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Strengthening the Child's Protection Program in the Philippines

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ABSTRACT

The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic greatly affects not only the economy but also the society because the majority of the Filipino were unemployed which makes their lives and situations more devastated. There are many reports in the Philippines that violence on child at home – predominantly those children already living in vicious or dysfunctional family situations, (Ramirez, 2020). It was also reported that during the lockdown period in March 2020, The Philippine justice agencies and child protection shareholders rescued at least 136 victims, seized 30 suspects, and found 18 convictions. The Local Government Unit with the collaborations of the Barangay must strengthen the child protection program amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic this is to reduce child victims from violence to achieve the 17 sustainability and development of the United Nations.

Keywords: *Child Protection, Violence, Sustainability, Development, United Nations*

Introduction

The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic greatly affects not only the economy but also the society because the majority of the Filipino were unemployed which makes their lives and situations more devastated. Policy recommendations to strengthening the relationships between communities and barangays to expand early intervention activities and develop the capacity of community-based child protection programs, (Roche & Flynn, 2021). Also, there are children that were conveyed violence at household during the lockdown period. This is in the form physical and domestic violence. The study was based on the conduct

survey from the abused children aged between 11-17 years old in neighbouring countries which includes the Philippines, (Violence against Children at Home Spiked during Pandemic – Save the Children Research Reveals, n.d.). During the lockdown period All the family in other countries suffered from economic and societal changes during this pandemic period and added up to a potential tinderbox for child abuse and neglect and health-care professionals need to be as vigilant as possible, (Teo & Griffiths, 2020b). It was also reported that during the lockdown period in March 2020, The Philippine justice agencies and child protection shareholders rescued at least 136

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Statement of the Problem

The main purpose of this study was to strengthen the Child's Protection Program in the Philippines. Specifically, this study sought answer to the following questions:

1. Do they Organize and convene the Child Protection Committee for the Barangay
2. Do they Conduct disciplinary proceedings in cases of offenses committed by violators
3. Do they Conduct appropriate training and enhancement-building activities on child

protection measures and protocols in case violations occurs.

Methodology

The researcher conducted a research survey using an online google platform and a stratified random sample to gather the information needed. This method of sampling involves the separation of a residents into smaller groups known as strata, (Reading Into Stratified Random Sampling, 2021). There are 26 respondents who participated in the online survey question coming from the areas of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao using a graphical chart. After the data was gathered it was interpreted using the graphical chart presentation using Yes or No scale questions, this is to find out if the community strengthen the implementation of Child Protection Program.

Results and Discussion

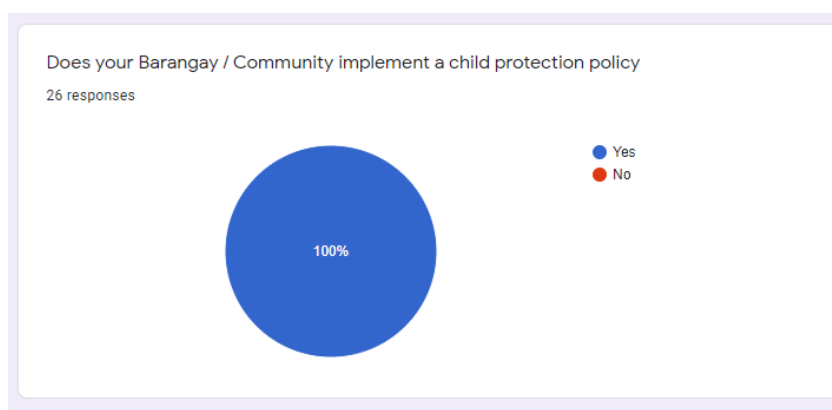


Figure 1. Shows that majority of the respondents say that their Barangay are implementing the child protection policy

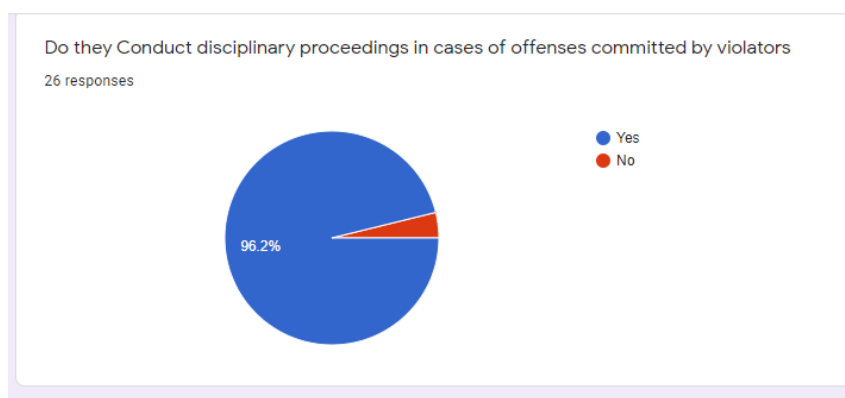


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26 responses

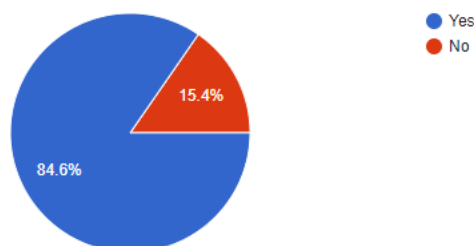


Figure 3. Shows that majority of the respondents say that their Barangay are conducting appropriate training and enhancement-building activities on child protection measures and protocols in case violations occurs

Conclusions

In conclusions, in strengthening the Child Protection Program in the barangay, it is important the Officials will implement it strictly in getting rid of violence against children and to achieve a peaceful community towards the Sustainability, Development, and Goals of the United Nations.

Recommendations

It is also important that barangay officials and residents per barangay should cooperate to achieved zero cases of violence against children by strengthening the existing policy and possible if they would be to have a program or orientation for parents about children's protection program as part of the continuous awareness specially in this time of pandemic.

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