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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2018-15

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF ARMM, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, ARMM DILG REGIONAL SECRETARY, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 2018 OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

The **Presidential Proclamation No. 731 series of 1996** declares the 2nd week of February of every year as the "**National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation**" or also known as "**Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW)**".

This years' observance will be on **February 11-17, 2018** with the theme "**WE ARE THE SOLUTION!**" The theme engages every individual to create change in their communities and make a meaningful impact in addressing sexual violence.

In this regard, all local government units are enjoined to support the observance of CSAAW by conducting activities, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Hanging of advocacy streamers in strategic places;
2. Orientation on preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
3. CSAAW forum.

Template for streamers and tarpaulins can be downloaded through this link [:bit.ly/CSAAW2018](http://bit.ly/CSAAW2018).

For other related information, you may contact the National Barangay Operations Office at Telephone No. (02)-925-0328 or via email address at nboocdd@gmail.com

All DILG Regional Directors and ARMM DILG Regional Secretary are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this circular to all local government units within their respective jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Officer-in-charge, DILG



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WE ARE THE SOLUTION!

Set firm rules on the use of gadgets.
- Lola

I will report child abuse.
- Youth

Be a role model.
- Parent

I will be child and gender sensitive.
- Lawyer

I will not patronize child porn.
- Concerned Citizen

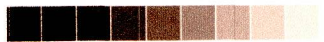
I will report child abuse.
- Barangay Chair

I shall provide child centered services.
- Social Worker

I will promptly investigate child abuse cases.
- Law Enforcer

National Awareness Week for the PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

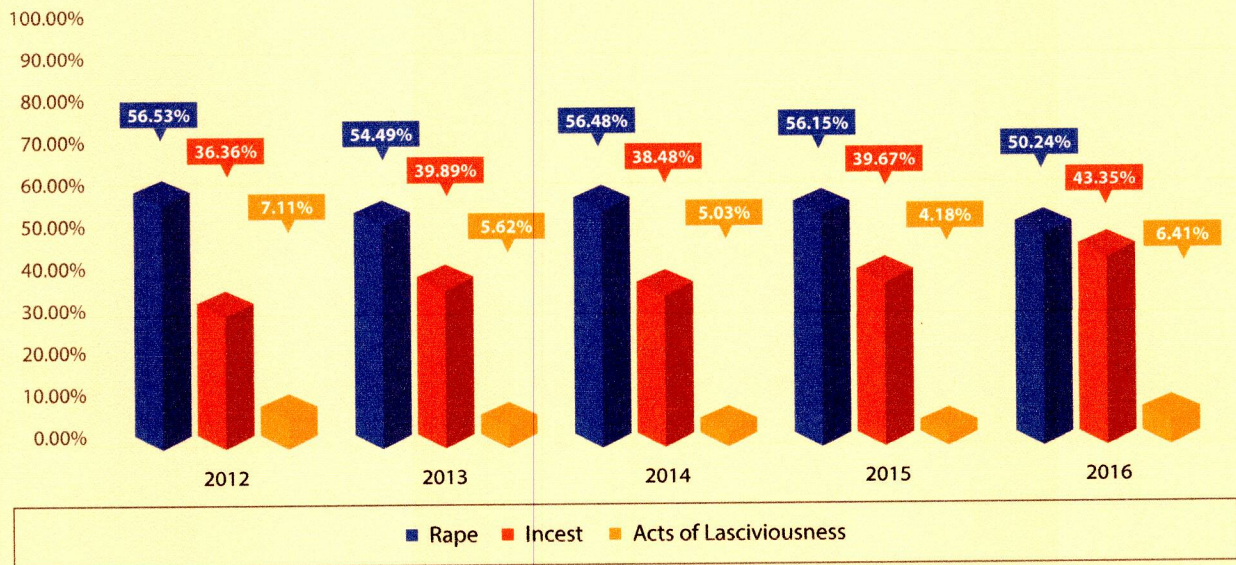
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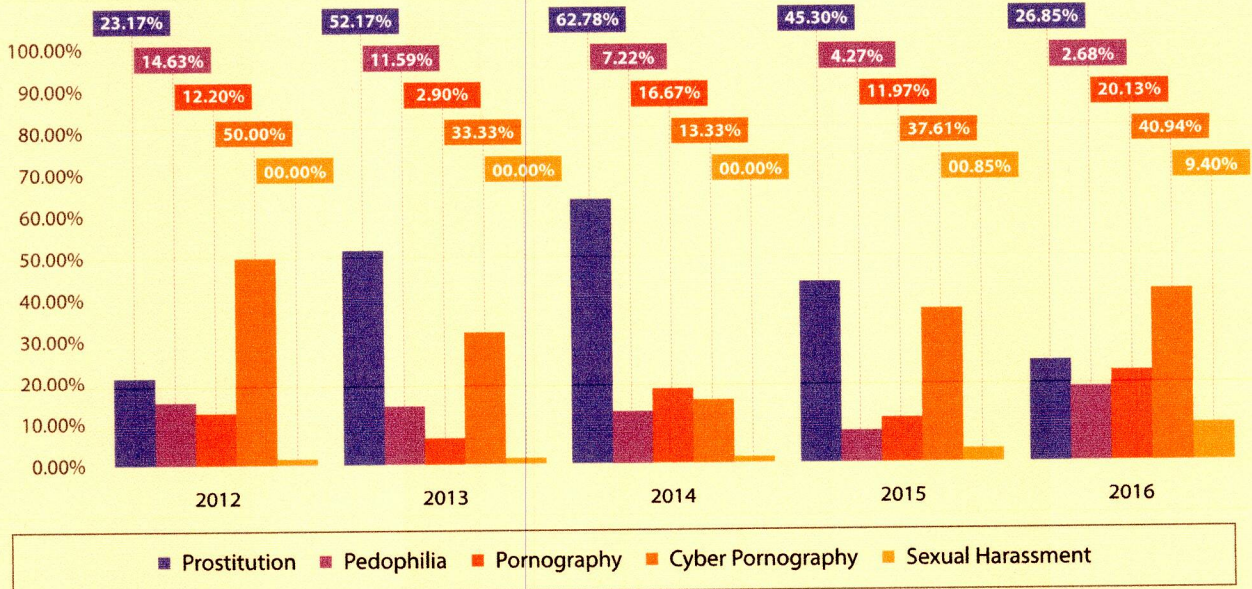
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION SITUATIONER



