

**STOP  
CHILD  
RAPE**



## **Cases of child rape in Cagayan de Oro rising**

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CASES of children raped in Cagayan de Oro City have soared since 2010 until October last year with 25 cases that surged to 85 in 2014 and 60 cases recorded from January to October 2015.

The Cagayan de Oro City Police's Women and Children Protection Desk (Cocpo-WCPD) disclosed the figures of children being raped during Tuesday's Child Rape Workshop Awareness spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) at Lourdes College.

In a consolidated report filed by the WCPD, there were 25 children who were raped in 2010, lower by one case in 2011 at 24, however in 2012 the child rape cases rose to 36 and continued to increase in 2013 where 47 children were reported raped and the cases noticeably increased in 2014 with 85 child rape cases.

The data also showed that Barangay Carmen registered the highest number with 19 cases in a year alone.

It is also in this period when incestuous rape, children raped by members of the family or relatives, significantly increased.

From January to October of 2015, Cocpo said there were already 60 reported cases of child rape in the city, still not counting October onwards.

"Undeniably, nag-increase gayud ang atong child rape cases sa atong syudad. We have to do something about it, bisan isa lang ka kaso sa rape dili dapat nato i-disregard kay mga bata baya ni," Social Welfare Officer Threjann Ace Noli said.

In a move to lessen the reported cases, Noli said the CSWD will hold a Child Protection Summit to gather the stakeholders and respond to this rising cases of child rape.

Noli said the Child Protection summit will identify the state of child violence in the city and will not only limit to child rape but to also tackle other abuse issues involving children.

The workshop conducted on Tuesday was aimed at identifying the issues at the grassroots level why child rape victims have been increasing.

"We have the data naman gud from concerned agencies but what it lacks is the question why, unsa diay issue nga ga-exist sa grassroots level and with that, mangayo pud mi ug commitment sa mga stakeholdres na gi-invite," Noli explained.

Noili however emphasized that the big turnout of cases shows two sides.

"Pwede na daghan lang gayud ang cases, or mas posible na tungod kay na-aware na sila na naa tay balaod and programs to protect them and that they need not hide so that we can be of help to them," he added.

Noli also pointed out there are immediate available services in the barangay to cater to the needs of every abused child.

However Noli said only a few barangays have activated this service.

"Naa man kitay Barangay Council for Protection of Child (BCPC) pero ubay-ubay lang man gud ka mga barangay ang ga-function ani but supposedly gayud, naa tanan," Noli said.

The CSWD hopes that after the summit, the BCPC will be made available in each barangay so that the victims can immediately seek intervention from it.

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