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<p><b>ECC aids PNP casualties in NPA attacks in Davao del Sur</b></p>	<p>Despite security concerns, the Quick Response Team of the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) Regional Extension Unit 11 reached out to the PNP victims and their families after the clash between PNP and members of the New People's Army in Matinao, Davao del Sur on March 10, 2014. The team informed the victims that they can file their EC claims with the Government Service Insurance System.</p> <p>After a month, the wounded police officers visited the ECC-REU 11 office to personally learn more about their benefits as members of ECC.</p> <p>Secretary of Labor and Employment Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, Chair of the Employees' Compensation Commission directed ECC to actively inform the uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and Bureau of Fire Protection about their coverage under the Employees' Compensation Program despite their exclusion from the coverage of GSIS.</p> <p>"These are the times when we can reciprocate the services – protection and security – that our uniformed men provide to the Filipino people. It is our turn to provide them the protection and security they need through the ECP," Baldoz said.</p> <p>ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis explained that our uniformed personnel have their own families that depend on them, so the least we could do is give them social protection benefits like EC medical, sickness, disability, rehabilitation services, death and funeral benefits in case these uniformed personnel were killed due to work-related contingency.</p>
<p><b>In Tacloban, ECC and Divine Word Hospital partners in providing assistance to ODWs</b></p>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission inked an agreement with Divine Word Hospital in Tacloban City in order to provide assistance to occupationally-disabled workers in Region 8.</p> <p>Starting May 5 of this year, the Divine Word Hospital provides physical and occupational therapy sessions to ODWs under the Katulong at Gabaysa Manggagawang May Kapansanan (KaGabay) Program.</p> <p>KaGabay is one of the programs of ECC under the rehabilitation services that provides rehabilitation assistance for ODWs who got injured due to work-related sickness or injury.</p> <p>KaGabay program offers two services: physical restoration which refers to the provision of free physical or occupational therapy services to ODWs; and skills training for re-employment and entrepreneurship so that the ODW can acquire new skills but subject to the ODWs potentials and re-</p>

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	<p>sidual functional capacity.</p> <p>Chair of the ECC Board and Secretary of Labor and Employment Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz explained that it is important that ODWs regain their confidence and get back to the economic mainstream to support their family.</p> <p>“KaGabay Program plays a significant role in restoring ODWs motor skills. We make sure that ODWs from different regions will have easy access to physical and occupational therapies they need so that they can be an active member of our workforce once again,” Baldoz stated.</p> <p>ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said that the ECC continuously networks to different hospitals all over the country for partnership in providing rehabilitation services to ODWS.</p>
<p><b>ECC invades Region 6 to conduct ECP advocacy seminar</b></p>	<p>Iloilo City– The Employees’ Compensation Commission in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment– Region VI, conducted a one-day advocacy seminar on Employees’ Compensation Program on April 3, 2014 at the Sarabia Manor Hotel and Convention Center.</p> <p>The free admission seminar was attended by 189 participants coming from both the private and public agencies including the uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology in Western Visayas.</p> <p>ECC OIC-Deputy Executive Director Atty. Jonathan T. Villasoto formally opened the activity and Director Ponciano M. Ligutom of DOLE-Region VI welcomed all participants from various agencies.</p> <p>Ma. Cecilia E. Maulion, Chief Of Information and Public Assistance Division of ECC introduced and explained the compensation component while Dra. Sarah Antonia Concepcion, Medical Officer IV of the ECC Work Contingency Prevention and Rehabilitation Division, discussed about the prevention and rehabilitation components of the ECP.</p> <p>Villasoto stated that the advocacy seminar is a big start for the newly opened ECC REU in Iloilo City.</p> <p>“Thru this, employees will be aware about their rights and benefits and employers will be informed of their obligations under the ECP, in accordance with PD 626, as amended,” Villasoto stressed.</p> <p>“Intensifying public’s awareness about the ECP and ECC should be massive and strategic to achieve a successful information campaign,” he added.</p> <p>A day prior to the advocacy, a press conference was conducted with notable print and broadcast members of the media attending the event setting a tone for the next day’s advocacy seminar.</p> <p>During the press conference, the ECC also officially launched its newly created Regional Extension Unit for Region 6 located in Iloilo City.</p> <p>The ECC-REU 6 will be located at the DOLE Regional Office in Iloilo City and will be manned by Information Officer Stephene Barredo and Administrative Officer Lynmar Frances Laruscain.</p>

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The ECC Staff will be in-charge of ECP information dissemination activities, Quick Response and KAGABAY Programs throughout Western Visayas.



