues on children and society, while reinforcing their shared responsibility to safeguard children** through stronger collaboration, collective action, responsible digital citizenship, and the creation of safer and more secure digital and AI environments.

In support of these annual observances, RCAT-VAWC IV-A encourages all government agencies and instrumentalities, local government units, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, and private sector entities in the CALABARZON region to actively participate in and organize relevant activities.

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The LGU's **Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (LCAT-VAWC)**, in collaboration with the respective Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) at the provincial, city, municipal, and barangay levels, **is enjoined to implement advocacy and prevention initiatives**, including the promotion of Republic Act No. 11930 or the Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Act; the display of 2026 CSAAW and Safer Internet Day banners in conspicuous areas within their offices; and the production and dissemination of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials through official websites and social media platforms.

In addition, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) will conduct a **CSAAW Webinar** on 13 February 2026 (Friday) to engage parents, barangay leaders, teachers, and other stakeholders and duty bearers in strengthening collaborative efforts to combat OSAEC. The webinar may be accessed through the CWC Facebook page at [fb.com/CWCgovph](https://www.facebook.com/CWCgovph).

Resource materials are available through the following links:

- Proclamation No. 731, s. 1996 (Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week) - <https://pcw.gov.ph/proclamation-no-731-national-awareness-week-for-the-prevention-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-exploitation/>
- Proclamation No. 417, s. 2018 (Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines) - <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2018/02/05/proclamation-no-417-s-2018/>
- CSAAW 2026 Banner - <https://bit.ly/CSAAW26banner>
- SIDPH 2026 Banner - <https://bit.ly/SIDPH26banner>
- CSAAW 2026 and SIDPH 2026 Campaign Materials - <https://bit.ly/CSAAW26xSIDPH26materials>

Should you have concerns or clarifications, you may reach the RCAT-VAWC IV-A Secretariat through Mr. Ray Andrew P. Villafuerte at +63921-774-7140, DSWD trunk line (02) 8850-8380, or email at iacacp.fo4a@dswd.gov.ph; or the RSCWC IV-A Secretariat through Ms. Florida F. Radam at rscwc_calabarzon@cw.gov.ph.

For your information and compliance.

Thank you.


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