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Defense personnel joins training to help women in conflict areas

Department of National Defense (DND) officials and personnel recently attended a training course for resource persons who could help women in conflict and post-conflict situations.

The DND National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) Focal Point System joined the Training of Trainers for the Implementation of the NAPWPS 2017-2022 in Tagaytay City, Batangas on July 31 - August 3, 2017, organized by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

Dir. Peter Paul Reuben G. Galvez, CESO III, Director of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs, led the DND delegation in the training course which is designed to capacitate the Department's pool of trainers to serve as resource persons and provide technical assistance on NAPWPS implementation.

According to Dir. Galvez, the NAPWPS 2017-2022 is the Third Generation NAP which serves as a policy guide to address the concerns of women affected by conflicts. It outlines the 16 Action Points and 50 indicators under its four support pillars, namely, empowerment and participation; protection and prevention; promotion and mainstreaming; and, monitoring and evaluation.

"This is very important for our Defense personnel to learn as we start the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City under Task Force Bangon Marawi headed by Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana," Dir. Galvez said. "There is a need for our *One Defense Team* to be more sensitive to the needs of vulnerable groups, including women and children."

The DND formed its own Focal Point System which is responsible for the implementation of DND NAPWPS Programs, Activities and Projects or PAPs. The DND delegation was able to present the Department's Action Plan during the said trainer's training which provides the next steps such as advocacy campaign and DND NAPWPS policy review and/or formulation.

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