

CWD CONDUCTS AWARENESS DRIVE ON ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CAMPAIGN

Carcar Water District, the biggest water provider in the City of Carcar, conducted an awareness campaign on Violence Against Women (VAWC) at the Carcar Central Elementary School on December 6, 2024. The activity was participated in by select CWD employees, members of the Gender and Development (GAD) committee from LGU - Carcar, DepEd personnel from various public schools, barangay officials and personnel, and representatives from the PNP Women's Desk. The campaign, facilitated by the CWD GAD-Focal Point System (GAD-FPS), was part of the annual observance of the 18-Day Campaign Against VAW spearheaded by the Philippine Commission on Women that runs from November 25 – December 12, 2024.

Ms. Tessadahl V. Campos, a Master Teacher from Carcar Central Elementary School, welcomed the participants with a heartwarming message. The campaign addressed VAWC as not just a major public health problem but also a grave violation of human rights highlighting the systemic gender inequities that target women and children.



Atty. Virginia Palanca-Santiago, President of Legal Alternatives for Women (LAW) Center Inc. has served as the distinguished keynote speaker, delivering an insightful presentation on pertinent laws and legal frameworks designed to raise awareness, promote women's rights, and empower them to exercise their full capabilities.

The seminar concluded with an interactive forum where participants had the opportunity to share real-life scenarios and pose questions on addressing VAWC-related complaints. Atty. Santiago encouraged the participants, particularly women experiencing discrimination, abuse, or unjust treatment, to seek assistance from legal authorities and organizations dedicated to promoting women's welfare and rights. She said that the campaign envisions a society free from all forms of violence against women and children. She added that achieving this goal requires collaborative efforts from all sectors, sustained advocacy, and adequate resources to support meaningful change.

As the campaign advocates:

**“VAW Bigyang-Wakas, Ngayon na ang Oras!”
No to Violence Against Women and Children
End VAW NOW!**

