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DOST 1 conducts Executive Briefing on Gender and Development

The Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST 1) conducted an Executive Briefing on Gender and Development (GAD) for its GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) members on 03 September 2021 via Zoom platform.

The activity is intended to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the GFPS members on GAD and served as an orientation to GFPS members' duties and responsibilities in implementing gender-responsive projects, programs and activities (PPAs) in the region.

Dr. Dianna L. Ignacio, ^{DOST Assistant Secretary and} Officer-in-Charge in GAD and Regional Support Services (GRSS), stressed that, "Gender mainstreaming is a strategy espoused in the MCW which will enable agencies to improve the quality of PPAs' implementation, as well as more efficient allocation of resources. Let us not forget that the end goal of gender mainstreaming is gender equality and gender equity. Both are very essential in science and technology in development as recognized by the United Nations."

Ms. Maria Fe B. Singson, Supervising Science Research Specialist of DOST-GRSS, discussed the concept of development, overview of gender mainstreaming strategy, Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF), and DOST 1 2019 GMEF Assessment Result.

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"Gender issues are deterrents to development. Thus, it is important to address them in development planning through determining the practical and strategic needs borne out of a gender analysis so that appropriate interventions will impact and benefit women and men." Ms. Singson added.

Ms. Racquel M. Espiritu, Head of the GFPS-Technical Working Group and Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services, said ~~that~~ "We vow to do our part to exceed our GMEF score and we encourage everyone to take part in pursuing a gender-responsive DOST 1."

The activity was actively participated by 17 GFPS members, 9 female and 8 males.

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