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Decent work – a right of every worker



DOLE Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresita Cucueco upholds the right to decent work of every worker, especially in the vulnerable sector in the banana, mining, and tuna industries, during her speech at the planning workshop led by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The two-day planning workshop held on 22-23 June 2022 at the Hotel Kimberly in Tagaytay presented the results of the baseline study and sectoral assessment, including a workers' survey on working conditions conducted in the target industries and areas, which are the banana (Davao del Norte), mining (Camarines Norte and Surigao del Sur), and tuna (General Santos City) industries. The research study reflected the current and existing working conditions in the target areas and looked into the percentage of compliance with the occupational safety and health standards and general labor standards of both corporate and small players in the target industries.

“We have to take into account that the vulnerable sector would need mentoring, would need development, and should transition from having a vulnerable to better conditions for their workers, and that is what we all would like to achieve, that ideal transition.” Asec. Cucueco stated in her speech.

The tripartite partners at the regional and national levels conducted a dialogue to gather recommendations and inputs to develop a gender-responsive strategic compliance plan (SCP) which includes targets and strategies aimed at increasing compliance with the safety and health and labor standards and gender equality of the target industries. The regional tripartite partners consist of the members and representatives of the Regional Industry Tripartite Councils for the Banana, Mining, and Fishing, while the national tripartite partners consist of the employers' and workers' organizations and the national government agencies.

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