



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES;  
DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT;  
MINISTER OF HEALTH OF BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS  
REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM). CHIEFS OF  
MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA INSTITUTES  
AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Recognition of Selected DOH Teaching and Training Hospitals as  
Regional Training Centers for the Establishment of Women and  
Children Protection Unit (WCPU) in Government Hospitals**

Pursuant to Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, the DOH is mandated to strengthen and/or establish WCPU in DOH Hospitals. Further, in accordance with DOH Administrative Order No. 2013 - 0011 or Revised Policy on the Establishment of WCPU in all government hospitals, there shall be at least one (1) WCPU in every province and chartered city.

In line with the Women and Children Protection Costed Implementation Plan 2021-2025, identified challenges and operational bottlenecks include the non-organization/establishment of WCPU due to lack of trained doctors, social workers, and service providers to provide quality, comprehensive, and more accessible medical care and assistance to victims-survivors of VAWC.

To date, 73 WCPU are lodged at hospitals in selected provinces/and cities nationwide. The DOH, in partnership with UP-PGH Children Protection Unit and Children Protection Network (UP-PGH CPU and CPN), has been providing technical expertise and training multidisciplinary teams in providing comprehensive medical and psychosocial services to women and children victims of gender-based violence. The DOH Teaching and Training hospitals are also being capacitated as providers of Women and Children Protection Specialty Training.

Therefore, based on the capability assessment and recommendation of the UP-PGH CPU and CPN, the following WCPU in DOH hospitals are recognized as Regional Training Centers for the establishment of WCPU in provinces/and chartered cities in the country:

Province/City	Hospital/Address	Contact Number
Baguio City	Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center* Governor Park Road, Baguio City	(074) 661 7910 (074) 661 7985 loc. 427
La Union	Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center San Fernando City, La Union	(072) 607 0451

Iloilo	Western Visayas Medical Center Manduriao, Iloilo City	(033) 321 2841 loc.201
Bohol	Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital Tagbilaran City, Bohol	(038) 411 4868 to 69 (038) 501 7531 loc. 262/283
Cebu	Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center* Cebu City	(032) 266 1946 0920-970 7554
Misamis Oriental	Northern Mindanao Medical Center Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental	0939-6401539
Davao del Norte	Davao Regional Medical Center Tagum City, Davao del Norte	0942-538 2502
Davao del Sur	Southern Philippines Medical Center* Davao City, Davao del Sur	0915-517 4832

NOTE: \* Existing Training Center for WCPU as per DM 2020-0256

Likewise, the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) – Child Protection Unit, located at PGH Compound, Taft Avenue, Ermita, Manila, as the Asian Resource and Training Center for women and children protection supports DOH in the establishment of WCPU in the country and capacitates WCPU to comply with the capability standards as a training center.

For information and guidance to all concerned.

By the authority of the Secretary of Health

  
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