

CWD HOLDS ANTI VAWC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS



Carcar Water District, thru its Gender and Development Focal Point System (CWD GAD-FPS) in cooperation with the Philippine National Police Region 7 and St. Catherine’s College, conducted an orientation and awareness campaign on Anti-Violence Against Women and Children, on December 2, 2022, at the Dominic’s Hall in St. Catherine’s College, Carcar City, Cebu.

In his opening message, CWD General Manager Engr. Edward L. Remo reiterates the support of the water district to the campaign on Anti-Violence Against Women, saying that the world will be a better place if men and women are given equal rights and opportunities and treated equally as individuals.

The event is one of the activities of the CWD GAD-FPS in support of the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women which started last November 25, 2022. The orientation and awareness campaign seek to educate women and children on their rights under the law and on how to exercise these rights when confronted with discrimination, harassment or whenever they are harmed or threatened to be harmed. Participants to the activity were ten different private schools and the City College in Carcar City namely: St. Catherine’s College, Mother Mary’s Children School, Carcar Academy Technical School Inc., Vans Private Technical School Inc., St. Teresa’s School of Valladolid, Sacred Heart College, Inc., Eastside Christian Academy, Datamex Institute of Computer Technology, St. Elijah Christian Institute of Technology Foundation, Inc. and Carcar City College.

PMSG Girlee N. Echaluca and PSSG Kristin Jean Q. Minion, resource speakers of the orientation, thoroughly discussed and elaborated on the provisions of Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, including discussions on the various forms of abuses, the Battered Women Syndrome, penalties and procedures on how and where to file cases under the said law.

“I was very happy to see that the students were very attentive to the lectures. The orientation was very interactive and participants were given opportunities to raise questions and concerns during the open forum”, said Ms. Josefa Manugas, Focal Person of the CWD GAD-FPS.

The activity concluded with a roleplaying wherein participants were able to showcase their acting skills by depicting different scenarios of violence taking place in school, at home and in the workplace. An Essay Writing Contest to be participated in by students of the different private schools will take place after the orientation. Ms. Manugas explained that the contest will gauge the level of learning and understanding of the participants on the lectures that they have listened to. Announcement of winners will be done during the culmination of the 18-Day Campaign on December 12, 2022.

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