**ECC KaGabay Program beneficiary Analiza de Guzman** (inset) expresses her gratitude to ECC's Executive Director Stella Z. Banawis and ECC employees during the ECC flag ceremony on Monday, May 5, 2014. Analiza was one of the injured passengers when the Elena Liner Bus she was riding on her way to work, lost its brakes and hit on MGP Liner bus in Magallanes loading and unloading bay along EDSA on November 14, 2013.



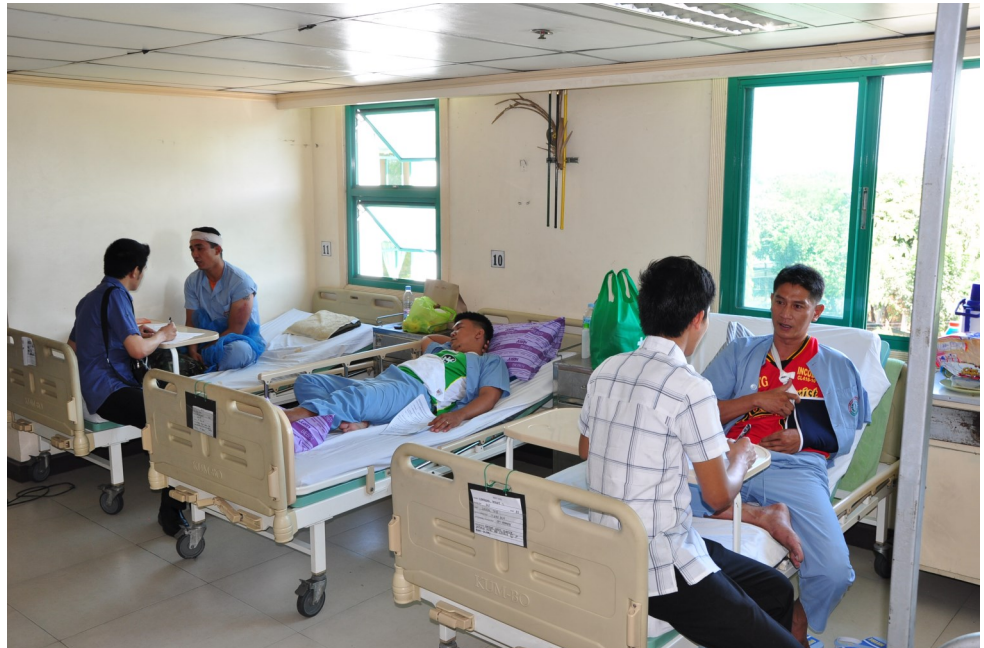
**Dr. Sarah Antonia I. Concepcion**, ECC Medical Officer IV of the ECC Quick-Response Team explains the documentary requirements in filing EC claim at the GSIS to one of the soldiers who was injured during the explosion that hit the Army Support Headquarters in Fort Bonifacio on Wednesday morning, May 7, 2014. Assisting her is **Jocelyn Denoga**, ECC Nurse III, **Junhel B. Acedillo** and **Mark Anthony A. Isorena**, ECC REU Staff.



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**Junhel B. Acedillo** and **Mark Anthony A. Isorena**, newly hired ECC REU staff informs soldiers confined at the Army General Hospital about the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) during the ECC Quick-Response Team visit on May 8, 2014. The soldiers were among the 37 persons injured during an explosion inside the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Battalion of the Army Support Command Headquarters in Fort Bonifacio on Wednesday morning of May 7, 2014.

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