

### **GBV CASE IN NCR**

A woman with disability due to her bipolar disorder from Region III (Central Luzon), a single mother of two (2) children, was sexually harassed by means of hugging and kissing her by the owner of the house where she is staying in the National Capital Region (NCR) as she was no permanent address and keeps moving from one place to another, without her consent and against her will.

She reported the said incident via text messages to a person in charge of peer monitoring within the said region. She further reported that after the said incident, she immediately reported the same to the barangay hall, police and DSWD. According to her, the DSWD did not want to admit her as she is a bipolar and was supposed to bring her to her relatives residing in NCR.

However, she did not wish to be brought to them as she had bad experiences with the said relatives of which triggered her disability. After referral to MSWDO and even to Haven Shelter for Women, the GBV survivor ended up being admitted to the CHR's temporary shelter for GBV.

While Haven Shelter for Women is willing to admit the Survivor, the restrictions on communications discouraged her from continuing with institutional admission as she needs to be in constant contact with her children in Olongapo. The Center is also helping the survivor in seeking assistance and relief for her children in Olongapo.