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NEDA XI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDP-JMDI CONDUCTS TRAINING-WORKSHOP ON MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE



Participants of the Training-Workshop on Mainstreaming Migration and Development for Local Development Planning and Governance. Inset left: SCMD XI Chairperson Dir. Maria Lourdes D. Lim, giving her opening statement during the said training-workshop.

A Training-Workshop on Mainstreaming Migration and Development for Local Development Planning and Governance was conducted on April 20-21, 2017 at the Microtel Inn and Suites, Lanang, Davao City. This training is a technical assistance extended by the United Nations Development Programme-Joint Migration and Development Initiative (UNDP-JMDI) to Davao Region in support to its efforts on mainstreaming migration and development in development planning.

The two-day live in training workshop aimed to formulate key messages for inclusion in the local development plans, propose a framework for the appropriate M&D structure for LGUs in the Region, come up with a local action plan for M&D mainstreaming, as well as generate LGU data on migration in preparation for the Davao Regional Migration Situationer. The training-workshop was participated in by the officers and representatives of the Provincial and City Planning and Development Offices, PESO, Tourism Offices, Social Welfare Offices, and Investment and Promotion Offices.

Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migration and Development (SCMD) XI and Regional Director of NEDA XI, in her opening message, informed that the conduct of the training-workshop is timely, as the Region is in its final stage of formulating the Davao Regional Development Plan, 2017-2022. She hopes that the activity shall redound to complementing the existing protective policies and programs to address the perennial problems of migrant workers. Another vital action shall be the mainstreaming of M&D into the regional, provincial, city and municipal development plans and investment programs, which JMDI strongly advocates.

Ms. Lorna Mandin of the Gender and Development (GAD) Office of Davao City shared on the city's best practices on M&D initiative, particularly the Davao City ordinance on the establishment of an OFW Center. This ordinance includes organizational and operational requirements, including

human resource requirements. The participants have agreed to push for the replication of the said ordinance in their respective areas. Likewise, the training-workshop concluded with the following actionable points: a) establishment of local M&D bodies; b) profiling or preparation of local M&D situationers leading to Plan formulation/integration; c) LGUs to assist in the generation of M&D data for the completion of the Regional M&D situationer.

The Sub-Committee on Migration and Development (SCMD) XI, a sub-committee under the Social Development Committee (SDC) XI, shall revisit the policy on the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Php2.0 Billion reintegration fund for possible options on easy access of the fund by migrants. The SCMD XI shall likewise monitor the implementation of action plans prepared by the LGUs during the said activity. *(Marivic C. Natividad)*

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