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# 2022 State of Children's Address REPORT

## STATE OF THE CHILDREN'S ADDRESS REPORT

FY 2022

With the Wealth and Progress vision of the municipality, children are considered one of the most critical sectors in society because they will inherit the results of its current efforts. The municipality recognizes that they are essential assets of the society, and it is when they can exercise their rights to develop their full potential. This has led to the municipality's countless and continuous efforts to coordinate various government agencies and conduct activities to promote their well-being.

The Local Government Unit of Alegria sees Section II, par. a, b, and d of "Alegria Local Code for Children," which states that it is the declared policy of the Municipality of Alegria "to effectively promote, fully enhance and institutionalize the survival, protection, development and participation of children [and protect their rights] within the framework of advancing, in general, the furtherance of integrated, sustainable and equitable development."

Under Republic Act 10661, November is designated as National Children's Month celebration to commemorate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) adoption on November 20, 1989.

In line with this, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office conducted National Children's Month Celebration last November 28, 2022 at Don Francisco "Kikoy" Bagol Sports Complex which was participated by the learners of the various Child Development Centers with their Child Development Workers, PNP Personnel, and MSWDO Staff with the theme: "Kalusugan, Kaisipan, at Kapakanan ng Bawat Bata Ating Tutukan!". This year's celebration focuses on children's mental health and well-being after the Council for the Welfare of Children found out that in 2021 mental health problems were among the problems of children identified due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the other hand, the accomplishments made by the different offices and agencies for this year were also highlighted as they take part in the responsibility of the survival, protection, development and participation of children.

### **First on the right to SURVIVAL:**

Ensuring the survival of infants is an utmost concern of the local government unit. We have made strides in this field. On mortality rate of infants, children, and maternal there were no reported case each.

On nutri tion, the prevalence of underweight, wasting and stunting among 0–59 months old children in the municipality has steadily been decreasing. From 88 underweight children we now have 61; from 70 wasted we now have 21 and from 105 stunted children we now have 22. We hope to sustain this trend.

The school-based immunization program implemented by our RHU has benefitted 453 elementary pupils who received Measles Containing Vaccine (MCV) and Tetanus Diphtheria Vaccine (Td) while 278 infants aged 0-11 months were also vaccinated during barangay visits on this current year.

Enhancing the survival right of children are also conducted through the advocacy on facility-based birthing and exclusive breastfeeding up to 6 months, giving instructions to children eligible for PPD -Purified Protein Derivative (skin test), Vitamin A and iron supplementation, deworming of Kindergarten, elementary and high school students, tooth brushing drills of day care children, dental check-ups and mass fluoride application in all barangays, OPLAN check-up,

an awareness campaign in the form of a Buntis Congress, and the on-going information campaign on dengue.

Behind these enhancing survival-right programs are our 119 Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and 12 Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) who provide assistance to professional health personnel, particularly midwives during health care activities in the barangays.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Civil Registrar's office supplements these programs by initiating a Free Birth Registration of all identified children-clientele. We believe that every born child must have a proper registered name.

Children with disabilities are served under the Persons with Disability (PWD) program of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO). There were children enrolled in the special education classes of the Kitcharao Central Elementary School were granted a P500 monthly allowance to support the regular attendance of the children in classrooms. In addition, we have catered also children with disabilities who are academically challenged through Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal Prograam (TAWAG) wherein when center-based and homebased mode of classes.

There was also a total of 135 children served by Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program through medical, burial, transportation and subsistence assistance.

### **Second, on the right to DEVELOPMENT:**

In the core of this right is the implementation of development programs designed to increase and expand the delivery of basic services with emphasis on education benefits and opportunities especially for the children.

At present, we have 12 fully functioning Child Development Centers (CDC) with 437 children enrolled this year, 1 National Child Development Center (NCDC) with 30 children enrolled, and 4 private development centers. The municipality continually implements Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal (TAWAG) center for special children and children with disabilities to respond to their educational needs. As of 2022, we have 16 children who are attending modular classes.

We are in continuous collaboration with the DepEd as to the implementation of programs to enhance the skills, talents and abilities of the children through various activities such as Nutrition Month Celebration, Buwan ng Wika, United Nations month, Reading Month Celebration, Sports development, GSP and BSP Camporees, among others especially during the time of pandemic.

### **Third, on the right to PROTECTION:**

This year, we have recorded 4 cases related to children: two were cases of physical abuse and two were cases of child support and custody. In these cases of children in need of special protection, children at risk and children in conflict with the law, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) provided counselling together the PNP-Women and Children Protection Desk Officer who worked together to ensure child's protection. The Local Social Welfare Office discusses with the necessary procedures prior and during case filings and also provides assistance for subsistence and transportation.