1. Types of Sexually Abused Reported Cases Served in the Philippines from 2012 to 2016

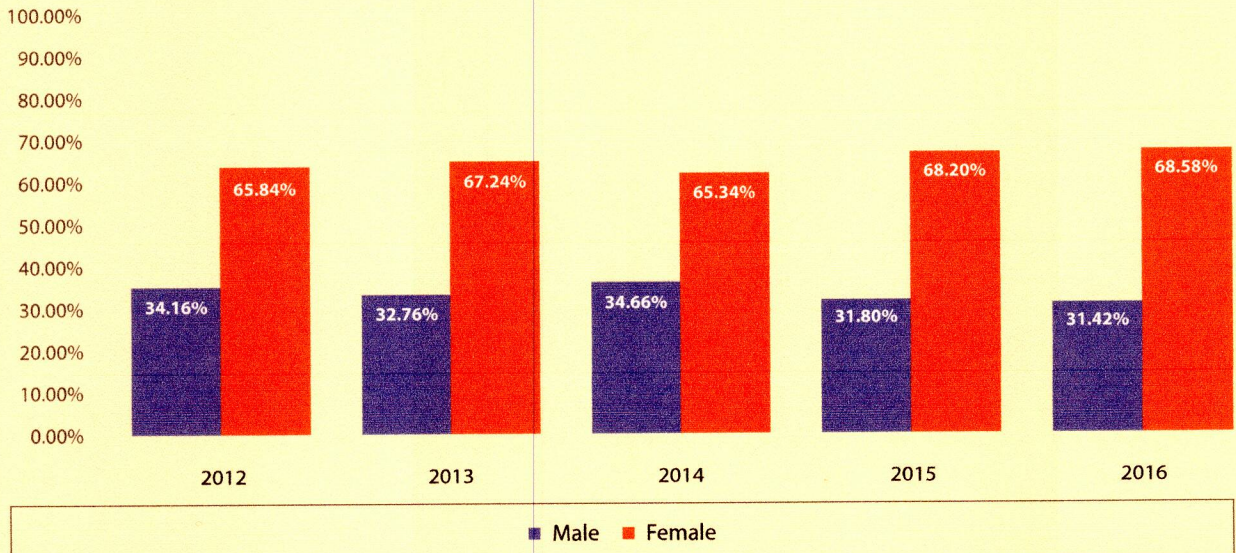


2. Types of Sexually-Exploited Reported Cases Served in the Philippines from 2012 to 2016



Source: DSWD-Policy Development and Planning Bureau, Number of Child Abuse Cases Served by Region, Program/Project/Service, Sex, and Age, 2012 to 2016.

3. Comparison of Male and Female Reported Cases Served



Source: DSWD-Policy Development and Planning Bureau, Number of Child Abuse Cases Served by Region, Program/Project/Service, Sex, and Age, 2012 to 2016.

Data from recent researches



1 in 5 (17.1%) children experienced some form of sexual violence in childhood.



19.5%



14.5%

Males were significantly more likely than females experience sexual violence at home and in school.¹

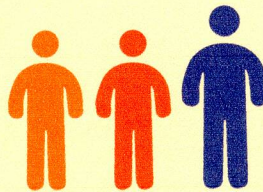


11.7%



13.7%

Sexual violence against children most often happen at home and during dating.² Lack of supervision, single headed households and absent parents increase the risks for sexual violence against children in the home.³



Brothers and cousins are commonly perpetrators of sexual violence in the home. Among male victims, frequently cited perpetrators are cousins, fathers and brothers. While neighbor was identified as the most common perpetrator in the community.⁴



2 in 5 (43.8%) children have experiences cyberviolence, either through the internet or cellphone.⁵ Risky online behavior and lack of supervision when using the internet exposes children to online sexual solicitation and grooming.⁶

¹ National Baseline Study on Violence Against Children (NBS-VAC), 2015.

² Ibid.

³ Systematic Literature Review of the Drivers Violence Affecting Children in the Philippines (SLR), 2016.

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