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## **ABSTRACT**

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## Summary

This study aimed at investigating the level of awareness and perceptions of the stakeholders on RA 9262. It was conducted in the locality of Dumingag and Mahayag. Zamboanga del Sur for School Year 2018-2019. The stakeholders who served as participants of to this study were the law enforcers, private employees, educators, farmers and barangay officials. It utilized a descriptive survey method of research with questionnaire checklist as the main instrument which sub-divided into five parts. To analyze and interpret the data gathered, the researchers used the following statistical tools: frequency, percentage, Weighted and Arithmetic Mean (WAM) and ranking.

The findings showed that stakeholders manifest substantial awareness on RA 9262. Furthermore, they considered the limitations of RA 9262 as serious. They also perceived that making implementation very effective is the best solution in the

limitation of RA 9262. On the other hand, the participants found seminars and orientations, TV and radio ads, and online sources as the suitable media of informing the public about RA 9262. Finally, they perceived that strict implementation of the law as the best mean to control abuses against women and children.

The study recommends that the local government unit in cooperation with the stakeholders should intensify VAWC advocacy. That the community in coordination with the educational institution should boost the morale of the victims of VAWC. That a similar study may be conducted with more variables considered.