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MEMORANDUM

TO: **CID & SGOD Chiefs**

> **Division Education Supervisors & Division Coordinators Education Program Specialists District Supervisors/ District In-Charge All Elementary & Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned**

SUBJECT: "World Children's Prize and iFight Against Trafficking Campaign"

- 1. Enclosed is a letter coming from Mr. Romualdo L. Señeris II, Regional Coordinator of the Visayan Forum Foundation Inc. (VFFI), requesting for a school to school campaign on World Children's Prize & iFight Against Trafficking.
- 2. In consonance with this, this office grants such request for information & dissemination provided that no classes will be disrupted as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 series of 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
- 3. Requesting party is hereby requested to coordinate with the School Heads & Division Supervisors for possible accommodation and arrangement of schedules.
- 4. For more information, please refer to the attached communication
- 5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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March 5, 2018

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, CESO VI

DepEd 7, Assistant Regional Director Concurrent Schools Division Superintendent Division of Negros Oriental Department of Education

Dear Sir,

Greetings!

Foremost, I wish to convey my sincere gratitude to the Department of Education, Division of Negros Oriental, especially to the schools that participated in the World's Children's Prize (WCP) Global Vote 2016-17 and iFight Against Human Trafficking Advocacy 2016-17.

The **Visayan Forum Foundation, Inc.** has been engaged in campaign for the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child since 2011 back-to-back with our Anti-Child Trafficking Advocacy.

Since the year 2000, the WCPProgram, also known as the "Children's Nobel Prize", had educated and empowered over 38 million children. It is the world's largest annual educational initiative for equality, the rights of the child and democracy.

Each year three outstanding child rights activists are nominated for the World's Children's Prize. Their stories, and the stories of children they fight for, are shared with children in schools worldwide. The students also learn about and discuss child rights and democracy. It was in 2011 that Ma. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda, Founder and President of Visayan Forum Foundation was nominated.

The nominees for this year 2018are: Gabriel Mejía Montoya for his efforts over the course of more than 30 years to support Colombia's street children, child soldiers and children in prison; Rachel Lloyd for her 20-year fight against commercial sexual exploitation, CSEC, and domestic trafficking of girls and young women in the US.; and ValeriuNicolae for his tireless struggle to protect the poorest and most vulnerable children in Romania's Ferentari ghetto.

A total of **44 schools** under the DepEdDivision of Negros Oriental have participated in the 2016-17 Global Vote and a total of**24,049 students** with **11,195 girls** and **637 teachers** involved. The schools that participated had received copies of 2016-17Globe Magazines from the World's Children's Prize Foundation based in Sweden. And two (2) students from your division were quoted by the World Children's Prize 2017/18 Globe Magazine (page 41) as they took part of our WCP and iFight Against Trafficking Advocacy campaign last SY 2016-17.

In relation hereto, we cordially requests endorsement from your office to allow our organization to conduct the World Children's Prize and iFight Against Trafficking campaign in schools under your Division. We may not cover all the schools under the division but we hope to at least triple the number of participating schools last school year. And we will prioritize schools outside Metro Dumaguete Area.

For more information please feel free to contact Marlene Z. Pepino @ 09063506959 or email: dondee.seneris@visayanforum.org.

Respectfully,

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WCP Candidates2017-2018



GABRIEL ANTONIO MEJÍA MONTOYA, Father Gabriel, has been nominated for the World's Children's Prize for his more than 30-year struggle for Colombia's vulnerable children – street children, child soldiers and children sentenced to prison. When, at the age of 37, Gabriel saw the street children living outside his home he founded the Hogares Claret foundation and its first centre for street children. Today, the foundation runs 52 children's centres. They care for 4,000 children and young people who have lived as street children or child soldiers, as well as children serving their sentences in the foundation's detention centres for young people.

RACHEL LLOYD has been nominated for the World's Children's Prize for her work spanning over 20 years to tackle domestic trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in the US.Rachel is a survivor of mental and physical abuse during her childhood in the United Kingdom, and was exploited in the sex industry as a teenager in Germany. At the age of 22, Rachel moved to the USA and founded GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services) at her kitchen table with just 30 dollars and a borrowed computer.

Every year, 400 girls and young women receive direct services from Rachel and GEMS. Some 1,500 girls are reached via preventive programs, and over 1,300 professionals including social workers and police officers receive training about CSEC and girls' rights.





VALERIU NICOLAE has been nominated for the World's Children's Prize because of his tireless struggle for the very poorest and most vulnerable children in Romania and throughout Europe. He started a club for children in the ghetto, hardly any children were attending school there. The Alternative Education Club became the focus of efforts that helped change the lives of some of Europe's poorest children.

Today, hundreds of children get help every year through Valeriu, his friends and network to cope with school, learn about their rights and get support to develop and live a good life. The poorest children are given shoes, clothes and sometimes food.

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Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child.





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WCP program gave me courage

"In four years of being a part of the WCP program, it helped me to stand up for my rights and also the rights of other children. I've been a victim of most sorts of violence done by my dad. At first I was scared because due to the fact that he is my father and as what God said "Honour thy mother and father" I didn't do anything. But as the years went by I was being rational and thought that it isn't right. I was able to stand up for my right and my father was given punishment. This courage of mine was because of the WCP program. I may broadcast both wisdom of the rights and what the children can do. Thus I have a greater impact towards society and can make a change, all because of the WCP program."

Henry, 17, Negros Oriental High School

Every child should use The Globe

"I initiated the WCP Club at our school. I've been able to teach the different rights of children. It makes a difference in my life.

We can find amazing and touching, true-to-life stories of all the rights of children in The Globe. Reading this magazine touches our hearts. It makes us travel around the world and meet children's different lives. I can see children not going to school but working as farmers or fishermen here in our community. We must know that every child needs to go to school. The WCP program empowers every child to stand for what is right. I want to be a teacher and I'll make sure that every child will go to school and use The Globe. I will teach them the rights of the child."

Francis, 16, JoseMarie Locsin Memorial High School