

ICDP PROGRESS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN 2019

ICDP trainer Zenona Clement Gread is the CSSP Programme Coordinator for Save the Children Philippines at Ormoc Office (Visayas). She is sharing about the exciting news about the official launch of the new Child Sensitive Social Protection parenting module that took place on 15th of January 2020, at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City. The module was recently finalized and printed, after being tested in a pilot project that was conducted in the region during 2019.

The ICDP programme was included as a central component in this new CSSP parenting module, called "Pag-unlad ng Bata, sa Kalinga ng Magulang Nagmula – “Parenting: the Foundation for Child's Development””.

At the launch, the Regional Director, Marie Angela S. Gopalan gave a very encouraging message after the unveiling of the module. There were around 60 participants, including:

39 people from the DSWD - Region 8 and 5 representatives from the Eastern Samar Provincial Social Welfare Office

3 Facilitators; 2 parent participants (who gave the testimonies); 1 child who gave her testimony; 13 members of SCP and partner staff



The activities included recalling the evolution and development during the making of the module "The Journey". This was followed by testimonies of behavioural changes by 2 parents (a father from Ormoc City and a mother from Villaba). One child and 3 facilitators also bore witness to the positive impact. Their sharing was so convincing and inspiring that the Regional Director quoted some of it as reference for her reflections and insights.



On the photo above: Zenona is conducting a demonstration of one parenting session "Introduction to parenting and the concept of Empathy". This gave the audience an idea of how the sessions are conducted and materials are used.

In 2020, the work with the new module will be expanding to other municipalities of Leyte and other parts of Region 8. The Provincial Social Welfare Office of Eastern Samar has requested for a facilitator level training at their expense. This is their programme strategy to address prevalent issues on teenage pregnancy, Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) and parental neglect.