

STATUS OF PWD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION Region I

The DSWD Field Office 1 continue to strengthen the collaboration and coordination among Regional Line Agencies, local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs) in the implementation of programs and services to persons with disabilities (PWDs). Intensified efforts include services along the following:

- Provision of technical assistance and augmentation support
- Provision of assistive devices to indigent PWDs
- Monitoring of LGUs and other stakeholders on the compliance to related laws concerning the sector
- Intensified monitoring on the mainstreaming of children/youth with disabilities through the Tuloy-Aral Walang Sagabal (TAWAG) Project
- Massive advocacy and information dissemination of Republic Act No. 10070 (an act establishing an institutional mechanism to ensure the implementation and services for Persons with Disabilities in every province, city and municipality)
- Established, promoted membership of PWDs to self help groups and federation of organizations in the four (4) provinces and eight (8) cities of Region 1:
 - Regional Association of Persons with Disabilities (RAPWD)
 - Regional Association of Women with Disabilities (RAWWD)
- Technical assistance and support (DSWD and LGU stakeholders) to the institutionalized organizational (RAPWD/RAWWD) Quarterly Meetings
- Establishment of the Regional Committee on Disability Affairs (RCDA) with membership including regional line agencies, non-government agencies (NGAs) as well as institutionalization of quarterly meetings. Present committee membership includes 35 agencies
- Advocacy and support to national and international PWD related events:
 - Autism Week
 - Cerebral Palsy Week
 - White Cane International Safety Day
 - National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week
 - International Day of the Disabled