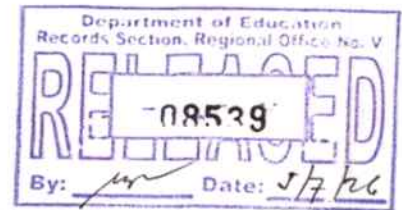




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Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL



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DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY CHR-V-2026-001

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD and CID
Division Legal Officers
Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Human Rights Advisory CHR-V-2026-001, entitled "*Advisory on the Requirement of Prompt Reporting and Confidential Case Handling to Prevent Revictimization in Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Cases*," this Office hereby disseminates the said Advisory pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11930, otherwise known as the Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act, including its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Said Advisory reiterates and reinforces the obligations of all concerned duty-bearers to ensure the prompt reporting of cases, the maintenance of strict confidentiality, and the undertaking of coordinated and appropriate actions in the handling of incidents involving online sexual abuse and exploitation, in order to prevent revictimization and to uphold the best interests of the child.

2. All concerned offices and personnel are hereby directed to immediately disseminate and ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum.




Republic of the Philippines
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Region V
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON

May 13, 2026

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, SGOD and CID
Public Schools District Supervisors and OIC- PSDSs
School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary
All Others Concerned

For information, guidance and compliance.


JOSE L. DONCILLO, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



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CHR-V-2026-001

**ADVISORY ON THE REQUIREMENT OF PROMPT REPORTING AND
CONFIDENTIAL CASE HANDLING TO PREVENT REVICTIMIZATION IN
ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION CASES**

The State recognizes youth's vital role in nation-building and commits to protect their well-being. Republic Act No. 11930 provides special safeguards for children against sexual violence, abuse, and exploitation, especially those involving information and communications technology. It imposes sanctions, and implements prevention, deterrence, and intervention programs for online abuse, including production, distribution, or possession of child sexual abuse or exploitation materials.

Videos depicting acts of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child as a sexual object constitutes child sexual abuse or exploitation material (CSAEM) or child sexual abuse material (CSAM) under Republic Act No. 11930, or the Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act. The law explicitly prohibits advertising, publishing, printing, broadcasting, or distributing, or causing the advertisement, publication, printing, broadcasting, or distribution by any means of any brochure, flyer, or other material that promotes OSAEC or child sexual abuse or exploitation; possessing any form of CSAEM: Provided, that possession of three (3) or more CSAEMs is prima facie evidence of the intent to sell, distribute, publish, or broadcast; and willfully accessing any form of CSAEM.

In consonance with the foregoing, the Commission on Human Rights Region 5 received a report involving a minor student in which a video depicting sexual abuse committed against her was publicized. It was further alleged that other minor students from an educational institution were involved in the dissemination of the explicit material. Thus, the public and concerned duty bearers are advised to implement the mandates of Republic Act No. 11930 to protect children's rights and prevent the commission of human rights violations. Some provisions of the law's Implementing Rules and Regulations are emphasized below:

1. **Duty to Report.** - Any person who has direct knowledge of any form of the unlawful or prohibited acts defined under the Act shall immediately report the incident, either orally, in writing, or through other means, to the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) or the concerned barangay authorities, the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO), the nearest police or other law enforcement agencies (LEAs), the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC), the School Child Protection Committee, the Regional Inter-Agency Committee Against Trafficking in Persons and Violence Against Women and their Children (RCAT-VAWC), the Local Committee Against Trafficking in Persons and Violence Against Women and Children



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(LCAT-VAWC), any member agency of the National Coordination Center against OSAEC and CSAEM, local anti-OSAEC and anti-CSAEM committees, or any member agency of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT). (Section 5);

2. **Receipt of a Report.** - The person who receives the report shall act on it according to his/her mandate or that the agency or unit he/she represents within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of the report. If the case requires urgent action, it should be immediately referred to the appropriate agency. Agencies that receive complaints of violations of the Act shall develop both online and face-to-face reporting mechanisms that are child-sensitive, gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, culture-sensitive, victim-centered, trauma-informed and safe to children. (Section 6);
3. **Action on the reported OSAEC or CSAEM incident by barangay authorities and LSWDO.** - The BCPC or the concerned barangay authorities, or the LSWDO to whom a report of a suspected or alleged OSAEC or CSAEM incident is made shall immediately get the pertinent details of the incident from the person who made the report. Such report and any available information obtained from the reported shall be entered in a separate logbook or blotter of the barangay. The BCPC or the concerned barangay authorities, or the LSWDO shall accompany the informant or refer the case to the nearest police station. (Section 7); and
4. **Confidentiality.** - The right to privacy of the child shall be ensured at any stage of the investigation, prosecution, and trial of an offense under the Act. (Section 68).

Abuse or exploitation perpetrated through information and communication technologies (ICT) such as the non-consensual sharing of images and videos depicting the sexual abuse, inflicts profound trauma on victims. Unlike traditional forms of harm, ICT violations enable content to spread instantaneously to vast audiences via social media and apps, often within minutes. This transforms a private violation into a permanent public spectacle, deepening the victim's wounds through revictimization. For this reason, the law emphasizes immediate reporting and confidential handling of cases, urging the public and duty bearers to act swiftly.

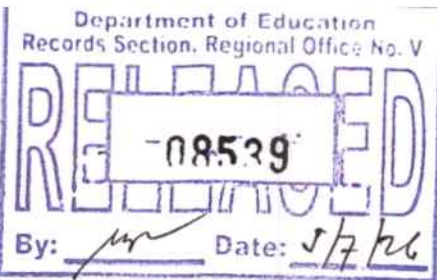
By the issuance of this Advisory, the CHR 5 commits to building a more humane society that aims to reduce the incidence of violence and foster a culture valuing the dignity of vulnerable groups, including children.

February 11, 2026, Legazpi City, Philippines.


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Regional Human Rights Director



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