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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
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## **The Bureau of Labor Relations highlights its celebration of the 2022 National Women's Month with #BLRGAD to know and #BLRGADCares**

The Bureau of Labor Relations, observed the 2022 National Women's Month with the theme "We Make Change work for Women", which highlights the empowerment of women as harbingers of change that is anchored on "malasakit and pagbabago" by organizing series of organization and client-focused activities for this celebration.

As kick-off activity, the BLR displayed the 2022 National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) campaign banner in its website with the theme: "WE make change work for women". The BLR staff observed the purple Tuesdays where all its employees wore purple tops on all the Tuesdays of the month of March. The staff also joined the DOLE-wide and other inter-agency activities hosted by other government offices.

On March 17, 2022, the BLR has an outreach activity tagged as **#BLRGADCares** aimed at extending support to the elderly, the sick, orphans, persons deprived of liberty and to women and children in need of special care and assistance especially during these trying times.

This year, **#BLRGADCares** focuses on health consciousness, thus, it donated boxes of assorted medicines to St. Rita Motherhouse in Plaza del Carmen, Quiapo Manila for the benefit of sick Sisters in Tahanan Talangpaz and the community it serves. The donated medicines were received by Mo. General Lucena Antipala, AR and Generalate infirmarian Merriam Capellan, AR together with the other Agustian Recollect sisters. Mo. Gen. Antipala expressed her gratitude to the BLR for the donation. In like manner, the BLR personnel apprised the A.R. Sisters with the program and services of the DOLE- BLR and how its services may be availed of. After the short information sharing, Mo.Gen. Antipala further expressed her appreciation for the BLR's gesture of care for the elderly and those in need of special assistance. She said, *"mabuti, meron din pala kayo ganitong activity"*. And Sr. Merriam Capellan concluded the short meeting by expressing her gratitude to DOLE as she recalled that some of their teachers in St. Rita were able to benefit the assistance of DOLE through TUPAD during the lockdown due to pandemic.

On March 25, 2022, the BLR through its resource speakers Ms. Christine del Rosario Bata and Ms. Vina Vidal Vicente conducted a "Make a Choice Workshop" to all BLR employees and was joined by employees from other DOLE offices. The workshop endeavored to empower and inspire people to take charge of their own lives through the decisions they make. Ms. Vicente is a Learning Experience Designer and Facilitator and a renowned author of the book "Make a Choice". She is an Independent Program Designer and Facilitator and Communications Director, Global In-house Center Council; (GICC) Philippines, Inc. While Ms. Bata is a Career Executive and Corporate Coach. And both speakers are Co-Founders of B&V People and Business Co.

On the same day, the BLR staff together with Dir. Maria Consuelo S. Bacay conducted another outreach activity (**#BLRGADCares**) within the selected barangays in Intramuros where they distributed 110 food packs to the less fortunate children, girls, elderly, street dweller, some PWDs and scavengers. This community feeding activity was done to commemorate also the "Girl Child Week and the Women with Disability Day" in

which both events are celebrated within the Women's month under Proclamation No.759, s. of 1996.

On March 29, 2022, the Bureau organized a **#BLRGAD to know**, a Virtual Livelihood Seminar for various Workers Organizations operating in more than one region (WA in more than 1). This activity seeks to promote *Inclusive* Economic Empowerment of Women from the different WA in more than 1 and to recognize the roles of women in the informal economy. This virtual seminar focuses on "Livelihood Formation" and "How to avail the DOLE livelihood services" which specifically aims to capacitate women from the different workers association to engage in self-employment, enhance their existing livelihood and to augment their income.

During the seminar, the resource speaker, Ms. Aurora Halcon of DOLE-NCR explained exhaustively on how the DOLE livelihood programs may be availed of and the requirements of the same. In her discussions she emphasized that all sectors can avail the livelihood as long as the applicant/s comply the requirements.

The said livelihood seminar was participated in by 33 *men and women* members and officers from *Filipino Nurses United (FNU), United Domestic Workers of the Philippines, United Caregivers of the Philippines, Women of Worth Organization, FeD-World-Unity, Kasama sa Buhay at Yaman Workers Association (Kasambuhay WA), United Health Workers Association of the Philippines (UHWAP), SIKAP-TWGO, National Alliance of Teachers and Office Workers (NATOW), The General Brach (TIGIB) Worker Association and Up-skills Foundation Inc.* The activity was also joined by 35 BLR men and women employees to raise their awareness on how the DOLE livelihood programs and services have given impact to the lives of its clientele.

The above-mentioned activities were implemented by the Bureau in accordance with the Department's Gender and Development (GAD) activities denominated in DOLE GAD Plan and Budget as "*Client- focused*" and "*Organization-focused*" activities.

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