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DOLE and World Vision inked MOA to address WFCL

On 13 July 2021, DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III and World Vision Executive Director Rommel V. Fuerte signed a Memorandum of Agreement which seeks to strengthen regulations and policies on worst forms of child labor, including online sexual exploitation of children and violations of acceptable conditions of work.

Signing as witnesses are DOLE Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Labor Standards and Special Concerns Cluster Ana C. Dione and World Vision Operations Director Xenia Legazpi.

“It is our prayer that this partnership, together with all key stakeholders especially at the local level, will deepen our impact for the protection and well-being of children. Especially during this time, like all of you, we look forward to the day when all children will be liberated from all forms of exploitation,” World Vision ED Fuerte said in his message.

In September 2020, the World Vision Development Foundation Inc. launched a 4-year project called “Project Against Child Exploitation” or Project ACE with funding from the United States Department of Labor.

Project ACE will work with DOLE and other government entities to strengthen regulations and policies addressing worst forms of child labor.

DOLE Secretary Bello welcomes the signing of the MOA and the partnership of DOLE and World Vision.

“We know very well that the government alone cannot address the problem of child labor in our country. More partners we have, the better for us so we can move closer to the vision of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor for a child labor-free Philippines,” Bello said.

“We need to have a whole of nation approach to make significant progress in the prevention and elimination of child labor including its worst forms,” Bello added.

Under the Philippine Program Against Child Labor, the DOLE aims to free 630,000 children from child labor by 2022.

Virtual signing of the MOA may be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3I4NGQo>.

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