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BACKGROUND

Project Title:

Multi Stakeholder Approach towards Mainstreaming Rights-Based & Gender-Sensitive Justice & Healing for survivors of Gender Based Violence

Project Period:

September 2010 – September 2012

Target Locations:

Luzon -- NCR, CAR, Bicol; Mindanao – Davao, Marawi, Butuan, Caraga; Visayas – Cebu, Samar, Bohol)

Overall Objective:

To educate & capacitate the various components of judicial systems so as to be able to deliver rights based and gender sensitive services with respect to VAW cases.

Points of Unity

- Propelled by international instruments and national commitments that provide direction and standards for addressing violence against women as violations of human rights as well as issues of gender equality, health, development, and peace;
 - Conscious of explorations into justice and healing modalities in countries that have experienced conflict in structural, institutional, and interpersonal levels;
 - Guided by lessons learned from our engagements with survivors of violence, with perpetrators, with actors in the judicial system, and with providers of psychosocial services;
 - Acknowledging that current psycho-social approaches for survivors fall short of ensuring redress for victims and accountability for perpetrators
 - Challenged by the need for viable justice and healing approaches to violence against women in Philippine communities while changes in systems of justice and healing are being negotiated;
 - Confident in our collective capacities to harness and manage information and knowledge and to channel these to social change, we forge and commit ourselves to these Points of Unity:
- 1 We recognize that justice and healing are inseparable imperatives for survivors of gender-based violence; concomitantly, we recognize the need for dealing effectively with perpetrators.
 - 2 We will explore the intersections among judicial practice, psychosocial interventions, and socio-cultural responses to violence against women as well as reconfigure our current frameworks of analysis accordingly.
 - 3 We will make voices of victims/survivors as knowledge resources and as starting points for analysis and action.
 - 4 We will provide spaces for men to articulate their views about violence against women and encourage and promote those that reflect accountability and responsibility for violence and abuse.
 - 5 We will create spaces for questioning cultural constructs that abet abuse and violence against women and enhance those that support justice and healing.
 - 6 We will create spaces for developing justice and healing processes that are socio-culturally sensitive and appropriate.
 - 7 We recognize and welcome shifting responses to gender-based violence, particularly the call for men's participation in responses to men's violence against women.
 - 8 We recognize the tensions between approaches that consider family as a unit and those that view the woman within it as a unit; we will revisit the approaches from the perspectives of justice and healing.
 - 9 We will work with duty bearers and stakeholders in developing mechanisms that ensure justice and healing within and outside the judicial system.
 - 10 We will pay special attention to discourses that promote justice and healing as well as challenge those that do not, in various social sectors and levels.
 - 11 We will encourage social institutions --- families, churches, schools, media, local government units, and business corporations --- to develop justice and healing responses to violence against women.
 - 12 We will promote collaborative learning as means of empowering individuals, families, and communities.
 - 13 We will be sensitive to unanticipated results of our interventions and address emerging issues appropriately.

APPROACHES TO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Mobilising Communities as Upholders of Women's Rights

(Barangay Forum Cluster) – Based on several initiatives tried world over, communities as a whole when sensitised on the relevant issues and united under a common agenda have served as important drivers of change. Project would attempt to first create awareness among 15 selected communities in barangay level. An information kiosk would be established in cooperation with the local women's desk in barangay to provide information on law and legal procedure. An NGO working with women in the community shall act as a protector and convenor of women's causes in the barangay. All these activities will form a part of barangay forum. 15 Barangay forums will be conducted and progress thereof shall be continuously monitored. Project team shall facilitate exchange of information, experience and best practices adopted by individual barangays to other barangay communities.

2. Showcasing "Justice & Healing Meetings" to Judiciary

(Justice & Healing Meeting Cluster)– the Judicial system in its attempt to deliver justice in many cases re-victimises the victim. While it may deliver justice, in most cases does not deliver healing that is required for Integration into society / family (as the case may be). Project will attempt to showcase a gender sensitive, victim centric, CEDAW compliant inquiry approach based in international proven appreciative inquiry paradigm through its Justice and healing (J&H) meetings.

3. Gender Sensitising the Legal Practitioners (Legal Cluster)

While project sets ambitious targets to catalyse communities and reform judicial system, it would also continue to work within the existing structures to strengthen it. As an initiative to gender sensitise the legal practitioners, project would first study the experience of multi stakeholders group (right holders & duty bearers). Then project would create gender sensitive monographs and training material to create awareness and educate the lawyers, prosecutors, judges and more importantly the service providers. Legal Assistance would also be provided indirectly to VAW cases through the capacity building & mentoring sessions to women service providers.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Justice and Healing Meetings
- Barangay Forums
- Baseline data gathering on Stakeholders' Experiences
- Development of Legal Monographs on Gender Legal Issues
- Development of Protocol for Legal Service Provision
- Comprehensive Paralegal Training for Direct Service Providers from the VAWNET, NNFVPP, CATW and the ALGs
- Direct Legal Assistance to Women Victims/ Survivors
- Comprehensive Mentoring program on handling VAW cases
- Training / Workshop for Effective and Gender-Sensitive Prosecution and Case-Handling of VAW Cases for Public and Private Prosecutors and Paralegals
- Legal Practitioners Network