As a risk reduction endeavor, we also made sure that the schools and the MDRRMO regularly conducts orientations and drills in the various elementary schools to impart basic knowledge on how to mitigate risks and casualties during human-induced and natural disasters. The MDRRMO is usually assisted by the Bureau of Fire Protection Emergency response Team.

#### **Fourth, on the right to PARTICIPATION:**

In order to sustain the past initiatives that we have started, the Local Council for the Protection of Children appointed child representative to participate in the planning and monitoring. On the other hand, we made sure that every barangay has child representative to represent the children sector so that their voices will be heard.

Even in the midst of the pandemic, we have made sure that National Children's Month Celebration was commemorated through Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office by showcasing the talents of learners of the various Child Development Centers.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) also continually conducts advocacies on Child and Women Trafficking, Online Sexual Exploitation on Children, Child Abuse through distribution of leaflets to the community, walk-in clients and schools which was also participated by the students.

#### **FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILDREN**

With the dedication for the protection and promotion of children's rights, the municipality through Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office dedicates to continuously create opportunities and innovations. Hence, we will endeavor to:

1. Address and further lower the prevalence of malnutrition among children 0-59 months old;
2. Improve the delivery of health, nutrition, and dental services to children;
3. Ensure the accreditation of the CDCs, thereby increasing the percentage coverage of children aged 3-4 years old provided with early childhood care and development services;
4. Strengthen the Local Council for the Protection of Children through regular meetings and capability building activities.
5. Provide technical assistance in the functionality of BCPC, including the establishment of barangay reading, play and recreational areas;
6. Propose plans, policies and activities that will promote and enhance children's participation and improve their well-being.
7. Capacitate our child-leaders and advocates by providing them technical assistance and involving them in the decision making.
8. Decrease the percentage of early teenage pregnancy.
9. Improve the referral network of services.
10. Decrease the number of Out of School Youth

As the old adage says, "It takes a village to raise a child," we cannot achieve our goal for the welfare and betterment of our Alegrianon children if we will not work hand in hand. We need to take part because we owe them the best that we can give. They will soon be our future leaders, so we need to provide them with a safe and better place.



PHOTO DOCUMENTS




On November 28, 2022, the MSWDO conducted National Children’s Month with the learners of the various Child Development Centers (CDC) together with the pupils of Tuloy Aral Walang Sagabal (TAWAG) Center.










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10 Top Tips to End Rape

1 Don't put drugs in women's drinks.

2 When you see a woman walking by herself, leave her alone.

3 If you pull over to help a woman whose car has broken down, remember not to rape her.

4 If you are in a lift and a woman gets in, don't rape her.

5 Never creep into a woman's home through an unlocked door or window, or spring out at her from between parked cars, or rape her.




6 USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM!  
If you are not able to stop yourself from assaulting people, ask a friend to stay with you while you are in public.

7 Don't forget: it's not sex with someone who's asleep or unconscious – it's RAPE!

8 Carry a whistle! If you are worried you might assault someone 'by accident' you can hand it to the person you are with, so they can call for help.

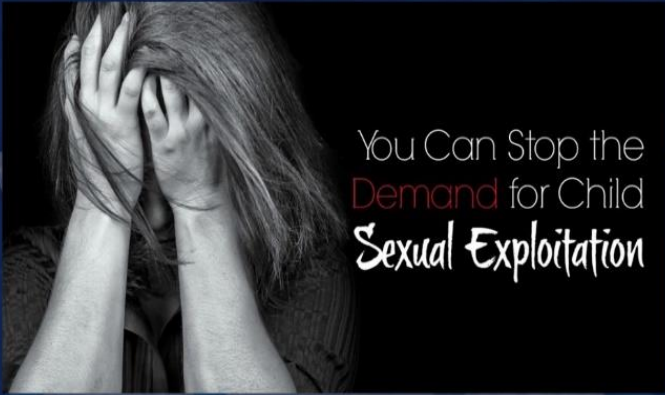
9 Don't forget: Honesty is the best policy.  
If you have every intention of having sex later on with the woman you're dating regardless of how she feels about it, tell her directly that there is every chance you will rape her. If you don't communicate your intentions, she may take it as a sign that you do not plan to rape her and inadvertently feel safe.

10 Don't rape.

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The PNP Personnel distributed leaflets and other IEC materials to raise awareness on Sexual Exploitation to Children and Child Abuse.



**The RHU-Alegria during immunization to infants 0-11 months**





The learners during their class sessions and parents conducted general cleaning to their Child Development Center