

### **GBV CASE IN REGION III**

A 34 years old solo parent has suffered economic abuse from her foreign husband. According to the victim, she and her foreign husband are currently de facto separated and they have an ongoing divorce proceeding. Last December 2018, her husband told her that he never loves the victim and that he can no longer protect their child. Eventually, the victim's husband decided to rent their apartment and forced the victim and their child to leave their conjugal house and go to the Philippines.

On January 2019, the victim's husband finally abandoned them and leave the victim and their child with no any financial support. The victim and her child had no choice but to leave the foreign country and go to the Philippines as the victim's husband eventually failed to renew their apartment and she has no other resources to sustain the same.

Beginning January 30, 2020, her husband has not given any financial support and the victim has to rely on her family in the Philippines to survive. The victim is trying her best to find a job but due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, she finds it hard to get a job. She further stated that she also suffered sexual harassment and threats from her husband in 2019.

The Commission rendered legal assistance in filing a case and legal counselling to the victim. CHR-GEWHRC sent an email to the victim in order to arrange a schedule for on call counselling.