

DOST 1 Supports 18-day Campaign to End VAW

The Department of Science and Technology Regional Office 1, headed by Dr. Armando Q. Ganal, actively participated in the observance of the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women held last November 25 – December 12, 2020.

As enshrined in the 1987 Constitution, the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW supports the Philippine government's goal of protecting the human rights of women and girls by upholding its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence.

The 2020 Campaign comes at a time when the country is reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic that aggravated underlying gender issues and affected marginalized and vulnerable sectors.



In support of the activity, the staff of the regional office promoted awareness by wearing orange shirts last December 7, 2020.

According to UNESCO, "color orange symbolizes a brighter future, free of violence. It also serves as a means of demonstrating your solidarity in eliminating all forms of violence and it is therefore used as the color of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women."

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The GAD Focal Point System of DOST 1 organized Webinars on RA 9262 or the “Anti-Violence against Women Act”, RA 11313 or the “Safe Spaces Act”, RA 7877 or the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act”, RA 9208 or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act”, and RA 9231 or the “Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act”.

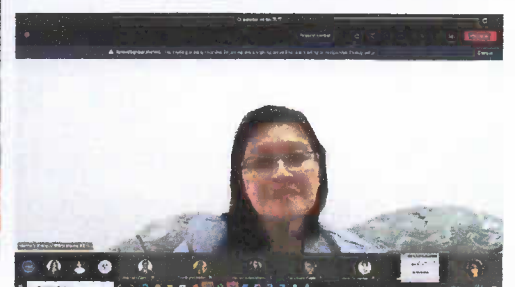
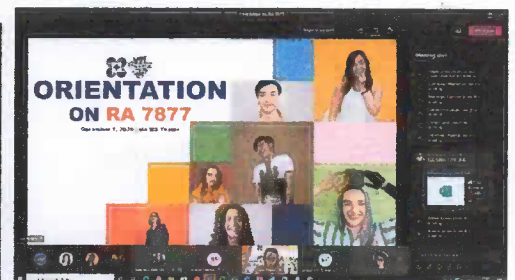
These activities aim to promote awareness of the forms of violence women, girls, as well as men, experiences; and to provide information on laws for their protection, and promote the strengthening of prevention and response system on VAW.

In addition, the GFPS also organized Prostate, Breast and Cervical Problems Awareness Webinar to ensure that all employees are provided with relevant information regarding reproductive diseases that may affect the performance of professional duties. As stated in RA 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women, sec. 17 “Women’s Rights to Health”, states that women in all sectors shall be provided with appropriate, timely, complete, and accurate information and education in the prevention and management of reproductive tract cancers like breast and cervical cancers, and other gynecological conditions and disorders.

In this time of the pandemic, women have had experienced different forms of VAW while locked down in their homes with the perpetrators, with tension rising from uncertainties in health, security, and economy creating a perfect storm. The implementation of varying community quarantine measures also hindered victims to seek help, report the abuse, and/or escape their perpetrators due to the suspension of public transportation, strict orders to stay home, and limited issuance of quarantine passes.



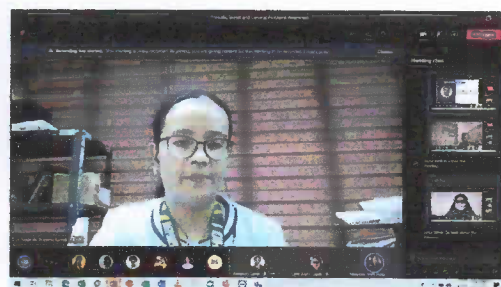
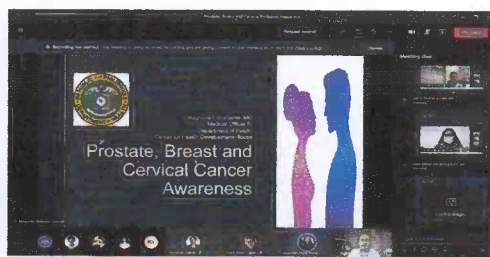
Orientation on RA 9262 and RA 11313 held last December 1, 2020, 1:30PM via MS Teams.



Orientation on RA 7877 held last December 7, 2020, 1:30PM via MS Teams.



Orientation on RA 9208 and RA 9231 held last December 11, 2020, 1:30PM via MS Teams.



Postate, Breast and Cervical Problems Awareness Webinar held last December 11, 2020, 1:30PM via MS Teams.