



CFWP submits proposal to British Embassy

by Vladimir Hernandez

MANILA, 26 January ---The Child and Family Welfare Programme (CFWP) started the new year with great enthusiasm reflected through a funding proposal submitted to the British Embassy. The proposal entitled “*Enhancing the Psychosocial Intervention Capacities of Those Who Provide Care for Exploited and Abused Children*” was submitted promptly by the CFW team under the leadership of Mrs. Erlinda Cordero, CFSI Director for Child and Family Welfare and Ms. Ofelia Mendoza, CFW Programme Officer.

The project aims to enhance the capacities of professional social workers and community-based leaders in providing psychosocial services to children in need of special protection (CNSP). It also seeks to create a pool of trainers among frontline care providers who are equipped with the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to provide training to other care

providers of CNSP.

The direct beneficiaries of the project are frontline care providers of CNSP, the vast majority of whom are women and mothers. This includes professional social workers of the Manila Department of Social Welfare (MDSW), and community-based volunteers that include barangay officials, women leaders, recognized indigenous leaders, community health workers, local police, and others who are involved in CNSP cases.

“to enhance capacities of service providers of children in need of special protection”

Recognizing the differences in the backgrounds of participants, the project will promote and facilitate the

development of a multi-sectoral/ team approach in the management of CNSP. Teamwork will be fostered through an integrated training program that is responsive to the assessed needs of the participants.

The response from the British Embassy is expected in April/ May 2002.



CFSI Mindanao delivers La Trobe gifts to internally displaced children

COTABATO, 26 January --- The children of Sitio Tabulon in Carmen, Cotabato were filled with joy and excitement when the Cotabato Operations Center of CFSI delivered toys to their play center. The toys were donated by Ms. Katherine Matthews

and La Trobe University for the displaced children in Mindanao. The children, as a sign of gratitude, wrote a thank you letter, in their native language, to Ms. Matthews and La Trobe University telling them how useful the toys will be for their play center.

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World Bank approves CFSI-NDU and CFSI-MSU Contracts

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Manila, 11 February ---The World Bank, thru Task Manager Mary Judd approved the sub-contracts for the CFSI-Notre Dame University (NDU) and CFSI-Mindanao State University (MSU) partnerships. The sub-contracts are part of the CFSI-World Bank project "*Promoting the Transition from Conflict to Peace and Development*" and considered as one of the major activities of the project. The Mindanao-based universities/research institutions are subcontracted by CFSI to support and document a collaborative research process that utilizes participatory research methods. The project partners will draw on their combined knowledge and experience and a broad range of established best practices. The general objective of the partnership is to contribute to the existing knowledge base by developing and testing models

that will inform approaches to the transition from conflict to peace. This effort will draw on existing models and best practices, including those already considered and/or applied in Mindanao. It will incorporate gender analysis and be supported by participatory action research on the part of the affected population at every stage of project implementation.

The sub-contracts underwent rigorous development and were a collaborative effort among ED Steven Muncy, Director for Humanitarian Affairs Luis Ongsiapco, Senior Research Officer Donna Doane, Project Coordinator Celia Santos, MSU, and NDU. After several delays due to some technical difficulties, CFSI and its partners finally satisfied World Bank's requirements and, consequently, got the approval for the sub-contracts.

EA Vlad Hernandez formally turnovers report to barangay captain Rodrigo Ragos, Barangay Paragos, Bayambang, Pangasinan



CFSI turnovers report to Barangay Council in Bayambang, Pangasinan

Pangasinan, 8 February --- CFSI Logistics Officer Sammy Punzalan, Executive Assistant Vlad Hernandez, and Researcher Mila Batalao treaded the dusty and bumpy road to Barangay Paragos in Bayambang, Pangasinan to formally turnover the English and Tagalog versions of the report "*Experience of Poor Communities Recently Exposed to Disaster*" to members of the Barangay Council. The report is the final output of the WHO-funded Disaster Research Project carried out in the last quarter of 2001.

The formal turnover took place in the barangay Day Care Center where the CFSI Team formally presented the conclusions and recommendations to the Barangay Council for their appropriate action. These were received positively and acknowledged by Barangay Captain Rodrigo Ragos on behalf of his constituents.

Along the side, CFSI also turned over old toys to the barangay Day Care Center. The toys are donations for the children of Bayambang coursed through CFSI.



Estela Ragos, Day Care Center teacher, and the children with the toys donated by CFSI.

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Ms. Ines Danao, UNV/ Viet Nam Project Coordinator, submits proposal for the extension of the UNV project in Viet Nam.

CFSI serves as consultant/facilitator in one of the activities of the project "Psychosocial and Legal Assistance for Sexually Abused Children (PLASAC)". The activity was a four-day training on multi-disciplinary case management of sexually abused children conducted in Antipolo last 27-30 September 2001.

CFSI conducts training for Overseas Workers' Welfare Association (OWWA) officers and

frontline staff on "Basic Counselling and Stress Management". The training was conducted last 10-13 December 2001.

CFSI-HX organizes first Operations Team Meeting to beef up administrative and operational efficiency. Staff members agree to gear up for information technology by harnessing the power of available software such as Microsoft Outlook in their day-to-day operations.

ED Steven Muncy flies to Davao City, 10-12 February, at the request of the Office of the President to participate in a meeting of the Interagency Steering Group (IASG) on the proposed five-year Mindanao Social Fund.

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