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Department of Justice
Manila

MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : The Prosecutor General
All Regional Prosecutors
The Director IV, Planning and Management Service (PMS)
Chief, Evaluation and Statistics Division (ESD)

SUBJECT : PRIORITY IN THE RESOLUTION OF ALL CASES INVOLVING
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND CHILD'S RIGHTS
OFFENSES

DATE : NOV 11 2022

The *National Children's Month*, celebrated annually in November pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10661, the *National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)*, observed on November 25 every year pursuant to RA No. 10398, and the *18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)*, observed annually from November 25 to December 12 as mandated by Proclamation No. 1172 s. 2006, are three (3) major occasions that attest to the government's commitment in protecting the rights of women and children. The goal of these national campaigns/celebrations is not only to raise public awareness on the rights of women and children, but also to reaffirm and strengthen the Department's commitment in ensuring access to justice for victims of gender-based violence (GBV), and child victims of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and discrimination.

In order to have an effective and efficient dispensation of justice, you are hereby enjoined to **expedite the resolution of all pending cases involving GBV and child's rights offenses, targeting at least a 30% reduction of said pending cases in your respective offices.** Please submit your compliance thereto to the Evaluation and Statistics Division (ESD), Planning and Management Service, this Department **on or before 15 December 2022.**

Likewise, you are directed to submit a **report** concerning the pending GBV and child's rights offenses cases with your offices, particularly identifying the following:

1. The number of preliminary investigations and inquests conducted, pending and/or resolved involving GBV and child's rights offenses cases in the FY 2020, FY 2021 and Quarters 1, 2 and 3 of FY 2022, including rates of disposition and aging; and
2. The number of criminal informations filed in court involving GBV and child's rights offenses cases in FY 2020, FY 2021 and Quarters 1, 2 and 3 of FY 2022, whether resulting from preliminary investigations or inquests,


including the rates of disposition, aging, as well as successful prosecution and dismissal, regardless of cause.

Please submit the report on the data enumerated above to the ESD **on or before 23 December 2022.**

The ESD is directed to consolidate the reports regarding the pending GBV and child's rights cases and submit the same to the Office of Undersecretary Raul T. Vasquez, furnishing copies to the Offices of Assistant Secretaries Majken Anika S. Gran-Ong and Randolph A. Pascasio **on or before 15 January 2023.**

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Justice:



JOSE R. CADIZ, JR.
Undersecretary

Officer-in-Charge, Department of Justice

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All concerned.