



Good News

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ECC visits Zamboanga traffic aide

In Zamboanga City - The Employees' Compensation Commission -Regional Extension Unit 9, through its Quick Response Program, visited Edwin Marcial, a resident of Sinunuc, Zamboanga City.

Marcial, a traffic aide working for the local government of the City of Zamboanga, suffered a mild stroke last December 14, 2014 while serving his post in Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City.

Upon learning about the case of Marcial through social media, ECC immediately went to his residence and provided him assistance.

The Quick Response Team Program of the ECC provides immediate help to workers who suffer from work-connected contingencies or their families who have to deal with work accidents or sudden

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ECC KaGabay Program ushers in a Pastor's fresh start

Alejandro Padriquel is a pastor formerly employed at Southern Mindanao Mission in General Santos City who met a vehicular accident last 27 July 2013. The accident left him badly injured which required him to undergo a year of physical therapy for his right shoulder and leg.

A glimmer of hope sparked for Pastor Padriquel after he received a visit from the Quick Response Team (QRT) of the Employees' Compensation Commission Regional Extension Unit-12 (ECC-REU 12) who assessed his condition.

The team advised Pastor Padriquel to file for sickness/disability claim under the Employees' Compensation (EC) which was later on approved and released through Social Security System in Gen. Santos City.

Pastor Padriquel also found out,

through the QRT, that he can avail of free physical therapy and entrepreneurial training under the ECC 's Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang May Kapansanan (KaGabay) Program. Not wasting any precious time, he underwent free physical therapy at Doctors Clinic and Hospital in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

After a year of physical therapy, he then enrolled for a course in Bread and Pastry Training at the Marbel School of Science and Technology (MSST), another assistance he availed of

under the KaGabay Program.

He was also able to reimburse his fare and meal after he completed his training at the MSST.

At present, Pastor Padriquel and his wife are working hard for the success of their small bread and cookies retail business.

The KaGabay Program is a special economic assistance program for people with work-related diseases (PWRD) who lost employment by e

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reason of work-related sickness or injury. It aims to facilitate integration of (PWRD) into the economic mainstream through physical restoration, training for re-employment, or entrepreneurship.

Under the program, workers with approved disability benefits can avail of physical restoration that provides physical or occupational therapy services including assistive devices such as leg/arm prosthesis, crutches, and hearing aid, among others.

It also gives skills training for re-employment so that the PWRD can acquire new skills based on his potentials and residual functional capacity and entrepreneurship training under accredited training centers to help him set up a home-based business.

In 2014, 127 PWRDs availed of physical therapy services while 11 avail benefitted from its occupational therapy services from ECC's partner hospitals around the country. On the other hand, 166 PWRDs underwent various livelihood and skills training courses and business orientation seminars under the livelihood and vocational training component of the KaGabay Program.

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onset of occupational disease or death, in the form of psycho-social counseling and assistance in the filing of EC claim with the GSIS or the SSS. Marcial underwent Psychosocial First Aid and was advised to file for his Employees Compensation (EC) Claim with the Government Service Insurance System.

ECC educates Kasambahays in Region 1 about the ECP

San Fernando, La Union - The Employees' Compensation Commission joined the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office - I in the celebration of the Araw ng mga Kasambahay recently held at the Manna Mall in La Union.

The event marked the second anniversary of Republic Act No. 10361, more popularly known as the Batas Kasambahay which sets forth policies for the protection and welfare of domestic workers. Its main objective was to create

greater awareness and compliance with the Batas Kasambahay.

The DOLE in the Ilocos Region led the celebration in partnership with the Social Security System, PhilHealth, PagIBIG and the ECC to promote the welfare and protection of domestic workers in Region 1.

"By providing information on the Employees' Compensation Program to domestic helpers, the ECC has widened its campaign even further to ensure that all Filipino workers are aware of their

rights, benefits and privileges under the ECP," Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said.

The ECP is a government program that grants a comprehensive set of benefits to workers and their dependents in the event of a work-connected sickness, injury or death. Banawis also stated that the ECC will continue to converge with other DOLE attached agencies in bringing its programs and services closer to the people.